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(as of 15 September 2003, amended on 10 October 2006 and 16 August 2007)

### **§ 1 Required ECTS credits**

A total of 120 credits (cr) is required in this master's programme; a minimum of 84 cr in the core subject, and a maximum of 36 cr in supplementary courses.

### **§ 2 Student advisory session**

Students have to take part in a compulsory advisory session at the beginning of the MA programme and at the beginning of the third semester. They have to submit proof of having participated in the first advisory session when registering for the first course-related performance assessment, and proof of the second session when registering for the master's thesis.

### **§ 3 Content of the study programme**

- (1) In the master's programme Philosophy, students expand and deepen philosophical knowledge and methods of thought in a research-oriented manner. The study programme has a modular structure.

A total of at least 72 cr must be earned in the modules 1-5.

Students have to complete 3 main modules, or 2 main and 2 additional modules.

The philosophy modules 1-3 may be taken as main or as additional modules, and it is permitted to additionally take one or two such main modules as additional modules for the purpose of specialization.

Students have to complete at least two of the philosophy modules 1-3.

The non-philosophy elective minor module 4 may be taken as either a main or additional module.

Module 5 can only be taken as additional module.

The philosophy modules mainly consist of advanced seminars; an advanced seminar usually comprises 2 weekly teaching hours (SWS) and is worth 6 cr.

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(2) The following modules are offered:

Main module	Additional module
Courses (advanced seminar, lecture, colloquium, compact course) worth a total of:	Courses (advanced seminar, lecture, colloquium, compact course) worth a total of:

**Core subject**

<b>Module 1:</b> Practical philosophy	24 cr	12 cr
<b>Module 2:</b> Theoretical philosophy	24 cr	12 cr
<b>Module 3:</b> History of philosophy	24 cr	12 cr

**Supplementary courses**

<b>Module 4:</b> Elective minor	24 cr	12 cr
<b>Module 5:</b> Practical work experience		12 cr

- (3) If students choose module 4 (elective minor), the courses taken in that module must fit into an overall interdisciplinary philosophy concept, which has to be approved by an authorized examiner in the Department of Philosophy. Students have to complete course-related performance assessments in these courses.
- (4) During the master's programme, students may do work experience conducive to their study objectives at a private or public organization that will provide them with insights on how the skills they acquire in their core subject can be used in professional contexts (module 5). Practical work experience should last for a minimum of eight weeks and, as a rule, be completed during the lecture-free period. Work experience may be divided into no more than two stages and must be approved by the dean of studies in advance. Afterwards, students have to submit a confirmation from the employer. Professional training or practical work experience completed before the start of studies can be recognized by the corresponding Examination Board (StPA) on request of the student, unless they have previously been recognized in the context of a bachelor's or any other study programme. Students have to submit a report after the end of the work experience. This is part of the coursework.

#### **§ 4 Members of the Examination Board**

Members of the Examination Board Philosophy are

1. two professors
2. one academic staff member
3. one student in an advisory capacity
4. one secretary of the Examination Board in an advisory capacity

For the four members mentioned first, a representative is determined who can act in case the member is prevented or biased.

#### **§ 5 Course and examination languages**

Classes are held in German or English. As a rule, coursework and performance assessments have to be completed in the language used in class. The lecturer decides about exceptions.

#### **§ 6 Master's examination**

- (1) In the core subject and in the elective minor, students have to achieve at least the grade "ausreichend/sufficient" in course-related performance assessments, such as essays, class presentations (including written composition) or written exams. These are each related to a course. Oral exams are permitted in exceptional circumstances. Oral exams are conducted by one examiner and an observer. In 2-SWS courses, they last 20-30 minutes, and 30-40 minutes in 4-SWS courses. (SWS= weekly teaching hours). Written exams in 2-SWS courses last 120 minutes, in 4-SWS courses 180 minutes. The course instructors determine and communicate the exam format at the beginning of the semester. They can allow for exceptions if required. Presentations are held during class. Oral and written course-related exams take place subsequent to the course. The exam dates are announced in the courses at the beginning of each semester.
- (2) In addition to paragraph 1, course-related performance assessments also include at least three term papers written in courses of the core subject graded "ausreichend/sufficient" or better. Students must complete these term papers no later than by the end of the lecture-free period following the lectures of the respective semester. For a passed term paper, 6 cr will be awarded.

(3) Final examination

In addition to the course-related performance assessments, students have to complete the following components of the final examination in their core subject:

1. Master's thesis

In the master's thesis, candidates have to demonstrate that they are able to work independently on a challenging philosophical problem within a limited period according to the scientific principles of the subject and present their results in writing in a suitable form. The topic and scope of the master's thesis must be determined in such a way that the deadline can be met. The master's thesis should comprise around 40 – 60 pages (12,000 – 18,000 words).

For the successful completion of the thesis, 22 cr will be awarded.

2. Final oral examination

The oral master's examination is a colloquium on the master's thesis. It takes about 45 minutes. The successfully completed examination is worth 8 cr.

(4) The overall grade is based on:

- main modules 20% each
- additional modules 10 % each
- the three term papers, in total 10%
- master thesis 20%
- final oral examination 10%

Module 5 (work experience) is not included in the grade. If students choose module 5 as additional module, the two main modules will count each 24 %, and the second additional module 12 % for the overall grade.

### **§ 7 Effective date and transitional provisions**

- (1) These examination regulations come into effect on 1 April 2003.
- (2) The amendments of 10 October 2006 come into effect on 1 October 2006.
- (3) Students who started their studies in the master's programme Philosophy before the amendments of 10 October 2006 came into effect, continue their studies in accordance with the examination regulations in the version of 15 September 2003 (Amtliche Bekanntmachungen 22/2003).
- (4) The amendments of 16 August 2007 come into effect on 1 October 2007 and apply to all students who began the master's programme Philosophy on or after 1 April 2006.
- (5) Students who began the master's programme Philosophy before 1 April 2006 continue their studies in accordance with the examination regulations in the version of 15 September 2003 (Amtliche Bekanntmachungen 22/2003).

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