



UNIVERSITÄT
HEIDELBERG
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THE MA-PROGRAM – A SHORT PRESENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



“LEARNING IS A TREASURE
THAT WILL FOLLOW IT’S OWNER
EVERYWHERE.”

(CHINESE PROVERB)

The Master of Arts degree program in philosophy is offered to students who already have a university degree (normally B.A.) in philosophy or some other field with significant overlap with philosophy. Courses in Heidelberg are as a rule taught in German. The thesis may be written in German or English – and with permission of the administration in French. The course of study lasts 4 semesters; its goal is to broaden and deepen the knowledge of philosophy acquired in undergraduate studies and to provide a graduate qualification for those seeking a profession in various fields in the humanities outside the university as well as to prepare candidates for a profession in philosophy itself and for dissertation work to attain the Dr. Phil. The course of study consists in 2 masters-seminars per semester each requiring a substantial paper, flanked by projects and/or colloquia. The course of studies allows the students great freedom in the choice of course work and in the shaping of their projects. Two of the seminars must be in history of philosophy and two in systematic philosophy. Students are encouraged to attend lectures as well, but in accordance with the German tradition attendance is voluntary and not graded. All students take an oral exam at the end of the third semester; the fourth

semester is exclusively devoted to the thesis. The course of study is structured in “modules” and measured in credit points according to the European credit transfer system (ECTS). Each student is expected to earn 30 ECTS points per semester. A seminar with paper counts as 10 ECTS points, the thesis as 30. The state authorities have ordained that 1 ECTS point corresponds to 30 hours of successful supervised intellectual labor. Successful applicants already attending a Masters program and successful applicants with an M.Phil or, in exceptional cases, a 4-year B.A. may be able to get some credit for their previous work. This is decided on a case-by-case basis. The course of studies may begin in the summer or in the winter semester.

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