

Examination and Study Regulations for the Master's Degree Course 'History and Culture of the Baltic Sea Region' at the University of Greifswald

of 13 December 2019

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Amendments:

- List of Abbreviations, § 2, § 7, Sample Study Plan and Module Descriptions amended by Article 1 of the Amending Statutes of 15 December 2022 (made public and accessible to all members of the university on 15 December 2022)

Important information:

- The First Amending Statutes of 15 December 2022 entered into force on 16 December 2022. They apply to all students who are already enrolled in the master's degree course or have enrolled for summer semester 2023.

Pursuant to § 2(1) in connection with § 38(1) and 39 (1) of the *Landeshochschulgesetz* - LHG M-V (State Higher Education Act) in the version announced on 25 January 2011 (Law and Ordinance Gazette of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (GVOBl. M-V), p. 18), last amended by Article 3 of the Law of 11 July 2016 (GVOBl. M-V, p. 550, 557), the University of Greifswald passed the following Examination and Study Regulations for the master's degree course 'History and Culture of the Baltic Sea Region' as statute:

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List of Abbreviations:

FPO/SPO	Examination Regulations / Study Regulations
AS	Type of assessment
ECTS	Credits according to the European Credit Transfer System
RED	Regular examination date
SWS	Contact hours per week
(xx/xx)	Contact hours/Independent study in hours
WL	Workload in hours
D	Duration in semesters
FS	Semester
No.	Module number
CEFR	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

§ 1 Scope of Application

These Examination and Study Regulations regulate the studies and the examination procedure in the master's degree course 'History and Culture of the Baltic Sea Region'. For all study and examination matters that are not regulated in the present regulation, the General Examination Regulations of the University of Greifswald (RPO) of 31 January 2012 (Mittl.bl. BM M-V 2012, p. 394) in the version as amended from time to time are directly effective.

§ 2 Admission and Admission Requirements

- (1) The master's degree course 'History and Culture of the Baltic Sea' can be started in the winter and in the summer semester.
- (2) Admission to studies takes place in accordance with the requirements stated in § 4 RPO. Admission is granted subject to proof of successful completion of a bachelor's degree course or an equivalent degree in a subject from the arts or humanities.
- (3) Another admission requirement is proof of English language skills at a level of B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (equivalents: FCE, TOEFL (CBT) 213, TOEFL (IBT) 80, TOEFL (PBT) 550, TOEIC 785, IELTS 6.0) or as an alternative, proof of at least seven years of English at school.
- (4) When starting studies, it is not necessary to provide any proof of German language skills pursuant to § 3 of the University of Greifswald's *Immatrikulationsordnung* (Enrolment Regulations) of 28 January 2009 in the version as amended from time to time.
- (5) The Examination Board makes decisions regarding exceptions.

§ 3 Objectives and Structure of the Degree Course

- (1) The degree course 'History and Culture of the Baltic Sea Region' is for students who would like to specialise in the culturally and historically multifaceted Baltic Sea region. The objective is to educate players with regional and interdisciplinary expertise for cultural and civic exchange in the Baltic Sea region. Compulsory and compulsory elective study content is taught in the English language. There are also several compulsory elective modules offered in the German language.
- (2) In interdisciplinary, integrative courses and subject-specific study units held by the subject areas involved in the degree course, students acquire in-depth historical knowledge and the skills required for theoretical and methodological reflection, for critically controlled and creative analysis of culturo-historical, intercultural and language cultural phenomena and their interdependencies. Furthermore, the students are provided with the required sensitivity and competence for intercultural collaboration in the Baltic Sea region in order to apply the acquired knowledge and skills in academia, education, PR work, the economy and in cultural exchange and trade.
- (3) The regular length of study is four semesters and entails 3600 working hours (workload), for which 120 ECTS are awarded. The degree course is structured in the compulsory area 'Cultural Theory and Cultural Development in the Baltic Sea Region' (10 ECTS), the compulsory area 'History, Cultures and Languages of the Baltic Sea Region' (20 ECTS), the compulsory elective area of language acquisition (10 ECTS), an elective area (20 ECTS), a semester abroad (30 ECTS) and a master's dissertation (28 ECTS) and its defence (2 ECTS).

§ 4 Recognition and Alternative Accomplishments

- (1) Examinations and coursework that have already been completed in a completed bachelor's degree course, the content of which matches the significant teaching contents and qualification objectives of modules of the master's degree course 'History and Culture of the Baltic Sea Region' may not be taken again for the master's degree course. In accordance with § 43(7) RPO, students must request recognition of the respective achievements at the beginning of studies.
- (2) If the recognition of the credits accomplished in the previously completed bachelor's degree course according to § 43 RPO together with the credits achieved for the master's degree course 'History and Culture of the Baltic Sea Region' do not reach a total of 300 ECTS, students will be required to complete further credits that correspond to the amount of lacking ECTS. These are determined by the respective subject representative following the recognition process.
- (3) As replacement modules, the student can choose courses or modules provided by the Faculty of Arts and Humanities or a different faculty at the University of Greifswald that correspond to the study objective of the master's degree course

“History and Culture of the Baltic Sea Region”. The replacement modules must be completed with a mark of at least ‘passed’. The replacement module in the sense of sentence 1 can also be completed through internships. § 41 RPO applies for the registration of replacement modules provided that registration is made in writing with signature at the Central Examination Office. The replacement modules must have been presented at the latest by the time the student registers for the master’s dissertation pursuant to § 10.

§ 5 Courses and Study Organisation

- (1) For studies to be successful, students must attend the classes in all modules. The students have to complement the respective contact time through adequate independent studies. The respective lecturers provide study notes for every module in a timely manner – such as reading lists – that are based on the qualification objectives and the workload of the module.
- (2) Regardless of the students’ rights to independently design the temporal and organisational course of their studies, the course of studies listed in Appendix A (sample study plans) is recommended. The sample study plans should also be consulted for the qualitative and quantitative relationships between the duration of the modules and the amount of ECTS on the one hand and the type of course and number of contact hours per week on the other.
- (3) In addition to the compulsory modules, the Faculty provides optional courses in line with available capacities, if necessary in collaboration with other faculties, that serve the purpose of expanding and deepening the knowledge conveyed in the modules. Pursuant to the principle of the freedom of studies and subject to corresponding admission restrictions, students can attend optional courses belonging to other degree courses.
- (4) Students are independently responsible for the organisation and preparation of the obligatory period of stay abroad. The student advisory service of the involved subject areas and the International Office provide corresponding help.

§ 6 Types of Class

The study content is mainly conferred in the form of lectures, seminars, language acquisition and reading seminars, and to a lesser extent in colloquia and tutorials:

1. Lectures serve the systematic presentation of a subject matter; these are mainly taught in the form of a presentation.
2. Seminars are courses with a smaller number of participants, in which students develop their independent academic thinking and argumentation skills with the help of guided discussions and possibly presentations.
3. Reading seminars are intended for the intensive reading and discussion of selected academic or literary texts in a smaller group of participants.

4. Language acquisition seminars are courses with a smaller number of participants, in which the students acquire or extend language skills through guided discussions and smaller exercises and presentations during the semester.
5. Exercises require the independent use of acquired skills to tackle specific questions.
6. Colloquia serve the discussion of theoretical approaches and the preparation and presentation of subject-specific academic work.
7. Tutorials reinforce the syllabus and help to develop the expertise of both individual students and groups of students.
8. Lecture series serve the purpose of combining the variety of views about the Baltic Sea region from different disciplines. They offer an interdisciplinary overview of the culture and history of the Baltic Sea region.

§ 7 Modules

(1) The following **compulsory modules** are studied in the master's degree course:

No.	Module	Workload (hrs)	Duration	ECTS	RED		Type and scope of examination
					Begin winter semester	Begin summer semester	
Area Cultural Theory and Cultural Development in the Baltic Sea Region							
1.	Introduction to Cultural Studies	150 (30/120)	1	5	1st semester	2nd semester	Examination 60 minutes (passed/failed)
2.	Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Baltic Sea Region	150 (60/90)	2	5	2nd semester	1st semester	Portfolio 5 Pages (passed/failed)
Area Language Acquisition							
3.	Language Skills I	150 (90/60)	1	5	1st semester	1st semester	Examination 90 minutes (marked)
4.	Language Skills II	150 (75/75)	1	5	2nd semester	2nd semester	Examination 90 minutes (marked)
Area History, Cultures and Languages of the Baltic Sea Region							
5.	History of the Baltic Sea Region	300 (90/210)	1	10	1st semester	2nd semester	Coursework essay 20-25 pages (marked)

6.	Languages and Literatures of the Baltic Sea Region	300 (60/240)	1	10	2nd semester	1st semester	Coursework essay 15-20 pages (marked)
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(2) Students who are able to prove German language skills at level A1 CEFR at the beginning of their studies shall take the language acquisition seminars belonging to Module 4 for Module 3 and for Module 4, they shall take advanced German language courses provided by the Department of Teaching German as a Foreign Language to a corresponding extent. Students who are able to prove German language skills at level A2 to B1 CEFR at the beginning of their studies shall take advanced German language courses provided by the Department of Teaching German as a Foreign Language to a corresponding extent for Modules 3 and 4. If students are able to present proof of German language skills equivalent to level B2 CEFR at the beginning of their studies, or more than seven years of German at school, or they have already completed a degree course in the German language, they can choose a foreign language from the languages provided by the Departments of Baltic Studies, Finnish Studies, Scandinavian Studies and Slavonic Studies at bachelor's and master's level to study to a corresponding extent for Modules 3 and 4. If this is the case, the respective examination and study regulations of the subject areas apply. Pre-existing knowledge of a language from the Baltic Sea region may be consolidated or a new language may be chosen from those on offer. If the student has previous knowledge of the chosen language, the subject representative decides which course the student shall attend (levels A2 to C1 CEFR).

(3) In the **elective area**, the students choose two suitable modules from the master's degree courses provided by the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, the contents of which correspond with the qualification objectives of the master's degree course 'History and Culture of the Baltic Sea Region' and complete these with a workload of 600 hours (20 ECTS). Both modules count towards the final mark. The following table lists recommendations from which a selection can be made. Further modules can be chosen by the Examination Board upon request from the students and in consultation with the subject representatives. Special participation requirements may apply.

No.	Module	Workload (hrs)	Duration	ECTS	RED	Type and scope of examination
Elective area (English)						
WM1	Region Building and Regional Identities in the Baltic Sea Region	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	Coursework essay, 20-25 pages (marked)

WM2	Gender Relations in Historical and Cultural Perspective in the Baltic Sea Region	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	Coursework essay, 20-25 pages (marked)
	Elective area (German)					
WM3	Low German I	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	Coursework essay, 15-20 pages (marked)
Elective area (German) via modules from other master's degree courses (selection)						
<u>From the teacher-training degree for teaching history at <i>Gymnasium</i> (German grammar schools):</u>						
	Advanced Module 2d: Theories, Methods, Controversies, Fundamental Sciences	300 (60/240)	1	10		Pursuant to respective PSO 2022
	Advanced Module 5: Nordic History	300 (60/240)	1	10		
	Advanced Module 6: Eastern European History	300 (60/240)	1	10		
	Advanced Module 7: Regional History of the Baltic Sea Region	300 (60/240)	1	10		
<u>From M.A. Culture-Interculturality-Literature:</u>						
	Module 7: Literature – Culture – Historicity	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	Pursuant to respective FPO/SPO
	Module 8: Literature – Culture – Mediality	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	
	Module 9: Literature – Culture – Textuality	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	

<u>From M.A. Linguistic Diversity:</u>					Pursuant to respective FPO/SPO
Module Balt-2: Basics of Baltic Philology	300 (60/240)	2	10	1st+2nd semester	
Module Balt-3: Bilingualism in the Baltic States	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	
Module Balt-6: Communication in the Baltic States	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	
Module Fenn-1: Finnish Basic Module A1	300 (135/165)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	
Module Fenn-3: Finnish Literary History	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	
Module Ger-1: Language and Social Interaction	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	
Module Ger-2: Historical Foundations of Today's German	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	
Module Ger-3: Internal Differentiation of Today's German	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	
Module Skand-5: Old Norse	150 (45/105)	1	5	1st/2nd Semester	
Module Skand-7: History and Regional Geography of Northern Europe	150 (60/90)	1	5	1st/2nd Semester	
Module Skand-8: Structures of Scandinavian Languages	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	
Module Skand-10: History of Scandinavian Languages	300 (60/240)	1	10	1st/2nd Semester	
Module Slaw-5: Slavonic Country and Culture Studies	150 (60/90)	1	5	1st/2nd Semester	
Module Slaw-10: Applied Slavonic Linguistics	450 (90/360)	1	15	1st/2nd Semester	

- (4) Intended modules in the compulsory elective area from other master's degree courses provided by the Faculty of Arts and Humanities are subject to the respective examination and study regulations.

§ 8 Semester Abroad

- (1) During the semester abroad at least 30 ECTS are to be attained that are granted by the partner university. At least one third of these ECTS must be marked. Credits attained at an external higher education institution are to be confirmed according to the European Credit Transfer system in a Transcript of Records. The ECTS confirmed in this Transcript of Records shall be fully recognised by the University of Greifswald, if they mostly comply with the Learning Agreement.
- (2) If students are not capable of attaining 30 ECTS due to justified circumstances, the Examination Board decides whether lacking ECTS can be compensated through proof of achievement from additional modules at the University of Greifswald or through externally attained ECTS (e.g. in summer schools).

§ 9 Examinations

- (1) The master's examination consists of the examinations taken for the individual modules during the course of studies and a master's dissertation with defence.
- (2) Module examinations serve the purpose of determining whether, and to what extent, the student has achieved the qualification objectives.
- (3) The module examinations are taken in the form of written examinations, oral examinations, coursework essays or as a portfolio. The portfolio in Module 2 "Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Baltic Sea Region" entails the written summary of the content of five different course sessions on one page each.
- (4) The topic of the coursework essays must be agreed upon with the examiner by the end of the lecture period at the latest. The writing-up period is eight weeks. Coursework essays are assessed by one examiner, however, if it is the final attempt, it will be assessed by two examiners.
- (5) Oral examinations are assessed by one examiner in the presence of one competent observer. Written examinations and other kinds of assessment are marked by one examiner, unless it is the final attempt, in which case they will be marked by two examiners.
- (6) Examinations are held/completed in English. If the examiner and the candidate agree, they can also be held/completed in German. In modules 3 and 4, the examination and/or marked coursework is held/completed in English or German.

§ 10

Master's Dissertation

- (1) The master's dissertation is an academic piece of work and shall not consist of less than 80 and not more than 100 pages à 3000 characters per page (including spaces and footnotes). The writing-up period is six months with an overall workload of 840 hours.
- (2) The assignment of the topic of the master's dissertation takes place upon application from the student not before they have acquired 60 ECTS. The application is to be submitted at the latest six months after completion of the last module examination, which was not taken during a semester abroad. The respective writing-up period is shortened if the topic is applied for at a later date or not at all.
- (3) The topic of the master's dissertation can be changed within the first 3 months after the start of the writing-up period if the student submits a respective justified application which has been approved by the supervisor. The decision on the application is made by the Examination Board.
- (4) The master's dissertation is concluded with an oral defence of the dissertation. During the defence, the students have to present the results of their work and defend them against possible objections. The duration of the defence is 45 minutes, of which 15 minutes are used for the presentation of the results by the students. The defence is attended and assessed by two examiners. If the defence is assessed with 'insufficient' (5.0), it can be repeated once. If the defence is not passed a second time, the master's dissertation must also be repeated.

§ 11

Final Grade and University Degree

- (1) In accordance with § 33 RPO, the final grade of the master's examination is calculated from the marks of the module examinations and the mark of the master's dissertation including its defence.
- (2) The marks for the module examinations and the master's dissertation (including the defence) are included in the final grade in accordance with their respective proportion of credits. Module 1 and Module 2 are only assessed with 'passed/failed'. The marks of Modules 3 to 6, both compulsory electives and the modules assessed during the semester abroad are included in the final grade in accordance with § 7(4) and § 9 RPO.
- (3) After passing the master's examination, the degree 'Master of Arts' (abbreviated: M.A.) shall be conferred.

§ 12 Entry into Force

These Examination Regulations enter into force on the day after their university-wide publication.

Issued following the decisions of the Study Committee of the Senate of 16 April 2019 and 11 December 2019, of the Senate of 15 May 2019, and the approval of the Rector of 13 December 2019.

Greifswald, 13 December 2019

**The Rector of the
University of Greifswald
Prof. Dr. Johanna Eleonore Weber**

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Appendix A1: Sample Study Plan (Start of studies in winter semester)

Course (type)	Workload	ECTS	Contact hours per week (SWS)	Type of tuition	Type and extent of examination (related to the entire module)	RED
1st Subject semester (winter semester)						
Module 1: Introduction to Cultural Studies	150	5	2	Lecture (1 SWS) and seminar (1 SWS) for the Introduction to Cultural Sciences	Written examination; 60 minutes	1 st FS
Module 3: Language Skills I	150	5	6	Language acquisition seminar basics (4 SWS) Language acquisition seminar conversation (2 SWS)	Written examination; 90 minutes	1 st FS
Module 5: History of the Baltic Sea Region	300	10	6	Lecture (2 SWS), exercise (2 SWS), and seminar (2 SWS) about the history of the Baltic Sea region	Coursework essay (20-25 pages)	1 st FS
<i>Elective modules</i>	300	10	4	In accordance with the respective currently valid Examination and Study Regulations.	In accordance with the respective currently valid Examination and Study Regulations.	1 st FS
Subtotal	900	30	16			
2nd Subject semester (summer semester)						

Unofficial Reading Version

Module 2: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Baltic Sea Region	150	5	4	Research colloquium about the Baltic Sea region (2 SWS) Lecture series about selected aspects of Baltic Sea region research (2 SWS)	Portfolio (5 pages)	2 nd FS
Module 4: Language Skills II	150	5	5	Language acquisition seminar Basics (3 SWS) Language acquisition seminar conversation (2 SWS)	Written examination, 90 minutes	2 nd FS
Module 6: Languages and Literatures of the Baltic Sea Region	300	10	4	Seminar/lecture (2 SWS) about linguistic typology or language policy in the Baltic Sea region Seminar/lecture (2 SWS) on the comparative analysis of literatures and cultures in the Baltic Sea region	Coursework essay; 15-20 pages	2 nd FS
<i>Elective modules</i>	300	10	4	In accordance with the respective currently valid Examination and Study Regulations.	In accordance with the respective currently valid Examination and Study Regulations.	2 nd FS
Subtotal	900	30	17			
3rd Subject semester (winter semester)						
Semester Abroad	900	30				3 rd FS
Subtotal	900	30	X			
4th Subject semester (summer semester)						
Master's dissertation	840	28				4 th FS
Defence of the master's dissertation	60	2	1			4 th FS

Unofficial Reading Version

Subtotal	900	30	1		
Total	3600	120	34+X		

Appendix A2: Sample Study Plan (Start of studies in the summer semester)

Course (type)	Workload	ECTS	Contact hours per week (SWS)	Type of tuition	Type and extent of examination (related to the entire module)	RED
	1st Subject semester (summer semester)					
Module 2: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Baltic Sea Region	150	5	4	Research colloquium about the Baltic Sea region (2 SWS) Lecture series about selected aspects of Baltic Sea region research (2 SWS)	Portfolio	2 nd FS
Module 3: Language Skills I	150	5	6	Language acquisition seminar basics (4 SWS) Language acquisition seminar conversation (2 SWS)	Written examination; 90 min.	1 st FS

Unofficial Reading Version

Module 6: Languages and Literatures of the Baltic Sea Region	300	10	4	Seminar/lecture (2 SWS) on the linguistic typology or language policy in the Baltic Sea region Seminar/lecture (2 SWS) on the comparative analysis of literatures and cultures in the Baltic Sea region	Coursework essay; 15-20 pages	1 st FS
<i>Elective modules</i>	300	10	4	In accordance with the respective currently valid Examination and Study Regulations.	In accordance with the respective currently valid Examination and Study Regulations.	1 st FS
Subtotal	900	30	18			
2nd Subject semester (winter semester)						
Module 1: Introduction to Cultural Studies	150	5	2	Lecture (1 SWS) and seminar (1 SWS)	Written examination, 60 minutes	1 st FS
Module 4: Language Skills II	150	5	5	Language acquisition seminar basics (3 SWS) Language acquisition seminar conversation (2 SWS)	Written examination, 90 minutes	2 nd FS
Module 5: History of the Baltic Sea Region	300	10	6	Lecture (2 SWS), exercise (2 SWS), and seminar (2 SWS) about the history of the Baltic Sea region	Coursework essay (20-25 pages)	2 nd FS
<i>Elective modules</i>	300	10	4	In accordance with the respective currently valid Examination and Study Regulations.	In accordance with the respective currently valid Examination and Study Regulations.	2 nd FS

Unofficial Reading Version

Subtotal	900	30	15			
3rd Subject semester (summer semester)						
Semester Abroad	900	30				3 rd FS
Subtotal	900	30	X			
4th Subject semester (winter semester)						
Master's dissertation	840	28				4 th FS
Defence of the master's dissertation	60	2	1			4 th FS
Subtotal	900	30	1			
Total	3600	120	34+X			

Appendix B: Module Descriptions

Module 1: Introduction to Cultural Studies	
Qualification goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Familiarity with basic definitions of cultural studies and the ability to reflect critically - Ability to connect literary approaches with concepts related to cultural studies - Creating a common basis for discussion for students from different subject areas
Contents	Basic definitions of cultural studies, e. g. nature-culture divide, culture as text, signs, media, performativity, cultural anthropology, memory, body, cultural identity
Type of tuition	Lecture (1 SWS) and seminar (1 SWS)
Participation requirements	none
Requirement for the allocation of ECTS	Written examination (60 minutes)
Frequency of offer	Every winter semester
Workload	150 hours, of which 2 SWS (30 hours) contact time
Duration	One semester
RED	1 st semester
ECTS	5
Responsible	Department of Slavonic Studies

Module 2: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Baltic Sea Region	
Qualification goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to connect different areas of science/academia with interdisciplinary research approaches to the Baltic Sea region - Creating a common basis for discussion for students from different subject areas
Contents	<p>Linguistic, literary, historical, political, musical and art historical, as well as civic developments of the Baltic Sea region are focused on.</p> <p>The students shall receive an insight into current questions and issues approached by Baltic Sea region research.</p>

Type of tuition	1) Research colloquium about the Baltic Sea region (2 SWS) 2) Lecture series about selected aspects of Baltic Sea region research (2 SWS)
Participation requirements	none
Requirement for the allocation of ECTS	Portfolio (5 pages)
Frequency of offer	Every summer semester
Workload	150 hours, of which 4 SWS (60 hours) contact time
Duration	One semester
RED	2 nd semester
ECTS	5
Responsible	Department of History

Module 3: Language Skills I	
Qualification goals	Acquisition of German language skills on a level that is equivalent to at least A1 CEFR
Contents	Development of receptive and productive language skills and systematic consolidation of the participants' knowledge of the German language using various language exercises and different kinds of media. Development of grammatical knowledge, pronunciation exercises.
Type of tuition	Language acquisition seminar basics (4 SWS) and Language acquisition seminar conversation (2 SWS)
Participation requirements	none
Requirement for the allocation of ECTS	Written examination (90 minutes)
Frequency of offer	Every semester
Workload	150 hours, of which 6 SWS (90 hours) contact time

Duration	One semester
RED	1 st semester
ECTS	5
Responsible	Department of German Philology, Department of Teaching German as a Foreign Language (DaF)

Module 4: Language Skills II	
Qualification goals	Acquisition of German language skills on a level that is equivalent to at least A2 CEFR
Contents	Development of receptive and productive language skills and systematic consolidation of the participants' knowledge of the German language using various language exercises and different kinds of media. Development of grammatical knowledge, pronunciation exercises.
Type of tuition	Language acquisition seminar basics (3 SWS) and Language acquisition seminar conversation (2 SWS)
Participation requirements	Successful completion of Language Skills I
Requirement for the allocation of ECTS	Written examination (90 minutes)
Frequency of offer	Every semester
Workload	150 hours, of which 5 SWS (75 hours) contact time
Duration	One semester
RED	2 nd semester
ECTS	5
Responsible	Department of German Philology, Department of Teaching German as a Foreign Language (DaF)

Module 5: History of the Baltic Sea Region	
Qualification goals	- Ability to recognise similarities and differences in the history of Northern Europe, define the position of the Baltic Sea region in Europe as a whole, and act as a cultural mediator
Contents	In-depth knowledge about the history of the countries of the Baltic Sea region and their reciprocal relationships from the Middle Ages to the 20th Century
Type of tuition	Lecture on the history of the Baltic Sea region (2 SWS) Exercise on the history of the Baltic Sea region (2 SWS) Seminar on the history of the Baltic Sea region (2 SWS)
Participation requirements	none
Requirement for the allocation of ECTS	20 to 25-page coursework essay
Frequency of offer	Every winter semester
Workload	300 hours, of which 6 SWS (90 hours) contact time
Duration	One semester
RED	1 st semester
ECTS	10
Responsible	Department of History

Module 6: Languages and Literatures of the Baltic Sea Region	
Qualification goals	- In-depth knowledge about common and specific traits of languages, literatures and cultures of the Baltic Sea region and their genesis - Ability to analyse, prepare and academically present detailed linguistic, language policy as well as cultural and literary historical connections in the Baltic Sea region
Contents	- Knowledge of typology of languages from the Baltic Sea region and the language situation and language policy developments in the countries bordering the Baltic Sea - Classes, epochs and motives of the literatures of the Baltic Sea region and their (multi)medial reception based on selected examples in a comparative perspective

Type of tuition	Seminar or lecture (2 SWS) about the linguistic typology or language policy in the Baltic Sea region Seminar or lecture (2 SWS) about the comparative analysis of literatures and cultures in the Baltic Sea region
Participation requirements	none
Requirement for the allocation of ECTS	15 to 20-page coursework essay
Frequency of offer	Every summer semester
Workload	300 hours, of which 4 SWS (60 hours) contact time
Duration	One semester
RED	2 nd semester
ECTS	10
Responsible	Department of Slavonic Studies

English Elective Modules

Elective module 1: Region Building and Regional Identities in the Baltic Sea Region	
Qualification goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the relevance and development of historically determined identities with their territorial, symbolic and institutional interconnections for the region building process based on a concept of regional identity - Conveyance of analytical competencies that are of importance for employment in an intercultural context <p>Following completion of the module, the student can reflect on culture-historical and social developments of institutions, explain their functions and connect them with the concept of the region</p>
Contents	The module conveys different concepts of region building and the creation of regional identities by teaching historical, sociological and societal content, with the Baltic Sea region as the connecting element.
Type of tuition	2 SWS seminar or lecture and 2 SWS seminar
Participation requirements	none

Requirement for the allocation of ECTS	20 to 25-page coursework essay
Frequency of offer	Every winter semester
Workload	300 hours, of which 4 SWS (60 hours) contact time
Duration	One semester
ECTS	10
Responsible	Department of History

Elective module 2: Gender Relations in Historical and Cultural Perspective in the Baltic Sea Region	
Qualification goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The students learn how to analyse gender as a category that has grown historically, socially and culturally in the regions and countries of the Baltic Sea region. - In-depth knowledge of cultural studies - Conveyance of theories and methods of gender research based on the historico-cultural developments in the Baltic Sea region.
Contents	The Module conveys historical, cultural and socio-logical developments of gender in the Baltic Sea region using the theories of gender research and gender studies to reflect upon these aspects.
Type of tuition	2 SWS seminar or lecture + 2 SWS seminar
Participation requirements	none
Requirement for the allocation of ECTS	20 to 25-page coursework essay
Frequency of offer	Every summer semester
Workload	300 hours, of which 4 SWS (60 hours) contact time
Duration	One semester
RED	2 nd semester
ECTS	10
Responsible	Department of History

German Elective

Elective module 3: Low German	
Qualification goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic knowledge of theories and methods for writing about linguistic history and theory of language change - Knowledge of important stations in the history of the Low German language - Ability to historically classify the relationship between language change and language awareness - Advanced knowledge from the start of Middle Low German until the Early Modern era - Ability to present and discuss a topic or range of topics belonging to Middle Low German literature
Contents	Theoretical approaches to writing about linguistic history and language change; overview of the language history of Low German; connection between language awareness and language change; literary history of the Middle Ages and the Early Modern era; works, categories, subjects; types of texts; subject-specific guides, introductions; works on literature and linguistic history
Type of tuition	Seminar linguistic history Low German (2 SWS) Seminar Middle Low German literature (2 SWS)
Participation requirements	none
Requirement for the allocation of ECTS	Coursework essay (15-20 pages)
Frequency of offer	Every summer semester
Workload	300 hours, of which 4 SWS (60 hours) contact time
Duration	One semester
RED	2 nd semester
ECTS	10
Responsible	Department of German Philology