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faculty of philosophy

A photograph of two young men in a rustic setting with stone walls and wooden beams. The man on the left is wearing a dark blazer over a light shirt and a dark vest, smiling as he looks at a book. The man on the right is wearing a teal sweater and glasses, looking down at the book. The background is a warm, textured wall.

Minor

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An exciting and comprehensive introduction to philosophy

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What makes an action right? Do animals have rights? How do you make a good argument? If you are intrigued by these questions and you are curious about what science can tell us about free will and ethical responsibilities, then consider the Minor Philosophy. In this programme, you study social and political philosophy, ethics, the history of philosophy and philosophy of science while developing your analytical and critical skills.

The Minor Philosophy (30 ECTS) runs the entire Semester 1a-b. In four courses, you will learn what philosophical thinking is, how it has been carried out over the centuries, and how compelling logical reasoning, clear thinking, conceptual analysis and reflection are. Students can also choose a shorter 15 ECTS programme consisting of the two courses offered in semester 1a. The course Philosophical Thinking (1a) must be completed before taking the courses of semester 1b.

Semester 1a

- › **Philosophical Thinking (7.5 ECTS)**
An introduction to what philosophy is and how to do it, with applications to different areas of philosophy
- › **History of Philosophy (7.5 ECTS)**
The history of philosophy from antiquity to the modern period, with a focus on key texts

Semester 1b

- › **Practical Philosophy (7.5 ECTS)**
An overview of ethics and political philosophy; which actions are right and wrong, and what legitimizes political institutions?
- › **Philosophy of Science and Logic (7.5 ECTS)**
Fundamental issues about the nature of science and an introduction to formal logic

→ How to register

Sign up via Ocasys. After registration, the educational administration will enroll you in the individual courses.



Eager for more?

After completion of the Minor Philosophy, you can continue in the Bachelor Philosophy of a Specific Discipline, which combines two years of your initial study programme, the Minor Philosophy and another 30 ECTS of philosophy courses. For more information check the website or contact the study advisor.



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