

Philosophy (Master of Arts)

Prerequisites:

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (major or minor) or comparable bachelor degree. In the latter case you may be admitted provisionally on the condition of completion of specified modules from the bachelor programme.

Start:

summer or winter semester

Language of Instruction: German (with rare exceptions)

Language Requirements:

German (either natively or at least DSH level 2); English (Level B 1) and an additional language (Level B1) - we recommend French, Latin, or Greek.

Duration:

4 semesters

ECTS Creditpoints: 120 CP, for CP of individual modules see the table on the bottom of p.2.

Module Types: Foundational Module (GM), Specialisation Module (SPM), Independent Studies (SM), Elective Module (EM), Master degree module (MAM).

Programme Details:

7 core modules, 1 elective module

Core Requirements:

GM 1	History of Philosophy
GM 2	Theoretical Philosophy
GM 3	Practical Philosophy
SPM 1	Specialisation Module 1
SPM 2	Specialisation Module 2
SM	Independent Studies
MAM	Master Degree Module

- GM 1 – GM 3 each consist of one course and a term paper.
- SPM 1 – SPM 2 consists of two 2 courses and a term paper in one of them.
- SM is completed by an oral exam.
- MAM: master thesis and oral exam

Elective: *take 1 from:*

EM 1	A module from another subject
EM 2	Greek or Latin
EM 3	Placement (internship) or student council work
EM 4	Extracurricular activities
EM 5	Teaching assistancy
EM 6	Additional specialisation

Admission Requirements for Modules:

SPMs require the completion of at least one GM. Presentation for the master thesis requires completion of all the GMs and SPMs and either the SM or one of the electives.

Master Thesis:

24 weeks, 30 CP. Language: German, with approval of the supervisor also in English. After being graded the thesis has to be defended in a *viva voce* (5 CP).

Final Grade:

the weighted average of the best four grades of GMs, SPMs, or SM (weight 1/6 each) plus the grade of the MAM (2/6). The MAM grade is the weighted average of the grade of the master thesis (4/5) and the grade of the defence (1/5).

Example:

The following example illustrates one possible way how to progress to the master degree in philosophy. There are many more possibilities. SWS = semester hours (roughly); 1 SWS = 45 minutes.

Semester	Module	SWS	CP	Sum CP
1	GM 1 (History of Philosophy)	2	10	30
	GM 2 (Theoretical Philosophy)	2	10	
	GM 3 (Practical Philosophy)	2	10	
2	SPM 1 (Specialisation)	4	15	30
	SPM 2 (Specialisation)	4	15	
3	SM (Independent Studies)	4	15	25
	EM (Elective module)	2-4	10	
4	MAM (Master degree module)	2	35	35
overall				120