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faculty of philosophy

A photograph of two young men in a rustic setting, looking at a book together. The man on the left is wearing a dark blazer over a light shirt and a dark vest, and is smiling. The man on the right is wearing a dark green sweater and glasses, looking intently at the book. The background shows wooden beams and a stone 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. From six 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 three courses offered in semester 1a.

Semester 1a

- › **History of Philosophy I (5 ECTS)**
Introduction to the history of philosophy from classical antiquity to the early modern period
- › **Social and Political Philosophy (5 ECTS)**
Questions and answers about the role of political institutions in our societies. What legitimises political rule?
- › **Reasoning and Arguing (5 ECTS)**
Introduction to formal logic and to the theory of argumentation

Semester 1b

- › **History of Philosophy II (5 ECTS)**
Introduction to the history of philosophy from the early modern period to the 21st century
- › **Philosophy of Science (5 ECTS)**
Fundamental questions about the nature of science
- › **Good and Evil: an Introduction to Ethics (5 ECTS)**
Overview of the domain of ethics. What makes something good and what makes it evil?

→ How to register

Sign up via Progress. 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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