

OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF

**Fachspezifische Bestimmungen für den Studiengang
„Manuscript Cultures (M.A.)“ der Fakultät für
Geisteswissenschaften**

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**Subject-Specific Provisions for the Master of Arts (MA) in
Manuscript Cultures of the Faculty of Humanities**

1 March 2023

On 27 March 2023 in accordance with Section 108 subsection 1 of the Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG), the Executive University Board of Universität Hamburg ratified the Subject-Specific Provisions for the Master of Arts in Manuscript Cultures adopted by the Faculty of Humanities on 1 March 2023 pursuant to Section 91 subsection 2 number 1 HmbHG dated 18 July 2001 (HmbGVBl. p. 171) as amended on 17 June 2017 (HmbGVBl. p. 468).

Preamble

These Subject-Specific Provisions supplement the Examination Regulations of the Faculty of Humanities at Universität Hamburg dated 6 May 2015, as amended, which govern the master of arts degree programs and provide a description of the modules for the Master of Arts in Manuscript Cultures.

I. Supplemental provisions

Section 1

Program and examination objectives, academic degree, and implementation of the degree program

Section 1 subsection 1: Program objectives

The MA in Manuscript Cultures concentrates on central topics in the field of general manuscript research combined with subject-specific competencies. The degree program promotes the independent, analytical handling of manuscripts, the examination of the texts, images, notes, and diagrams contained therein from a cultural science perspective, the scientific analysis of manuscript materials, and the development of creative approaches to solutions that address complex cultural and scientific issues. Thematically, the degree program covers a broad spectrum of manuscript cultures, particularly in Asia, Africa, and Europe.

Section 1 subsection 3:

The academic degree, Master of Arts will be conferred.

Section 1 subsection 4:

The Faculty of Humanities is responsible for administering the degree program.

Section 4

Program and examination organization, modules, and ECTS credits

Section 4 subsections 2 and 3:

(1) Modules for the Master of Arts in Manuscript Cultures, totaling 60 ECTS credits:

a) The following required modules must be completed:

Module MC-1 (12 ECTS credits) Manuscript Cultures in the Humanities

Module MC-2 (12 ECTS credits) Manuscript Cultures in the Natural Sciences

Module MC-MA-WB (6 ECTS credits) free elective area

MC-Thesis Module (MC-Abschluss) (30 ECTS credits)

The master's degree program will be complete upon concluding the module, MC-Thesis Module, totaling 30 ECTS credits. It includes the composition of a master's thesis (28 ECTS credits) and participation in a colloquium (2 ECTS credits).

(2) In the free elective area (6 ECTS credits), students will have the opportunity to select elective courses from the degree program as well as *Studium Generale* courses according to their own interest. The elective area thus serves to reinforce interdisciplinary expertise, and enables students to strengthen their interdisciplinary skills, allowing them to gain knowledge in other subject areas, and to think outside the boundaries of their specialization. Students have the option of choosing introductory language and/or subject-specific courses in order to acquire the required methodological knowledge to pursue a specialization or greater knowledge of an individual topic.

Semester 1	Semester 2
<p>MC-1 Module Cultures in the Humanities Manuscript Cultures 12 ECTS credits / 5 credit hours per week</p> <p>2 credit hours per week lecture with 1 credit hour per week practical course (Coursework), 2 credit hours per week seminar and seminar paper</p> <p>Lecture and practical course = 4 ECTS credits Seminar and seminar paper = 8 ECTS credits</p>	<p>MC-Thesis Module 30 ECTS credits / 1 credit hours per week</p> <p>Master's thesis (28 ECTS credits) 1 credit hour per week master's student colloquium = 2 ECTS credits</p>
<p>MC-2 Module Manuscript Cultures in the Natural Sciences</p> <p>12 ECTS credits / 5 credit hours per week</p> <p>2 credit hours per week lecture with 1 credit hour per week practical course (Coursework), 2 credit hours per week seminar and seminar paper</p> <p>Lecture and practical course = 4 ECTS credits Seminar and seminar paper = 8 ECTS credits</p>	
<p>Free elective area MC-MA-WB 6 ECTS credits</p>	
24 ECTS credits	30 ECTS credits

Section 14
Master's thesis

Section 14 subsection 2 sentence 1:

In order to be allowed to commence work on the master's thesis at least one of the modules, MC-1 or MC-2, must have been successfully completed.

Section 14 subsection 7 sentence 1:

Students have five months in which to complete their master's thesis and it will be worth 28 ECTS credits in the program.

Section 15
Evaluation of examinations

Section 15 subsection 3 sentence 9:

The module examinations contribute to the overall final grade for the master's degree as follows: 30 percent for MC-1, 30 percent for MC-2, and 70 percent for the final module. The modules and courses from the elective area will be graded as pass or fail and are not included in the overall final grade.

Module overview for the Master of Arts in Manuscript Cultures

Module: MC-1 Module type: Required module Title: Manuscript Cultures in the Humanities									
Learning outcomes	Knowledge of the methods of cultural studies analysis of manuscripts and their theoretical fundamentals, ability to plan and conduct philological historical research on manuscripts								
Module content	Instruction on the relevant fundamentals of codicology, paleography, textual criticism, and cataloging; instruction on the terms, methods, and concepts of manuscript research on the basis of selected examples from various manuscript cultures in various typological, geographical, and chronological forms; the conveyance of a comprehensive view of the materiality, production, transmission, and interaction of manuscripts in their respective cultures.								
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Language of instruction	English								
Prerequisites	none								
Module applicability	The module is a component of the Master of Arts in Manuscript Cultures.								
Type, requirements, and language of module examination	<p>Prerequisites for registration to take the module examination: Regular course attendance. Expected coursework (reports, essays, oral presentations, practical courses, etc.) will be announced in detail at the start of every course.</p> <p>Type of examination: For the main seminar, written term papers totaling roughly 15–25 pages with a working time of 3–8 weeks) or equivalent written work in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 13 subsection 5. The specific type and scope of the examination will be announced by the instructor at the beginning of the course.</p> <p>Examination language: English</p>								
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Total workload	12 ECTS credits
Module frequency	At least once a year
Module duration	1–2 semesters

Module: MC-2									
Module type: Required module									
Title: Manuscript Cultures in the Natural Sciences									
Learning outcomes	Knowledge of the methods of scientific materials analysis of manuscripts and their theoretical fundamentals, ability to plan and conduct experimental research on manuscripts								
Module content	Instruction on the relevant fundamentals of physics, chemistry, biology, and computer science; instruction on the theoretical fundamentals and methods of scientific materials analysis of manuscripts; practicing the functional experimental application of methods of scientific materials analysis								
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MC-Thesis Module (MC-Abschluss) Module type: Required module Title: MC-Thesis Module (MC-Abschluss) Manuscript cultures	
Learning outcomes	Graduates will acquire the skills to be able to carry out independent academic work in the field of manuscript research. This qualification is a prerequisite for the continuation of studies in a doctoral degree program related to manuscript research.
Module content	Preparation and composition of the master's thesis; development, presentation, and discussion of an independent research project in a colloquium.
Teaching format(s)	Colloquium 1 credit hour per week
Language of instruction	English
Prerequisites	Successful completion of one of the modules MC-1 or MC-2
Module applicability	The module is a component of the Master of Arts in Manuscript Cultures.
Type, requirements, and language of module examination	Type of examination: Master's thesis that reflects the current state of research (time for completion: 5 months). Regular colloquium attendance. The specific coursework to be completed in the colloquium will be announced by the instructor at the beginning of the colloquium. Examination language: English
Workload in the respective module components	Master's thesis 28 ECTS credits Colloquium 2 ECTS credits
Total workload	30 ECTS credits
Module frequency	Each semester
Module duration	One semester

Section 23
Effective date

These Subject-Specific Provisions become effective on the day following official publication by Universität Hamburg. They apply to students commencing their studies from the Winter Semester 2023/24.

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