Subdivided Module Catalogue

for the Subject

Philosophy

as a minor in a Bachelor's degree programme

(60 ECTS credits)

Examination regulations version: 2008
Responsible: Faculty of Human Sciences
Responsible: Institute of Philosophy

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Course of Studies - Contents and Objectives

Philosophy deals with the fundamental conditions of human thought, knowledge, and action, with the general structures of reality, and with the history of human beings' reflexion on themselves and on the world. It analyses the structure, the methods, and the results of individual intellectual disciplines, as well as their socially conditioned character and relevance. It reflects on the conditions and norms of human action and social existence.

Contemporary positions and arguments must prove their value by being confronted with competing frameworks of the past and of the present. A critical engagement with the history of our discipline not only provides us with philosophical touchstones; it also illuminates both the historically conditioned character of contemporary philosophical inquiry and the fact that the results reached by that inquiry stand in need of justification. Accordingly, we treat historical and contemporary philosophical positions both systematically and in their concrete historical contexts. We view a constantly renewed interpretive analysis of classical and contemporary texts and positions, as well as reflexion on the conditions and structures of the historical context, as an area of philosophical work that is indispensable for the systematic engagement with the contemporary results of the individual intellectual disciplines and with the practical challenges of the modern world.

While students of philosophy acquire a thorough knowledge of the subject-matter, as well as a broad array of methodological, analytical, logical, and rhetorical skills, they also sharpen their powers of historical and critical analysis, and thus can apply these powers to developments in contemporary culture. Philosophy improves the students' powers of judgement and promotes a heightened ability to engage in dialogue in a wide variety of social contexts. In general, it provides students with fundamental intellectual and discursive skills which will allow them to meet the ever-changing and increasingly unpredictable challenges of the modern social and professional world.

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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.

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The subject is divided into

Abbreviation	Module title	ECTS credits	Method of grading	page
Compulsory Courses Subsidiary Subject (60 ECTS credits)				
06-B-P1-072-m01	Principles of Philosophy	10	NUM	5
06-B-P2-072-m01	Philosophy and the sciences	10	NUM	8
06-B-P3-072-m01	Theoretical philosophy	10	NUM	10
06-B-P4-072-m01	Practical Philosophy	10	NUM	9
06-B-P5-072-m01	History of philosophy	10	NUM	7
06-B-P6-072-m01	Issue of research in philosophy	10	NUM	6

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Module title		Abbreviation
Principles of Philosophy		06-B-P1-072-m01

Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Practical Philosophy		Institute of Philosophy

ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--

Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--

Contents

Introduction to the systems and the history of philosophy; introduction to academic writing and research in philosophy; introduction to formal logic; insight into a period in the history of philosophy.

Intended learning outcomes

Intended learning outcomes: Content-related outcomes: - insight into basic problems and positions in philosophy - knowledge of, and ability to apply, methods in philosophy and ability to follow the rules of scholarly work - mastery of the fundamentals of formal logic - insight into a period in the history of philosophy Formal outcomes (skills to be tested in assessments): - ability to apply the principles of logic to argumentation - ability to apply general principles of argumentation such as transparency, consistency, discursivity, completeness, and generalisability - ability to present philosophical issues in a structured and linguistically and rhetorically appropriate way

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

This module comprises 3 module components. Information on courses will be listed separately for each module component.
- 06-B-P1-1-072: Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)
- 06-B-P1-2-072: Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)
- 06-B-P1-3-072: Ü + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

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)

Assessment in this module comprises the assessments in the individual module components as specified below. Unless stated otherwise, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.

Assessment in module component 06-B-P1-1-072: Introduction to academic working techniques
- 2 ECTS, Method of grading: (not) successfully completed
- 2 to 3 written assessments (approx. 1 page each) and/or oral assessments (approx. 5 minutes each)

Assessment in module component 06-B-P1-2-072: Formal Logic
- 3 ECTS, Method of grading: (not) successfully completed
- written examination (90 minutes)

Assessment in module component 06-B-P1-3-072: Principles of Philosophy: historical epochs, main works, authors Principles of Philosophy: historical epochs, main works, authors
- 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade
- oral examination (approx. 25 minutes)

Allocation of places

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Module title			Abbreviation	
Issue of research in philosophy			06-B-P6-072-m01	

Module coordinator			Module offered by	
holder of the Chair of the History of Philosophy			Institute of Philosophy	

ECTS	Method of grading		Only after succ. compl. of module(s)	
10	numerical grade		--	

Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites	
1 semester	undergraduate	--	

Contents

Selected research issues in philosophy.

Intended learning outcomes

Intended learning outcomes: Content-related outcomes: - knowledge and understanding of scholarly inquiry in philosophy Formal outcomes (skills to be tested in the assessment): - ability to analyse philosophical texts and issues - ability to follow the rules of scholarly work - ability to independently develop and present philosophical issues

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

V + S + S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

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. 12 pages)

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Module title			Abbreviation	
History of philosophy			06-B-P5-072-m01	
Module coordinator			**Module offered by**	
holder of the Chair of the History of Philosophy			Institute of Philosophy	
ECTS	**Method of grading**		**Only after succ. compl. of module(s)**	
10	numerical grade		--	
Duration	**Module level**		**Other prerequisites**	
1 semester	undergraduate		--	
Contents				
Introduction to the history of philosophy, using basic problems and paradigmatic texts.				
Intended learning outcomes				
Intended learning outcomes: Content-related outcomes: - an overview of basic problems and positions in the history of philosophy - ability to use and distinguish between different methods of historiography - familiarity with, understanding of, and ability to evaluate methods and questions of scholarly inquiry with respect to the history of philosophy Formal outcomes (skills to be tested in the assessment): - ability to analyse philosophical texts and issues - ability to organise concepts and philosophical positions into overarching intellectual schemata - ability to present philosophical positions in a structured and linguistically appropriate manner				
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)				
Ü + Ü + S + S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)				
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 examination (approx. 180 minutes)				
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Module title		Abbreviation
Philosophy and the sciences		06-B-P2-072-m01

Module coordinator	Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Theoretical Philosophy	Institute of Philosophy

ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--

Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--

Contents

Introduction to the theory of intellectual disciplines; philosophical bases of the humanities and the social sciences; philosophical bases of the natural sciences and engineering.

Intended learning outcomes

Intended learning outcomes: Content-related outcomes: - insight into the relationship of philosophy to individual intellectual disciplines - ability to reflect on the historical and intellectual origins of our knowledge culture - ability to organise topics into overarching historical, social, and political schemata - insight into the scope and limits of various intellectual disciplines - knowledge of, and ability to criticise, basic assumptions in systems of thought, culture, and knowledge Formal outcomes (skills to be tested in assessments): - ability to analyse philosophical texts and issues - ability to organise concepts and philosophical positions into overarching intellectual schemata - ability to present philosophical positions in a structured and linguistically appropriate manner

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

This module comprises 2 module components. Information on courses will be listed separately for each module component.
- 06-B-P2-1-072: S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)
- 06-B-P2-2-072: S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

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)

Assessment in this module comprises the assessments in the individual module components as specified below. Unless stated otherwise, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.

Assessment in module component 06-B-P2-1-072: Philosophical principles of arts and humanities
- 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade
- written examination (approx. 120 minutes)

Assessment in module component 06-B-P2-2-072: Philosophical principles of natural sciences and technology
- 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade
- written examination (approx. 120 minutes)

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Module title		Abbreviation
Practical Philosophy		06-B-P4-072-m01

Module coordinator		Module offered by	
holder of the Chair of Practical Philosophy		Institute of Philosophy	

ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)	
10	numerical grade	--	

Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites	
1 semester	undergraduate	--	

Contents
Introduction to practical philosophy, using basic problems and paradigmatic texts.

Intended learning outcomes
Intended learning outcomes: Content-related outcomes: - an overview of basic problems and positions in practical philosophy - an overview of systems and disciplines in practical philosophy - ability to use and distinguish between different methods in practical philosophy - knowledge of, and ability to evaluate, methods of argumentation and justification within practical philosophy - ability to reflect on the factors involved in the process of moral opinion formation Formal outcomes (skills to be tested in the assessment): - ability to analyse philosophical texts and issues - ability to organise concepts and philosophical positions into overarching intellectual schemata - ability to present philosophical positions in a structured and linguistically appropriate manner

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
Ü + Ü + S + S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

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 examination (approx. 180 minutes)

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Module title		Abbreviation
Theoretical philosophy		06-B-P3-072-m01

Module coordinator	Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Theoretical Philosophy	Institute of Philosophy

ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--

Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	undergraduate	--

Contents

Introduction to theoretical philosophy, using basic problems and paradigmatic texts.

Intended learning outcomes

Intended learning outcomes: Content-related outcomes: - an overview of basic problems and positions in theoretical philosophy - an overview of systems and disciplines in theoretical philosophy - ability to use and distinguish between different methods in theoretical philosophy - familiarity with, and ability to evaluate, methods of argumentation and justification within theoretical philosophy - ability to reflect on the factors involved in the process of theoretical opinion formation Formal outcomes (skills to be tested in the assessment): - ability to analyse philosophical texts and issues - ability to organise concepts and philosophical positions into overarching intellectual schemata - ability to present philosophical positions in a structured and linguistically appropriate manner

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

Ü + Ü + S + S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

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 examination (approx. 180 minutes)

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