Subdivided Module Catalogue
for the Subject
Comparative Indo-European Linguistics
as a degree subject in a Master’s degree programme with 2 majors
(45 ECTS credits)

Examination regulations version: 2015
Responsible: Faculty of Arts, Historical, Philological, Cultural and Geographical Studies
Responsible: Institute of Ancient Cultures
Responsible: Chair of Comparative Linguistics
Course of Studies - Contents and Objectives

The M.A.-programme in Comparative Indo-European Linguistics is offered as research oriented programme. Its aim is to introduce the students to an in-depth-work with selected topics of Comparative Indo-European Linguistics on an advanced level, to enable them to identify research problems and desiderates and to independently develop solutions on the basis of a sound overview of the Indo-European Languages. By training these capabilities, the foundations for a Ph.D. programme in Comparative Indo-European Linguistics are laid.

The M.A.-programme in Comparative Indo-European Linguistics focuses on independent and critical reflection of Comparative Indo-European Linguistics research. Acquiring knowledge in certain fields within Comparative Indo-European Linguistics is conditioned by this goal.

The internationally comparable degree in the field of Comparative Indo-European Linguistics is the second degree within the consecutive Bachelor-Master's programme. Thus it qualifies for the start into a job outside the university. On the other hand it is the typical prerequisite for a ensuing Ph.D.-programme. The M.A.-programme in Comparative Indo-European Linguistics typically aims at the profession of an Indo-European Linguist who works in various research institutions, e. g. universities, and academies. To this end the studies for the Master's degree lays the foundations for a Ph.D., which qualifies for scholarly work. However, graduates of this programme should also be trained or have skills to work outside academia, e.g. in publishing houses, libraries, the diplomatic service, cultural management, media, museology, as well as diverse professions demanding general skills provided for in this study program.

For an academic career the necessary methodological and linguistic knowledge is taught in subject modules. Comparative Indo-European Linguistics is a subject which studies a great variety of sources and material remains stretching over 3000 years. Consequently it is impossible to introduce all specialized fields of the subject equally thoroughly. Therefore alongside the specialized basic linguistic competence students learn in this programme the methodological capability to make themselves familiar with a new and complex linguistic topic efficiently and quickly.

Thus the graduate is familiar with and used to the phenomenon of permanent learning, to develop solutions by adequate methods. In addition he or she has a good knowledge in modern foreign languages, be it through courses in the field of key qualifications, be it in Comparative Indo-European Linguistics courses. Students of Comparative Indo-European Linguistics are required to read specialized literature in different languages, particularly in English, French, Italian, and Spanish, i.e. they are familiar to read difficult texts in languages other than their native language, to understand them and to gain the relevant information from them. At the same time they have to express their own findings in German as one of the major scholarly languages in Comparative Indo-European Linguistics in a differentiated and precise manner. By this they have developed linguistic flexibility and competence.Finally the graduate has a high degree of initiative and commitment to acquire meaningful and sound information.
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)):

02-Feb-2016 (2016-9)

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.
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- holder of the Chair of Comparative Linguistics

### Module offered by
- Chair of Comparative Linguistics

### ECTS
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### Method of grading
- numerical grade

### Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
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### Duration
- 1 semester

### Module level
- graduate

### Other prerequisites
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### Contents
1. Modern theories of grammar. 2. The use and comparison of these theories in various areas of grammar, above all in syntax (e.g. tense, mood, aspect, adverbial relations [adverbs, case] and adnominal relations [prepositional phrases, modifier, apposition]). Various living languages will be used as the basis of this course depending on the language skills of the participants. 3. The history of linguistics from antiquity to the modern day. 4. The application of the four methods introduced in (4) to various languages belonging to different geographical and genetic groups (e.g. Turkish, Chinese, German, Latin, and Eskimo, among others) on the basis of an introductory overview of the grammar of the respective languages.

### Intended learning outcomes
The students will be familiar with the current state of research and will be able to apply the theories and methods of comparative linguistics to different languages.

### Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
- S (2)
  - Module taught in: German and/or English

### Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module can be chosen to earn a bonus)
- term paper (approx. 20 pages)
  - Language of assessment: German and/or English

### Allocation of places
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**Intended learning outcomes**

The students will possess a high degree of diachronic and typological linguistic competence and will be able to orientate themselves within the framework of current discussions on methodology and research.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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**Intended learning outcomes**

The students will master cutting-edge academic working methods relating to Indo-European linguistics and demonstrate satisfactory factual knowledge in this area.

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**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module can be chosen to earn a bonus)

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Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module can be chosen to earn a bonus)

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Language of assessment: German and/or English

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### Intended learning outcomes

The students will possess an advanced knowledge of the living conditions, beliefs and the natural environment of the Indo-Europeans.

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Using appropriate scholarly methods, the candidate will research and write on a specific linguistic problem within a specified time period.

**Intended learning outcomes**

The students will be able to research and write on a specific linguistic problem, using appropriate scholarly methods, and to appropriately present their results in writing.

**Courses** (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

No courses assigned to module

**Method of assessment** (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module can be chosen to earn a bonus)

written thesis (approx. 80 pages)
Language of assessment: German and/or English

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