

Implementing provisions of the General study regulation (IP-GStudR)

Master of Arts in Historical Sciences (english)

By resolution of the Rectorate*, the following implementing provisions of the GStudR apply as of 01.08.2025.

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1 Scope of studies for Master's Degree Programmes

In accordance with Art. 8b Para. 1 GStudR

The Master of Arts in Historical Sciences consists of 90 ECTS Credits.

2 List of modules

In accordance with Art. 8b Para. 2, 3 and 4 GStudR

Block 1: Compulsory modules / 48 ECTS

M01	Sources and data	12 ECTS
M02	Information systems	12 ECTS
M03	Analysis	12 ECTS
M04	Visualisation	12 ECTS

Block 2¹: Elective modules / 12 ECTS

M05-1	Introduction à la presse numérisée	3 ECTS
M05-2	Digitale Geschichte und Geschichte des Digitalen	3 ECTS
M05-3	Opening history: introduction to open science and open tools for historians	3 ECTS
M05-4	Audiovisuelle Quellen aus Medienarchive für die historische Forschung und Darstellung	3 ECTS
M05-5	Histoire et cartographie	
M06	Scientific event	3 ECTS
M07	Internship	6 ECTS

¹ 12 ECTS must be validated from the elective modules in block 2.

Block 3: Master's thesis / 30 ECTS

M08	Colloquium and Writing	20 ECTS
M09	Defense and dissemination	10 ECTS

3 Regular studies

In accordance with Art. 8 Para. 2 GStudR

¹ Modules M01 and M02 must be completed in the first year of study (semesters 1 and 2) and modules M03 and M04 in the second year of study (semesters 3 and 4). Modules M08 and M09 can only be validated after the compulsory modules have been validated.

4 Organizational division of the study programme in Bachelor's degree programmes

In accordance with Art. 8a Para. 3 GStudR

Point 4 does not apply because these implementing provisions refer to a Master's degree programme.

5 Major-/ minor programmes

In accordance with Art. 8 Para. 4 GStudR

There are currently no Major or Minor programmes.

6 Module Implementation

In accordance with Art. 9 GStudR

Modules M01 and M03 are offered in the autumn semester.

Modules M02 and M04 are offered in the spring semester.

Elective modules M05-1 to M05-5 are offered each semester.

Module M06 is offered in the autumn semester or in the spring semester. It is not offered each year.

Module M07 has to be taken individually and is offered each semester.

The Master's thesis must be completed individually. Modules M08 and M09 are offered each semester.

7 Bilingual Studies

In accordance with Art. 11 Para. 4 GStudR

Bilingual studies are not offered for the Master of Arts in Historical Sciences, but the program follows the principle of passive trilingualism (German, French, and English).

8 Classes/Lectures

In accordance with Art. 14 Para. 4 GStudR

¹ Generally, five Saturdays per semester are dedicated to 3-hour classes for each compulsory module.

² Additional classes, either on Saturdays or during the week, may be offered.

9 Assessments

In accordance with Art. 15 Para. 2 GStudR

¹ Assessments may take various forms:

1. Written exam
2. Oral exam
3. Essays (Guidelines established in the documents *Guide pour les travaux écrits* and *Richtlinien für die schriftlichen Arbeiten*)
4. Oral presentation
5. Video presentation
6. Written or oral group work

10 Special academic assignments and remedial work for special academic assignments

In accordance with Art. 16 Para. 1 and 3 GStudR

1. Module M06 Scientific Event

¹ This module may run over several semesters.

² The validation of the "Scientific Event" module is based on participation in a scientific event offered by the study program, as well as on the assessment of a production submitted by the student. This production may take different forms, as defined in an agreement signed by the student, the Block 2 coordinator, and the head of the study program.

³ The student has one month after the end of the scientific event to submit their production.

⁴ The student must be enrolled during the period defined in the agreement and at the time of submission.

⁵ The module is graded on a "pass" / "fail" basis. The remedial options are defined in the agreement.

2. Module M07 Internship

¹ This module is only available from the second semester onwards.

² This module may extend over several semesters.

³ To validate the "Internship" module, students must participate in a relevant history research project of a cultural or heritage institution and produce an internship report. The choice of internship is suggested by the student and validated by the program director.

⁴ An internship agreement, signed by the student, the cultural or heritage institution's representative, and the Block 2 coordinator, outlines the objectives of the internship, which must be included in the final report.

⁵ The student has one month after the end of the internship to submit their final report.

⁶ The student must be enrolled during the entire internship period and at the time of submission of the internship report.

⁷ The module is graded on a "pass" / "fail" basis. The remedial options are defined in the agreement.

3. Master's thesis

¹ Students who have completed and passed the compulsory modules (M01-M04) may enrol for modules M08 and M09.

² The M08 "Colloquium and Writing" module is assessed based on the quality of the written Master's thesis. Guidelines for the Master's thesis are provided in the *Guide pour les travaux écrits* and *Richtlinien für die schriftlichen Arbeiten*. Module M08 also includes the following criteria:

- The student and his/her supervisor meet at least two times.
- Presentation of the student's research findings at the colloquium organised during the semester as part of module M08.

³ The M09 "Defense and Dissemination" module is assessed on the following criteria:

- Oral defence of the Master's thesis
- Dissemination of the Master's thesis' results to a non-academic audience

⁴ Students must be registered at the time of submission. Master's theses must be submitted during the current academic term, no later than the first day of the exam session. The oral defence is scheduled no later than the last day of the same exam session; the date is settled by the supervisor, in agreement with the student and an expert chosen by the supervisor.

⁵ If a Master's thesis is deemed unsatisfactory by the supervisor, the latter must inform the candidate in writing of his or her assessment and explain the reasons of the failure.

⁶ In the case of an unsatisfactory Master's thesis, the supervisor may allow the candidate to revise it. Generally, revised Master's thesis may not be awarded a grade higher than 4.5. The candidate does not have an automatic right to revision.

⁷ Candidates may not revise a Master's thesis that has already been revised.

⁸ If, after the revision process, a Master's thesis is still deemed unsatisfactory, modules M08 and M09 may be repeated once with a new theme.

11 Non-transferable study credits

In accordance with Art. 25 Para. 4 GStudR

Modules dedicated to the Master's thesis (M08 and M09) must be completed within the Master of Arts in Historical Sciences programme at UniDistance Suisse and cannot be granted through equivalence.

12 Options for Compensation in Master's degree programmes

In accordance with Art. 27 Para. 1 No. 3 GStudR

There is no possibility of compensation in the Master of Arts in Historical Sciences.

13 Master's degree completion

In accordance with Art. 27 Para. 2 GStudR

There are no additional requirements for completing the Master of Arts in Historical Sciences.