



Module Catalogue

for the Subject

Protestant Theology

as a minor in a Bachelor's degree programme
(60 ECTS credits)

Examination regulations version: 2015
Responsible: Faculty of Human Sciences
Responsible: Institute of Protestant Theology and Religious Education

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Content and Objectives of the Programme

The BA degree program in Protestant Theology is designed as a first professional qualification and teaches in-depth knowledge of Protestant Theology and its disciplines: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Systematic Theology, Doctrine, Ethics, Religious Education, and Religious Studies. Furthermore, the program aims to foster competence in dealing responsibly with the acquired knowledge. It prepares students to embrace and fulfill the multifaceted requirements of later working life and to complete tasks independently. Students develop key transferable skills in critical analysis, argumentation and communication that are indispensable in a wide variety of occupations, and they learn to represent independent, supra-individual and well-founded positions. The main occupational focus of Würzburg's BA program lies in the formation of a (supra-individual) personality that enables students to deal professionally in a dialogue initiating and goal-oriented way with topics of all social and cultural trouble spots that pertain to religion in the broadest sense. The formation of a supra-individual personality is achieved mainly through acquiring subject-specific theological knowledge and learning to form sound judgment. At the completion of the program and with the Bachelor's thesis the candidate has to prove his or her ability to overview fundamental questions in a wider context, his or her skills to apply scientific methods appropriately, and in how far prescribed educational objectives were reached.

Abbreviations used

Course types: **E** = field trip, **K** = colloquium, **O** = conversatorium, **P** = placement/lab course, **R** = project, **S** = seminar, **T** = tutorial, **Ü** = exercise, **V** = lecture

Term: **SS** = summer semester, **WS** = winter semester

Methods of grading: **NUM** = numerical grade, **B/NB** = (not) successfully completed

Regulations: **(L)ASPO** = general academic and examination regulations (for teaching-degree programmes), **FSB** = subject-specific provisions, **SFB** = list of modules

Other: **A** = thesis, **LV** = course(s), **PL** = assessment(s), **TN** = participants, **VL** = prerequisite(s)

Conventions

Unless otherwise stated, courses and assessments will be held in German, assessments will be offered every semester and modules are not creditable for bonus.

Notes

Should there be the option to choose between several methods of assessment, the lecturer will agree with the module coordinator on the method of assessment to be used in the current semester by two weeks after the start of the course at the latest and will communicate this in the customary manner.

Should the module comprise more than one graded assessment, all assessments will be equally weighted, unless otherwise stated below.

Should the assessment comprise several individual assessments, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.

In accordance with

the general regulations governing the degree subject described in this module catalogue:

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associated official publications (FSB (subject-specific provisions)/SFB (list of modules)):

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This module handbook seeks to render, as accurately as possible, the data that is of statutory relevance according to the examination regulations of the degree subject. However, only the FSB (subject-specific provisions) and SFB (list of modules) in their officially published versions shall be legally binding. In the case of doubt, the provisions on, in particular, module assessments specified in the FSB/SFB shall prevail.

Compulsory Courses

(60 ECTS credits)

Module title		Abbreviation
Theological Thinking models		o6-Th-STBkB-152-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems		Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
Discussing primary sources and research literature, this course will convey essentials, methods, and ways of thinking in Protestant theology, systematic theology in particular. Introduction to biblical literature.		
Intended learning outcomes		
At the end of the course, students will be familiar with essential concepts and will have developed subject-specific thinking in the field of Protestant theology. They will not only be able to comprehend and reproduce theological texts but also to situate them within a context and render them adequately. Students will know the contents of biblical literature.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
V (2) + Ü (0.5) + T (1) + S (0.5)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
written examination (approx. 90 minutes)		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Christianity and World Religions		o6-Th-CuR-152-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems		Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
Elaboration of fundamental characteristics, forms, and contents of at least two of the following religions: Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, eastern religions, naturalistic or tribal religions, and new religions.		
Intended learning outcomes		
At the end of the course, students will have acquired religious-hermeneutic skills and techniques. They will understand the thought processes and issues of non-Christian religions and will be able to name differences and similarities, evaluate them, and put them in perspective to the Christian point of view.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
S (2) + V (1) + T (1)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
a) presentation (25 minutes) with written elaboration (approx. 5 pages), b) written examination (60 minutes)		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
§ 54 I Nr. 4 (3 ECTS credits RW) § 54 I Nr. 2 (2 ECTS credits KG)		

Module title		Abbreviation
Basic Studies: Sources of Christianity		o6-Th-GCB-152-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems		Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
Biblical theology. Grounding in the biblical texts of the New and Old Testaments, their connection, meaning in a historical context, and introduction to the exegetical methods.		
Intended learning outcomes		
At the end of the course, students will have developed the ability to assess and interpret the historical content of Old Testament texts. They will be able to understand and interpret the content of New Testament texts and to interrelate them with other texts. They will recognise differences and similarities between the different biblical theologies.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
V (2) + S (2)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
written examination (approx. 90 minutes)		
Allocation of places		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Main Studies: Sources of Christianity		o6-Th-MCB-152-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems		Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
Advanced knowledge of biblical texts (Old Testament and New Testament), their connection, their meaning in a historical context. Grounding in exegetical methods and in research history (Old Testament and New Testament).		
Intended learning outcomes		
At the end of the course, students will be familiar with essential concepts and will have developed subject-specific thinking in the area of biblical theology. They will have developed the ability to situate issues within a historical context in a problem-orientated manner. In addition, they will have developed the fundamental abilities to verbally express this knowledge in an appropriate manner. They will be able to understand and interpret the content of texts from the Old and the New Testaments and interrelate them with other texts. They will recognise differences and similarities between the different biblical theologies. They will have developed a fundamental knowledge of the research history of the Old and New Testaments.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (2) + S (2)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
term paper (approx. 15 pages)		
Allocation of places		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Pattern of systematic theological Argumentation		o6-Th-ThAMB-152-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems		Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
Introduction to theological ways of thinking in dogmatics and the theory of religion based on current or central theological, philosophical, sociological, and psychological texts (philosophy/sociology/psychology of religion).		
Intended learning outcomes		
In the area of dogmatics, students will have developed the ability to understand and describe complex theological texts, recognise the inherent problems, communicate their content with other positions, and express their own well-justified point of view. Students will have developed a fundamental knowledge of the theory of religion.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
S (2) + Ü (1)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
term paper (approx. 15 pages)		
Allocation of places		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Protestant Ethics		o6-Th-ETTh-152-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems		Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
Communication of various types of ethical argument, norms, principles, and reasoning structures of ethical theology as well as the development of at least two areas in the field of ethics with relevance to today based on central ethical publications.		
Intended learning outcomes		
At the end of the course, students will be familiar with the different types of ethical argument and will be able to independently apply them to different problem areas. They will have developed the ability to understand complex ethical texts, describe them, recognise the inherent problems, communicate their content with other positions and express their own well-justified point of view.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
S (2) + T (1)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
a) presentation (25 minutes) with written elaboration (approx. 5 pages), b) term paper (approx. 15 pages)		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
§ 54 I Nr. 3 (5 ECTS credits Ethik)		

Module title		Abbreviation
Consolidation of skill aspects: Ethics		o6-Th-EtK-152-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems		Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
Consolidation of ethical-theological thinking, speaking, and writing skills. Connecting all topics in ethics with other topics in theology.		
Intended learning outcomes		
At the end of the course, students will have developed the necessary knowledge in the ethical disciplines. They will be able to express, both orally and in writing, contents in their complex interrelation with other topics in theology. Students will have adopted a supra-individual position on all topics in ethics based upon an increased awareness of problems and sound arguments. They will be able to apply topics in ethics and theology within the context of current social problems and discuss potential solutions.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
S (2)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
Essay (approx. 12 pages)		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Current Discussions in Protestant Theology		o6-Th-AD-152-mo1
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems		Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
This course aims to consolidate the students' theological thinking, expression, and writing skills on the basis of current debates and important texts.		
Intended learning outcomes		
At the end of the course, students will have developed a comprehensive knowledge of systematic theology. They will be able to recognise topics in their complex interrelations with all other topics in theology - in particular theories of religion - and to describe them orally and in writing. Students will have adopted a supra-individual position on all topics based on a sharpened awareness of problems and sound arguments. They will be able to interpret topics in theology within the context of current social problems and discuss potential solutions.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
S (2) + S (2) + R (1)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
a) term paper (approx. 15 pages b) presentation (25 minutes) and written elaboration (approx. 5 pages) creditable for bonus		
Allocation of places		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Protestant Theology and Work Experience Two week Placement/Internship		o6-Th-Pr-152-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems		Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	(not) successfully completed	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
	undergraduate	Admission prerequisite to assessment: certificate confirming completion of a two-week placement in a non-school setting.
Contents		
A placement at an institution (publisher, social service, or other institution) with a duration of at least two weeks. At the end of their placements, students will prepare a report on their experiences relating to a dogmatic, ethical, church historical, theological, or exegetical problem.		
Intended learning outcomes		
At the end of the course, students will be able to reflect upon their own practical experiences and observations relating to topics in theology, in a problem and solution-oriented manner, and to convey current situations through theoretical approaches.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
P (0) + S (1)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
term paper (approx. 15 pages)		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Review Writing Course		o6-Th-Pub-152-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems		Chair of Systematic Theology and Present-day Problems
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
Writing and publishing a review of a current publication.		
Intended learning outcomes		
At the end of the course, students will be able to write short texts tailored to an audience and will have gained insights into the stages of creating a text from the first draft to publication. Students will know review bodies and their significance in academics. They will recognise publishing market mechanisms.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
S (1)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
Review (approx. 5 pages, fewer pages might be required in the case of printed publications) Language of assessment: German/English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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