



Facts and figures

Start: Winter and summer semesters

Duration: 4 semesters

Degree: Master of Arts

Language: German

Admission not restricted

Application and enrolment



Admission requirements

General admission requirements:

www.uol.de/stud/315en

Language skills:

German native speaker or DSH 2

Application

Application deadline: 30 September or 31 March

German university degree:

Online application

www.uol.de/studium/bewerben/master

EU or international applicants:

www.uol.de/en/application/international-students/master

Contact

For questions about the subject/degree programme

Academic counselling for Philosophy

www.uol.de/en/subject-specific-student-advice

Student representatives for Philosophy

www.uol.de/fsphilo

fsphilo@uol.de

For questions about your studies

Study and Career Counselling Service

www.uol.de/en/zskb

Basic questions about application and enrolment

Student InfoLine

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Student Service Centre – SSC

Haarentor campus, building A12

26129 Oldenburg

www.uol.de/en/students/service-advice

Further information

Philosophy website

www.uol.de/en/philosophy/studies-teaching/master-philosophy

Degree programmes at the University of Oldenburg

www.uol.de/en/students/degree-programmes

Financing your studies

www.uol.de/en/students/fees/financing-your-studies

Optional period abroad

www.uol.de/en/going-abroad

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Philosophy

Master's degree



Philosophy (M. A.)

Given the problems of today's world, it is more important than ever to define our times and reflect on what threatens to tear our world apart or what perhaps might be able to keep it together.

Within the university, Philosophy is the discipline that examines all of these urgent questions and strives to find answers. Philosophy draws on a long tradition and more than 2,000 years of grappling with questions such as: What can we know? What should we do? What can we hope for? What is humanity?

The Philosophy degree programme explores these fundamental questions. Students learn to understand the basic principles of philosophy and delve deeper into central theories based on the work of classical philosophers and current thinking. They acquire the ability to perform extensive textual analysis and criticism, philosophise independently and transfer the insights gained from philosophy to non-philosophical spheres.

Career opportunities

Only a few tightly defined career fields are tied to a philosophy degree. In the degree programme, students acquire a fundamental education in the humanities and knowledge of cultural traditions. Core skills such as the ability to reflect, argue constructively and take criticism form a major part of the programme. This opens up opportunities in these career fields:

- Academic career
- Publishing, libraries, bookshops, free author
- Adult education (academies, evening schools)
- Public administration and associations, politics
- Ethics commissions, technology impact assessment
- Business consulting, philosophical practices

Structure and contents

UPGRADE MODULES 24 CP	SEMESTER 1	
Elective modules		
History of Philosophy / 12 CP Practical Philosophy – Ethics, Law, Society / 12 CP Theoretical Philosophy and Basics of the Sciences / 12 CP Aesthetics and Cultural Philosophy / 12 CP		
ADVANCED MODULES 45 CP	SEMESTER 2 / 3	
Elective modules		
History of Philosophy / 15 CP Philosophy of Society / 15 CP Theoretical Philosophy and Basics of the Sciences / 15 CP Specialisation / 15 CP		
PRACTICAL MODULES 12 CP		
Elective module		
Conducting a Tutorial / 12 CP Non-academic internship / 12 CP Specialisation-specific language courses / 12 CP		
SELF-STUDY 9 CP	SEM. 4	
Compulsory module		
COMPULSORY 30 CP		
Master's thesis module		
MASTER OF ARTS 120 CP		

Specialisation

In the first semester, depending on their previous degree programme, students attend advanced modules from a choice of Theoretical Philosophy and Basics of the Sciences, Practical Philosophy – Ethics, Law, Society, or History of Philosophy and Aesthetics and Cultural Philosophy. This consolidates their knowledge in the various disciplines within the subject.

For students who come to the University of Oldenburg with a Bachelor from a different university, this option of choosing from a range of advanced modules offers the advantage of flexible integration into the study structure in Oldenburg. In the second and third semesters, students move on to the research-oriented advanced modules. They choose three modules from the following four areas: Theoretical Philosophy and Basics of Sciences, Social Philosophy, History of Philosophy, specialisation module.

The theoretical study programme is supplemented by an elective practical module chosen from three alternatives:

1. In the module Conducting a Tutorial, students are able to teach for one semester in an introductory course in the Bachelor programme.
2. The Internship module offers a non-academic internship and gives students an early impression of the employment market.
3. The module Specialisation-Specific Language Course gives students the opportunity to acquire or hone important language skills for their degree programme and in particular for their specialisation area.

The Self-Study module focuses on research for independent text analysis. Students can spend the second or third semester studying at a foreign university (the Institute has close ties with universities in Siena, Milan, Covilhã and Oppeln). The fourth semester is reserved for the Master's thesis.