

ECTS Information Package

Romance Studies

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Institute of Romance Philology



I. General information on Department 05 and the Institute of Romance Philology

Since the winter term 1999/2000 the Institute of Romance Philology, Didactics of Romance languages and literatures, English studies; German studies, Slavistic studies and Applied Theatre studies are united to the department 'Language - Literature - Culture (FB 05)'.

By the Bologna reforms, the study programmes have been restructured in bachelor and master programmes.

The history of the department of humanities started began with the foundation of the 'Gymnasium illustre' in 1605. In 1971, this department was reorganised into the "Department of Languages and Cultures of the

Mediterranean Area and Eastern Europe", which included the institutes of classical philology, romance philology, Slavic studies, orientalism and didactics of the Romance languages and literatures, applied theatre sciences, as well as the professorship of comparative linguistics.

Besides the study programmes "Lehramt" (Teaching Profession), the institute offers study programmes like "Modern Languages and Language Teaching" and "Modern Languages, Cultures and Business Studies" and "Language, Literature and Culture".

Institute of Romance Philology

Karl-Glöckner Str. 21
Philosophikum II, Haus G
Managing director: Prof. Dr. Dolle

Institute Library: Students have the possibility to use the library of the Institute of Romance Philology, (Karl-Glöckner Str. 21, Philosophikum II, Haus G, second floor).

Opening hours during the semester: Mo - Th : 8:30 -16:30; Fr : 8:00 - 16:00



II. Cooperation agreements with universities abroad:

France :

Université de Bordeaux III
Université de Bourgogne
Université de Bretagne
Occidentale
Université de Franche-Comté
Université de Limoges
ESTICE Lille
Université de Montpellier
Université d'Orléans
Université de Paris-Nanterre
Université de Rouen Haute
Normandie

Italy :

Università degli Studi di Genova
Università degli Studi di Roma 'La
Sapienza'
Università degli Studi di Padova

Portugal :

Universidade do Minho (Braga)
Universidade de Coimbra
Universidade de Lisboa

Spain :

Universidad de Cádiz
Universidad de Extremadura
Univeridade da Coruña
Universidad de Granada
Universidad de Huelva
Universidad de León
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
Universidad Carlos de Madrid
Universidad de Oviedo
Universidad de Pamplona
Universidad de Salamanca
Universidad Rovira i Virgili
Universidad de Valencia
Universidad de Valladolid
Universidad de Vigo
Universidad Europea Miguel de
Cervantes



III. Programmes of study in the Department 05

[Detailed list of required courses in the Programmes of study in the Department 05 \(with allocation of credits\)](#)

1) "Modern Languages and Language Teaching" (NFF) and "Modern Languages, Cultures and Business Studies" (MFKW)

In this, BA students combine literature, linguistic, civilization and language courses, with particular attention to more recent language. The instruction of technical languages is emphasized, too. A second language has to be studied as a minor subject. In addition to these languages, the philological part has to be combined with a special minor subject: economics or didactics.

The study of "Didactics of Romance Languages and Literatures" aims at qualifying students to teach in adult education. Students learn how to teach the languages by considering the specific culture and the language (French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish) of a country. This implies to achieve the ability to transfer scientific didactic knowledge to teaching practice. The study of economics will provide students with basic knowledge about economic issues and the students will train their business skills. The studies will be completed by studying one semester abroad, normally in the country of the language, which is the major subject.

The bachelor lasts 3 years, the master 2 years.

2) Language, Literature and Culture (SLK)

Students matriculated to this study programme have much more possibilities to combine different disciplines and to choose their main subject. This implicates a higher ability of the students to organize their own studies.

In this, BA students combine literature, linguistic, civilization and language courses, with particular attention to more recent language. The instruction of technical languages is emphasized, too. A second

language has to be studied as a minor subject. In addition to these languages, the philological part has to be combined with a special minor subject: economics or didactics.

The bachelor programme of study lasts 3 years, the master programme + 2 years.

3) Lehramtsstudiengänge (Teaching Profession)

This study programme initiates in the knowledge and cognitive instruments, which are necessary to reflect upon the instruction and the persons concerned.

- a) *Lehramt an Grundschulen (L1) (Teaching Profession in primary schools)*
The programme of study is centred upon the instruction in the classes 1-4.
- b) *Lehramt an Haupt- und Realschulen (L2) (Teaching Profession in the upper division of elementary school and in the central school)*
The programme of study is centred upon the instruction in the classes 5-10 in the upper division of elementary school and in the central school (Haupt- and Realschulen.)
- c) *Lehramt an Gymnasien (L3) (Teaching Profession in grammar-schools)*
The programme of study is centred upon the instruction in the classes 5-13 in grammar-schools.



IV. Types of classes and assessment

There are different types of classes. Normally, they last two hours per week (= 2 SWS).

Lecture (Vorlesung)

Representation and transmission of scientific basics and special knowledge and of methodological knowledge.

Seminar

Discussion of complex questions and scientific knowledge, application of scientific methods to special problems. Lecture and discussion alternate in this course.

Proseminar: introduces into the methodology of the scientific field of activity.

Seminar: builds upon the basic knowledge of the scientific field of activity acquired in the Stage I studies.

Normally, oral presentations are discussed in the seminars. Each student then has to present a typed paper of 15-25 pages about the same or a similar subject at the end of the semester or at the beginning of the following semester. The participation of the student during the semester may be valued, too.

Exercise course (Übung)

Course consisting of exercises to the curriculum of a lecture and/or to the methodology of a discipline. There are different kinds of exercise courses:

Scientific exercises (Wissenschaftliche Übung)

Instruction and application of the methodology of the special branch of science (for example: Exercises in French linguistics or in French literature).

Language courses (Sprachpraktische Übungen)

There is normally a written examination in exercise courses at the end of each semester.

Kolloquium

A Kolloquium provides the opportunity for academic dialogue. Very advanced students preparing for their final examinations or the doctoral degree normally take these courses.

ECTS - students may agree with the teacher that there will be an oral examination (15 minutes) at the end of the semester.

Introduction / Preparatory Instruction (Einführung/Propädeutikum)

These courses give an introduction to the basic knowledge of a discipline. They are often a combination of lectures and exercises (Vorlesung + Übung).

Normally, there is a written examination in these courses at the end of the semester.

Courses in addition to internships (Praktikumsbegleitende Kurse)

These courses prepare or discuss teaching units in schools and adult education. Exchange students may agree with the teacher that there will be an oral examination (15 minutes) at the end of the semester.



IV. Grading System

Please find here the [grading systems](#), which Gießen University uses. For incoming students, the following grading scale applies:

National Grade in points for modules	National Grade in points (decimal numbers) for final degree grades	Assessment in words
15	0,7	Sehr gut ECTS grading scale : A (very good; an excellent performance, which completely meets the requirements)
14	1,0	
13	1,3	
12	1,7	Gut / Good ECTS grading scale : B (a very good performance, which nearly completely meets all the requirements)
11	2,0	Gut / Good ECTS grading scale : C (good; a good performance, which meets the requirements in a good manner)
10	2,3	
9	2,7	Befriedigend / Satisfactory ECTS grading scale : D (a performance, which in general corresponds to the requirements)
8	3,0	
7	3,3	
6	3,7	Ausreichend / Sufficient ECTS grading scale : E (sufficient; a performance, which in spite of some faults still corresponds to the requirements)
5	4,0	
4	4,3	Nicht bestanden / Fail ECTS grading scale : FX (failed; a performance, which does not correspond to the requirements but which nevertheless proves some basic knowledge and justifies the hope that the deficiencies can be removed in the foreseeable future)
3	4,6	Nicht bestanden / Fail ECTS grading scale : F (failed; a performance, which does not correspond to the requirements and where even the basic knowledge is so faulty that the deficiencies are unlikely to be removed in the foreseeable future)
2	5,0	
1	5,3	
0	6	





V. Academic Profile

The [academic profile](#) helps students to find informations about the scientific interests of the teaching staff at our institute.



VI. Regularly offered courses at the Institute of Romance Philology:

Abbreviations:

B.A.:	Bachelor of Arts
M.A.:	Master of Arts
Lehramt:	Teaching Profession
WS	Winter term (Wintersemester)
SS	Summer term (Sommersemester)
SWS	Hours per week

Reference: You can find all courses offered at the Institute of Romance Philology in the [actual course programme of the university](#) (Vorlesungsverzeichnis).

VII. Study programmes of modularized Bachelor and Master

Bachelor of Arts

MFKW	- Modulbeschreibungen und Studienverlaufspläne
NFF	- Modulbeschreibungen und Studienverlaufspläne
SLK	- Modulbeschreibungen und Studienverlaufspläne

Master

MFKW	- Modulbeschreibungen und Studienverlaufspläne
NFF	- Modulbeschreibungen und Studienverlaufspläne
SLK	- Modulbeschreibungen und Studienverlaufspläne

Lehramt an

Grundschulen	- Modulbeschreibungen und Studienverlaufspläne
Haupt- und Realschulen	- Modulbeschreibungen und Studienverlaufspläne
Gymnasien	- Modulbeschreibungen und Studienverlaufspläne

Vorlesungsverzeichnis: <http://www.uni-giessen.de/cms/studium/studinfo/evv>

VIII. Helpful Links:

General Language Courses:

http://www.uni-giessen.de/cms/fbz/zentren/zfbk/zfbk-Start/view?set_language=de

Sport programme:

<http://www.uni-giessen.de/cms/fbz/svc/ahs>