

Annex SFB

Studienfachbeschreibung (subject description, SFB) for the subject Philosophy as a major in a Bachelor's degree programme with the degree "Bachelor of Arts" (120 ECTS credits)

Responsible: Faculty of Human Sciences

Responsible: Institute of Philosophy

Examination regulations version: 2026

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

Information on assessment procedures: 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 a 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)):

??-??-2026 (2026-??)

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.

Every module will be described using the following form:

Abbreviation	Module title						
	ECTS		Duration	(in semesters)	Method of grading		Module level
	Courses		To be specified in the form X (y) with course type X abbreviated as specified above and number of weekly contact hours y				
	Method of assessment						
	Only after successful completion of		if applicable				
	Other prerequisites		if applicable				
	Participants and allocation of places		if applicable				
	Additional information		if applicable				
	Referred to in LPO I		if applicable (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)				

Compulsory Courses (60 ECTS credits)							
o6-Ph-B-P1/1-152-mo1	Introduction to Philosophy						
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	(not) successfully completed	Modul level undergraduate
	Courses	V (2) + Ü (2)					
	Method of assessment	written examination (approx. 90 minutes)					
o6-Ph-B-P1/2-152-mo1	Historical epochs, main works, authors						
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level undergraduate
	Courses	S (2)					
	Method of assessment	oral examination (approx. 25 minutes)					
o6-Ph-B-P2/1-152-mo1	Philosophical principles of sciences I						
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	(not) successfully completed	Modul level undergraduate
	Courses	V (2)					
	Method of assessment	written examination (approx. 45 minutes)					
	Participants and allocation of places	Only as part of pool of general transferable skills (ASQ): max. 20 places. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated according to the number of subject semesters. Among applicants with the same number of subject semesters, places will be allocated by lot. A waiting list will be maintained and places re-allocated by lot as they become available.					
	Additional Information	Qualification goal: scientific competences					
o6-Ph-B-P2/2-262-mo1	Philosophical principles of sciences II						
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level undergraduate
	Courses	S (2)					
	Method of assessment	term paper (10 to 12 pages)					
o6-Ph-B-P3/1-152-mo1	Theoretical Philosophy I						
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	(not) successfully completed	Modul level undergraduate
	Courses	V (2)					
	Method of assessment	written examination (approx. 45 minutes)					
	Participants and allocation of places	Only as part of pool of general transferable skills (ASQ): max. 20 places. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated according to the number of subject semesters. Among applicants with the same number of subject semesters, places will be allocated by lot. A waiting list will be maintained and places re-allocated by lot as they become available.					
o6-Ph-B-P3/2-262-mo1	Theoretical Philosophy II						
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level undergraduate
	Courses	S (2)					
	Method of assessment	oral examination (approx. 25 minutes)					

o6-Ph-B-P4/1-152-mo1	Practical Philosophy I							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	(not) successfully completed	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses		V (2)					
	Method of assessment		written examination (approx. 45 minutes)					
	Participants and allocation of places		Only as part of pool of general transferable skills (ASQ): max. 20 places. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated according to the number of subject semesters. Among applicants with the same number of subject semesters, places will be allocated by lot. A waiting list will be maintained and places re-allocated by lot as they become available.					
Additional Information		Qualification goal: scientific competences						
o6-Ph-B-P4/2-152-mo1	Practical Philosophy II							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses		S (2)					
	Method of assessment		oral examination (approx. 25 minutes)					
Referred to in LPO I		§ 32 I Nr. 1 c)						
o6-Ph-B-P5/1-152-mo1	History of Philosophy I							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	(not) successfully completed	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses		V (2)					
	Method of assessment		written examination (approx. 45 minutes)					
	Participants and allocation of places		Only as part of pool of general transferable skills (ASQ): max. 20 places. Should the number of applications exceed the number of available places, places will be allocated according to the number of subject semesters. Among applicants with the same number of subject semesters, places will be allocated by lot. A waiting list will be maintained and places re-allocated by lot as they become available.					
o6-Ph-B-P5/2-152-mo1	History of Philosophy II							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses		S (2)					
	Method of assessment		term paper (10 to 12 pages)					
Referred to in LPO I		§ 32 I Nr. 1 c)						
o6-Ph-B-P6/1-152-mo1	Issues of research in philosophy I							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses		S (2)					
	Method of assessment		oral examination (approx. 25 minutes)					
o6-Ph-B-P6/2-262-mo1	Non-Western Philosophy							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	(not) successfully completed	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses		S (2)					
Method of assessment		oral examination (approx. 10 minutes) or presentation (approx. 30 minutes)						

Compulsory Electives 1 (25 ECTS credits)							
Text Analysis Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (5 ECTS credits)							
o6-Ph-B-W1-262-m01	Text Analysis: Ancient Philosophy						
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level undergraduate
	Courses		S (2)				
	Method of assessment		portfolio (5-8 pages)				
o6-Ph-B-W2-262-m01	Text Analysis: Medieval Philosophy						
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level undergraduate
	Courses		S (2)				
	Method of assessment		portfolio (5-8 pages)				
Theoretical philosophy (5 ECTS credits)							
o6-Ph-B-W5-262-m01	Basic disciplines of Theoretical Philosophy: Metaphysics and Epistemology						
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level undergraduate
	Courses		S (2)				
	Method of assessment		written examination (approx. 90 minutes)				
o6-Ph-B-W6-262-m01	Specific disciplines of Theoretical Philosophy						
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level undergraduate
	Courses		S (2)				
	Method of assessment		written examination (approx. 90 minutes)				
Practical philosophy (5 ECTS credits)							
o6-Ph-B-W7-152-m01	Basic disciplines of Practical philosophy						
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level undergraduate
	Courses		S (2)				
	Method of assessment		term paper (10 to 12 pages)				
	Referred to in LPO I		§ 32 I Nr. 1 c)				
o6-Ph-B-W8-152-m01	Specific disciplines of Practical Philosophy						
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level undergraduate
	Courses		S (2)				
	Method of assessment		term paper (10 to 12 pages)				
	Referred to in LPO I		§ 32 I Nr. 1 c)				

History of philosophy; Problems (5 ECTS credits)								
o6-Ph-B-W9-152-m01	Problems of Older Philosophy							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses	S (2)						
	Method of assessment	oral examination (approx. 25 minutes)						
	Referred to in LPO I	§ 32 I Nr. 1 c)						
o6-Ph-B-W10-152-m01	Problems of Modern Philosophy							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses	S (2)						
	Method of assessment	oral examination (approx. 25 minutes)						
	Referred to in LPO I	§ 32 I Nr. 1 c)						
Systematics of philosophy (5 ECTS credits)								
o6-Ph-B-W11-152-m01	Problems of Theoretical Philosophy							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses	S (2)						
	Method of assessment	portfolio: 2 to 3 essays (approx. 10 pages total)						
o6-Ph-B-W12-152-m01	Problems of Practical Philosophy							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses	S (2)						
	Method of assessment	portfolio: 2 to 3 essays (approx. 10 pages total)						
Compulsory Electives 2 (5 ECTS credits)								
Text analysis: modern and contemporary philosophy (5 ECTS credits)								
o6-Ph-B-W3-152-m01	Text Analysis: Modern Philosophy							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	(not) successfully completed	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses	S (2)						
	Method of assessment	portfolio: 2 to 3 essays (approx. 10 pages total)						
o6-Ph-B-W4-152-m01	Text Analysis: Contemporary Philosophy							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	(not) successfully completed	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses	S (2)						
	Method of assessment	portfolio: 2 to 3 essays (approx. 10 pages total)						

Key Skills Area (20 ECTS credits)

Students must achieve 20 ECTS credits in the area of transferable skills. Of these, a total of 5 ECTS credits must be achieved in the area of general transferable skills and a total of 15 ECTS credits must be achieved in the area of subject-specific transferable skills.

General Key Skills (5 ECTS credits)

Students must achieve 5 ECTS credits in the pool of general transferable skills (ASQ) offered by JMU.

Subject-specific Key Skills (15 ECTS credits)

o6-Ph-B-S1-152-m01	Writing lab							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	(not) successfully completed	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses		Ü (2)					
	Method of assessment		portfolio: 2 to 3 essays (1 to 2 pages each)					
o6-Ph-B-S2-152-m01	Introduction to academic working techniques							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	(not) successfully completed	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses		Ü (2)					
	Method of assessment		portfolio: 2 small written assessments (approx. 2 pages) and/or one oral assessment (approx. 10 minutes)					
o6-Ph-B-S3-262-m01	Preparation BA-Thesis and colloquium							
	ECTS	5	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	(not) successfully completed	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses		Ü (2)					
	Method of assessment		portfolio (approx. 20 h.)					
Thesis (10 ECTS credits)								
o6-Ph-B-TH-262-m01	Bachelor-Thesis Philosophy with colloquium							
	ECTS	10	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	undergraduate
	Courses		No courses assigned to module					
	Method of assessment		Bachelor's thesis (approx. 30 pages) and final colloquium (approx. 30 minutes, ungraded)					
	Additional Information		Time to complete: 10 weeks.					