Subdivided Module Catalogue
for the Subject
Comparative Indo-European Linguistics/Ancient World
as a minor in a Bachelor’s degree programme
(60 ECTS credits)

Examination regulations version: 2021
Responsible: Faculty of Arts, Historical, Philological, Cultural and Geographical Studies
Responsible: Chair of Comparative Linguistics
Course of Studies - Contents and Objectives

The study subject Comparative Indo-European Linguistics AW is offered by the Philosophical Faculty of the JMU as part of a basic course consisting of a major and a minor. The academic degree acquired depends on the major. The aim of the course is to impart basic competencies in linguistic and philological methods and theories and to provide an insight into the various Indo-European languages.
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Abbreviations used

Course types: E = field trip, K = colloquium, O = conversatorium, P = placement/lab course, R = pro-
ject, 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 program-
mes), 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:

ASPO2015

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

03-Feb-2021 (2021-4)

This module handbook seeks to render, as accurately as possible, the data that is of statutory relevan-
ce according to the examination regulations of the degree subject. However, only the FSB (subject-spe-
cific 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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5. Evaluation of the efficiency of diachronic and typological linguistic methods with a clear definition made between the two.

### 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)

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)

a) presentation (approx. 30 minutes) or  
b) written examination (approx. 60 minutes) or  
c) term paper (10 to 15 pages)  
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**Module title**
Introduction to the Indo-European Grammar 1

**Abbreviation**
04-VS-VEIG1-152-m01

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Chair of Comparative Linguistics

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**Method of grading**
numerical grade

**Duration**
1 semester

**Module level**
undergraduate

**Other prerequisites**
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**Contents**
An overview of the basic grammar of the Indo-European-Language in the fields of phonology and syntax and an introduction to the standard literature on these topics.

**Intended learning outcomes**
The students will possess the methodical prerequisites and the knowledge in the fields of phonology and syntax for academic work in diachronic and synchronic linguistics in relation to different languages.

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

S (2) + Ü (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)

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An overview of the basic grammar of the Indo-European-Language in the fields of morphology and word formation and an introduction to the standard literature on these topics.

Intended learning outcomes

The students will possess the methodical prerequisites and the knowledge in the fields of morphology and word formation for academic work in diachronic and synchronic linguistics in relation to different languages.

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

S (2) + Ü (2)

Module taught in: German and/or English

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Students will acquire linguistic and cultural knowledge, particularly more complex verb forms, e.g. athematic conjugation as well as the acquisition of sophisticated translation techniques. They will get an overview of poetry, history and philosophy.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students get basic knowledge of poetry, history and philosophy. They are able to translate challenging texts.

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

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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)

Written examination (approx. 120 minutes)

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Declensions and thematic conjugation, respective vocabulary, translation of the respective texts. Complex forms of verbs (e.g. verba muta, liquida) and for the use of modalities (conjunctive, optative) will be covered.

**Intended learning outcomes**

They are able to read and write ancient Greek; They have basic knowledge of declinations and thematic conjugation; They have knowledge of complex forms and verbs and for use of modes; respective vocabulary, they are able to translate Greek texts in written form.

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

Ü (4) + Ü (4)

**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. 45 minutes)

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1. An overview of the history of the Greek language from the Mycenaean to the post-classical period. 2. A synchronic and diachronic overview of Greek grammar (phonology, nominal and pronominal morphology) and vocabulary (including the reading of linguistic texts). 3. Overview of Greek dialects, including the Mycenaean (on the basis of textual examples).

**Intended learning outcomes**

The students will demonstrate basic competence in the linguistic analysis of (pre-)classical Greek.

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

S (2) + Ü (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)

a) written examination (approx. 60 minutes) or b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or c) presentation (approx. 45 minutes)  
Language of assessment: German and/or English

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Greek Linguistics 2

### Abbreviation
04-VS-VGS2-172-m01

### Module coordinator
holder of the Chair of Comparative Linguistics

### Module offered by
Chair of Comparative Linguistics

### ECTS
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### Method of grading
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### Duration
1 semester

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undergraduate

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Language of assessment: German and/or English

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**Indo-Iranian Linguistics 1**

**Abbreviation**
04-VS-VII1-212-m01

### Module Coordinator

Holder of the Chair for Comparative Linguistics

### Module Offered by

Chair of Comparative Linguistics

### ECTS

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### Method of Grading

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Only after succ. compl. of module(s)

### Duration

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### Other Prerequisites

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1. Overview of the texts and records of the respective Indo-Iranian language. (Vedic, Old Persian, Avestan, Nuri-stani) 2. Synchronic and diachronic outline of the historical grammar and vocabulary of the language and its position within Indo-Iranian. 3. Reading and linguistic interpretation of texts in the given language.

### Intended Learning Outcomes

The student will demonstrate a basic competence in the linguistic analysis of the respective Indo-Iranian language.

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### Duration

1 semester

### Module level

Undergraduate

### Other prerequisites

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### Contents

1. Overview of the texts and records of the respective Indo-Iranian language. (Vedic, Old Persian, Avestan, Nuri-stani)
2. Synchronic and diachronic outline of the historical grammar and vocabulary of the language and its connections within Indo-Iranian.
3. Reading and linguistic interpretation of texts in the given language.

### Intended learning outcomes

The student will demonstrate a basic competence in the linguistic analysis of the respective Indo-Iranian language.

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### Method of assessment

(a) written examination (approx. 60 minutes) or
(b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or
(c) Term paper (10 to 15 pages)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

### Allocation of places

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### Additional information

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### Referred to in LPO I

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Subdivided Module Catalogue for the Subject
Comparative Indo-European Linguistics/Ancient World
minor in a Bachelor’s degree programme, 60 ECTS credits

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**Contents**

In this module, students (without any previous knowledge of the Latin language) gain a solid knowledge of Latin.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students develop the ability to comprehend the content, structure, and message of original Latin texts that correspond in difficulty to simpler passages from prose texts (e.g. Caesar, Nepos). Upon successful completion of the module, students will be issued the Latin language certificate *Kleines Latinum* that attests a “solid knowledge” of the Latin language. The certificate also attests a “knowledge” of the Latin language.

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

Ü (4) + Ü (4) + Ü (4)

**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).

For more information, please refer to the Prüfungsordnung für die Akademische Feststellungsprüfung zum Nachweis gesicherter Kenntnisse in Latein (examination regulations for the academic assessment examination to prove a sound knowledge of the Latin language; Kleines Latinum) of Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg dated 11 November 2009 as amended from time to time.

Assessment offered: Once a year

Language of assessment: German and Latin

For more information, please refer to the Prüfungsordnung für die Akademische Feststellungsprüfung zum Nachweis gesicherter Kenntnisse in Latein (examination regulations for the academic assessment examination to prove a sound knowledge of the Latin language, Kleines Latinum) of Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg dated 11 November 2009 as amended from time to time.

**Allocation of places**

min. 5, max. 40 places. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated as follows: 1. Places will be allocated by lot.

**Additional information**

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### Contents

Reading matter of original Latin texts with a difficulty level of simpler prose texts will be covered.

### Intended learning outcomes

Students are expected to have Latin skills; They are able to understand Latin original texts, which have a linguistic level of difficulty that corresponds to simpler prose text passages, concerning content, structure and message.

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

| Ü (2) |

### 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. 120 minutes)

### Allocation of places

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**Contents**

Reading matter of challenging, original Latin texts will be covered.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to understand Latin original texts with content-related challenging passages (referring to areas of political speech, philosophy and historiography) concerning content, structure and message.

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

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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)

written examination (approx. 180 minutes)

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**Contents**

Latin vocabulary and grammar, morphology and syntax will be covered.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are expected to have Latin skills and to be able to attend a course where students acquire Latin skills or to acquire the qualification in Latin.

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

Ü (4) + Ü (4)

**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. 60 minutes)

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**Contents**

1. Overview of the history of the Latin language from the beginnings to Vulgar Latin.
2. Synchronic and diachronic outline of Latin historical grammar (phonology, morphology, word formation, syntax) and vocabulary.
3. Insight into the texts and written records of the other Italic languages (Sabellic group).
4. Reading and linguistic interpretation of Latin (and other Italic) texts.

**Intended learning outcomes**

The students will demonstrate a basic competence in the linguistic analysis of Latin and closely related Italic languages.

**Courses**

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

S (2) + Ü (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)

a) written examination (approx. 60 minutes) or
b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or
c) Term paper (10 to 15 pages)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

**Allocation of places**

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**Contents**

This module serves to round off the study of eastern Indo-European languages (e.g., Tocharian, Classical Armenian, Indo-Iranian, Anatolian languages, Baltic and Slavic languages) in the Bachelor’s programme.

**Intended learning outcomes**

The students will demonstrate competence in phonetics, phonology, morphology, semantics and syntax in relation to selected eastern Indo-European languages (Armenian, Tocharian, Indo-Iranian, Anatolian languages, Baltic and Slavic 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)

a) presentation (approx. 30 minutes) or
b) written examination (approx. 60 minutes) or
c) term paper (10 to 15 pages)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

**Allocation of places**

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**Contents**

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**Intended learning outcomes**

The students will demonstrate competence in phonetics, phonology, morphology, semantics and syntax in relation to selected eastern Indo-European languages (Armenian, Tocharian, Indo-Iranian, Anatolian languages, Baltic and Slavic languages).

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

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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)

a) presentation (approx. 30 minutes) or
b) written examination (approx. 60 minutes) or
c) term paper (10 to 15 pages)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

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**Contents**

Introduction to writing, phonetics and phonology, Sanskrit grammar and basic vocabulary. Basic knowledge of Sanskrit culture. Practice of translating and reading by means of simplified Sanskrit texts.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to read and understand simplified Sanskrit texts.

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

Ü (5)

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)

written examination (approx. 240 minutes)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

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**Contents**

This course will cover the remaining Sanskrit grammar. Students will consolidate their grammar skills and expand their vocabulary.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Students are able to read and understand simple Sanskrit texts (basic level).

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

Ü (4)

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)

written examination (approx. 90 to 120 minutes)
Language of assessment: German and/or English

**Allocation of places**

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## Module title
Additional Indo-European Languages

### Abbreviation
04-VS-WIS-212-m01

### Module coordinator
Holder of the Chair for Comparative Linguistics

### Module offered by
Chair of Comparative Linguistics

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### Method of grading
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### Duration
1 semester

### Module level
Undergraduate

### Other prerequisites
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## Contents
Acquisition of one or more Indo-European languages or language families not covered in the other modules.
(Anatolian, Celtic, Germanic, Tocharian, Armenian, Balto-Slavic, Albanian)

1. Overview of the texts and records of the respective language(s).
2. Classification of the language(s) within Indo-European and possible subgroups.
3. Synchronic and diachronic outline of the historical grammar (phonology, morphology, word formation, syntax) and vocabulary of the respective language(s).
4. Reading and linguistic interpretation of texts in the given language(s).

## Intended learning outcomes
The student will demonstrate a basic competence in the linguistic analysis of the respective Indo-European language(s).

## Courses
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Module taught in: German and/or English

## Method of assessment
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a) Written examination (approx. 60 minutes) or
b) Oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or
c) Term paper (10 to 15 pages)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

## Allocation of places
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Western Indo-European Languages 1

### Abbreviation
04-VS-VWS1-212-m01

### Module coordinator
Holder of the Chair for Comparative Linguistics

### Module offered by
Chair of Comparative Linguistics

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### Method of grading
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### Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
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### Duration
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### Module level
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### Other prerequisites
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### Contents
An introduction to the early Germanic and/or Celtic group of Indo-European languages (e.g. Old High German, Gothic, Old Saxon, Old Norse/Old Irish, Middle Welsh or Continental Celtic). This basis will be built upon later in the module and fundamental features of the historical grammar and vocabulary of the respective language groups will be examined.

### Intended learning outcomes
The students will demonstrate a basic competence in phonetics, phonology, morphology, semantics, syntax and dialectology in the respective western Indo-European language.

### 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)

- a) presentation (approx. 30 minutes) or
- b) written examination (approx. 60 minutes) or
- c) term paper (10 to 15 pages)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

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An introduction to the early Germanic and/or Celtic group of Indo-European languages (e.g. Old High German, Gothic, Old Saxon, Old Norse/Old Irish, Middle Welsh or Continental Celtic). This basis will be built upon later in the module and fundamental features of the historical grammar and vocabulary of the respective language groups will be examined.

**Intended learning outcomes**

The students will demonstrate a basic competence in phonetics, phonology, morphology, semantics, syntax and dialectology in the respective western Indo-European language.

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

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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)

a) presentation (approx. 30 minutes) or
b) written examination (approx. 60 minutes) or
c) term paper (10 to 15 pages)

Language of assessment: German and/or English

**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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