

AFRICAN STUDIES

FULL-TIME M.A. PROGRAM

Course name	Curriculum contents	Semester / Number of hours / Number of ECTS points			
		I	II	III	IV
A. General Courses					
General University Course (incl. at least 5 ECTS points for course of social sciences)	Classes aiming at the overall academic and personal development of the student and not offered by the Faculty of Oriental Studies.	15 HRS 1 ECTS	15 HRS 2 ECTS	15 HRS 5 ECTS	
B. Basic Courses					
Modern methods of academic research (lecture)	Introduction to the methodology of research in the field of linguistics, literary studies, history and cultural studies with a focus on the African continent.	30 HRS 2 ECTS	30 HRS 2 ECTS		
Modern methods of academic research (practical classes)	The course provides students with practical knowledge and the ability to use various methods to conduct scientific research and to relate them to specific examples, as well as the skills of practical analysis, interpretation and evaluation of phenomena relating to sub-Saharan Africa.	30 HRS 4 ECTS	30 HRS 4 ECTS		
Contemporary Africa: opportunities and challenges (seminar classes)	The course presents the most important ideological, cultural and religious currents of contemporary Africa, as well as selected examples of cultural and social trends that determine the processes currently taking place in Africa.	30 HRS 3 ECTS	30 HRS 3 ECTS		
C. Thematic courses					
Swahili/Amharic/Hausa language and culture* (practical classes) * Swahili for beginners; Swahili/Hausa/Amharic advanced	The course aims at teaching an African language (Swahili, Amharic or Hausa) with elements of the culture of a given ethnic group.	60 HRS 8 ECTS	60 HRS 8 ECTS	60 HRS 8 ECTS	60 HRS 8 ECTS

Postcolonial perspectives in African Studies (seminar classes)	The course presents various theories related to the social and cultural changes taking place in the postcolonial world.	30 HRS 3 ECTS			
Issues in contemporary African literatures (seminar classes)	The course presents the most important figures of African literature, the most important texts of fiction written in native and European languages (English, French, Portuguese) and key debates in literary life.	30 HRS 3 ECTS			
Issues in African linguistics and communication (seminar classes)	The subject discusses linguistic phenomena that are typologically characteristic of African languages and present verbal and non-verbal patterns of oral and written statements.	30 HRS 3 ECTS			
Cultural linguistics and cultural codes (seminar classes)	The course focuses on discussing selected cultural codes characteristic of Sub-Saharan Africa and on introducing the basic issues in the field of cultural and cognitive linguistics.		30 HRS 3 ECTS		
African popular and mass culture (seminar classes)	The course is to discuss new forms of media widespread in contemporary Africa (radio, television, Internet) and the phenomena of mass culture, with particular emphasis on Nigerian cinematography called Nollywood.	30 HRS 3 ECTS			
Elective courses (seminar classes / workshops)	Course should be selected from the offer of the Faculty of Oriental Studies.		15 HRS 3 ECTS	30 HRS 6 ECTS	
Diploma seminar / Tutoring	The course is designed to prepare students to write a thesis on a topic of their choice, by covering the methodology of scientific research and basic research workshop.		30 HRS 5 ECTS	30 HRS 11 ECTS	30 HRS 22 ECTS
Total			285 HRS 30 ECTS	240 HRS 30 ECTS	135 HRS 30 ECTS
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