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# Heidelberg University intermediate examination and degree programme rules and regulations for the teaching degree programme in Protestant Theology - special section -

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#### Preamble

All titles in this document, be they official, job, status or functions, are used in masculine form, however they refer to men and women equally and may also be used in the corresponding feminine form.

# § 1 Applicability of general section

The Heidelberg University degree programme and examination rules and regulations for the teaching degree programme (secondary schools) - general section - in their respective current version are part of these examination rules and regulations.

### § 2 Examination committee

The examination committee of the faculty is responsible for organising orientation and intermediate examinations for the teaching degree programme in Protestant Theology. The committee is composed of the dean, vice dean, three further professors from the teaching staff, and two research associates, who all have voting rights, as well as a student as an advisory member.

#### § 3 Orientation examination

The orientation examination is an integral part of the course and consists of participation in the course "Introduction to Theology / Beginner's Project" and the preparatory module examinations Basic Biblical Studies Certificate OT or Basic Biblical Studies Certificate NT (TD-Prep) (for the teaching degree programme for secondary schools), or the preparatory module examinations Basic Biblical Studies Certificate OT or Basic Biblical Studies Certificate NT (TD-Care-Prep) (for the advanced teaching degree programme for vocational schools). The orientation examination is passed when the examination components mentioned have been graded as "sufficient" (4.0) or higher.

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### § 4 Intermediate examination

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The intermediate examination is passed when modules from the degree programme in Protestant Theology corresponding to a minimum of 40 CP have been passed, three modules have been completed with a grade of 4.0 or higher, and the required language qualifications have been proven.

### § 5 Academic records

- (1) Knowledge of the following languages must be proven in accordance with annex A of GymPO I (for the teaching degree programme for secondary schools) or annex A of WPrOSozPädCare (for the advanced teaching degree programme for vocational schools):
  - Latin Certificate (Latinum)
  - Ancient Greek Certificate (Graecum)

If knowledge of these languages is not included within the university entrance qualification, it must be proven by the date of the intermediate examination. If the degree programme is taken as a minor subject, knowledge of Latin and Greek must be proven through successful participation in Latin I and Greek I respectively.

(2) Modules to be taken during the course of study are oriented towards GymPO I (for the teaching degree programme for secondary schools) or WPrOSozPädCare (for the advanced teaching degree programme for vocational schools). They are listed in annex 2 and 3 respectively.

# § 6 Retaking examination components

- (1) Examination components completed during the course of study may be retaken once. A second retake is only possible in exceptional and justifiable cases. The orientation examination may only be retaken once.
- (2) If examination components and prerequisites have been passed, they may not be retaken.

### § 7 Coming into force

- (1) These examination rules and regulations come into force on 01 September 2010 and apply to all students who study under the provisions of the Ministry of Education for the first state examination for secondary school teachers (GymPO I examination rules and regulations for secondary school teachers).
- (2) With the coming into force of these examination rules and regulations, the Heidelberg University intermediate examination rules and regulations Protestant Theology special section for the teaching degree programme of 16 December 2003 (President and vice-chancellor's bulletin (Mitteilungsblatt des

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Rektors) of 19/01/2004, p. 17), modified on 22 September 2006 (President and vice-chancellor's bulletin (Mitteilungsblatt des Rektors) of 25/09/2006, p. 791), subject to paragraph 3, cease to be in force.

(3) The examination rules and regulations mentioned in paragraph 2 continue to apply to students who enrolled for the teaching degree programme for secondary schools in Protestant Theology before 1 September 2010 and study under the provisions of the Ministry of Education for academic state examinations for secondary school teachers (academic examination rules and regulations).

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### Annex 1: Periods of study (major subject)

Requirements: Latin Certificate (Latinum), Ancient Greek Certificate (Graecum)

1st semester: 14 CP

Lectures and Courses	WCH	Examination components	СР	Module
<ul> <li>Beginner's project</li> <li>Biblical Studies OT Practice Class <sup>1</sup></li> <li>Biblical Studies NT Practice Class <sup>1</sup></li> <li>OT Basic course</li> </ul>	2 2 2 2	<ul> <li>Basic Biblical Studies Certificate OT</li> <li>Basic Biblical Studies Certificate NT</li> </ul>	2 4 4 4	TD-Prep TD-Prep TD-Prep TD-OT
Total:	8		14	

2<sup>nd</sup> semester: 16 CP

Lectures and Courses	WCH	Examination components	СР	Module
<ul> <li>PS Subject 1</li> <li>IL Subject 1</li> <li>Chosen lecture / course (e.g. practice class)</li> </ul>	2 3-4 2	<ul><li>Preparatory seminar paper</li><li>-</li><li>-</li></ul>	4 + 6 3 3	TD Subject 1 TD-Subject 1 TD-Elect
Total:	7-8		16	

3<sup>rd</sup> semester: 10 CP Specialisation + 4 CP Specialised Didactics

Lectures and Courses	WCH	Examination components	СР	Module
<ul><li>IL OT</li><li>PS Religious Education</li></ul>	3-4	Written / oral examination	3 + 3	TD-
<ul> <li>/ Religious Didactics²</li> <li>Chosen lecture / course (e.g. practice class)</li> </ul>	2 2	• Essay • -	3 + 3 2	OT TD-
Total:	7-8		14	

4th semester: 10 CP

Lectures and Courses	WCH	Examination components	СР	Module
• PS NT	2	Preparatory seminar paper	4 + 6	TD-NT 1
Total:	2		10	

If Theology is taken as the second major subject, the content of the third and fourth semesters is switched.

<sup>1</sup> In consultation with the lecturer, the Biblical Studies OT and NT practice classes may also be taken as self-study courses.

<sup>2</sup> The Specialised Didactics element in the preparatory seminar Religious Education / Religious Didactics amounts to a total of 4 CP, including examination components.

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5<sup>th</sup> semester: non-subject academic programme

6<sup>th</sup> semester: 13 CP

Lectures and Courses	WCH	Examination components	СР	Module
<ul> <li>PS / MS Subject 3</li> <li>IL Subject 3</li> <li>Chosen lecture/course (e.g. IL)</li> </ul>	2 3-4 3-4	<ul><li>Essay</li><li>-</li><li>-</li></ul>	4 + 3 3 3	TD Subject 3 TD-Subject 3 TD-Elect
Total:	8-10	Semester break: Essay	13	

7<sup>th</sup> semester: 12 CP

Lectures and Courses	WCH	Examination components	СР	Module
MS Subject 2	2	Main seminar paper	4 + 8	TD Subject 2
Total:	2	Semester break: Seminar paper	12	

8<sup>th</sup> semester: 11 CP Specialisation + 6 CP Specialised Didactics

Lectures and Courses	WCH	Examination components	СР	Module
MS Religious Education /     Religious Didactics	2	• Paper	4 + 3	TD-SD
L Religious Education / Religious Didactics + Reading	2	• -	2 + 1	TD-SD
Chosen lecture/course (e.g. MS)	2	Essay / written or oral examination	4 + 3	TD-Elect
Total:	6	Semester break: Paper	17	

The Specialised Didactics element in the main seminar and lecture Religious Education / Religious Didactics amounts to a total of 6 CP, including examination components.

9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> semester: 8 CP

Lectures and Courses	WCH	Examination components	СР	Module
<ul> <li>IL Subject 4</li> <li>Chosen lecture / course (e.g. practice class or lecture)</li> </ul>	3-4 2	Written / oral examination  -	3 + 3 2	TD-Subject 4 TD-Elect
Total:	5-6		8	

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# Annex 2: Overview of subject modules in accordance with GymPO I § 5 and GymPO I annex A

Details about individual modules, including content, associated lectures and courses, examination components, required prior knowledge and desired qualification targets, can be found in the degree programme module guide.

Abbreviations: CH = Church History; CP = Credit Points; NT= New Testament; OT = Old Testament; RE = Religious Education; RS = Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology / Missiology; ST = Systematic Theology; TD = Teaching Degree;

# A. Requirements for major subject (GymPO I § 5-7)

Course requirements: Latin Certificate (Latinum), Ancient Greek Certificate (Graecum)

For each language that must be taken (Latin Certificate, Ancient Greek Certificate) two semesters are discounted when setting the examination deadlines (intermediate and orientation examination). This does not affect the deadline for the orientation work placement, which must be completed by the beginning of the third semester.

# I. Compulsory modules (77 CP)

### 1. Introduction and Basic Biblical Studies (30 CP)

Preparatory module (TD-Prep) Beginner's project	<b>10 CP</b> 2 CP
Basic Biblical Studies Certificate OT (practice class / self-study + module examination) Basic Biblical Studies Certificate NT	4 CP
(practice class / self-study + module examination)	4 CP
Module Old Testament (TD-OT) OT Basic course (without Classical Hebrew Certificate) Introductory lecture OT Module examination: Written / oral examination (for basic course or IL)	10 CP 4 CP 3 CP
Module New Testament (TD-NT) Preparatory seminar NT (entry requirement: Ancient Greek Certificate) Module examination: Preparatory seminar paper	<b>10 CP</b> 4 CP 6 CP

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### 2. Specialist Modules (41 CP)

Four subject modules must be taken in the subjects NT, CH, ST and RS in such a way that all four subjects are covered. <sup>3</sup> The main seminar (subject module 2) may only be taken in a subject in which the preparatory seminar was taken previously (e.g. preparatory seminar NT (TD-NT) or preparatory seminar in CH, ST or RS in the elective module (TD-Elect).

Subject module 1 (TD-Subject 1) Preparatory seminar subject 1 Introductory lecture subject 1 Module examination: Preparatory seminar paper	13 CP 4 CP 3 CP 6 CP
Subject module 2 (TD-Subject 2) Main seminar subject 2 Module examination: Main seminar paper	<b>12 CP</b> 4 CP 8 CP
Subject module 3 (TD-Subject 3) Preparatory seminar or main seminar subject 3 Introductory lecture subject 3 Module examination: Essay	10 CP 4 CP 3 CP 3 CP
Subject module 4 (TD-Subject 4) Introductory lecture subject 4 Module examination: Written / oral examination	6 CP 3 CP 3 CP
3. Religious Education and Religious Didactics (6 CP)	
Module Religious Education / Religious Didactics (TD-RE) Preparatory seminar Religious Education / Religious Didactics Module examination:	<b>6 CP</b> 3 CP
Preparatory seminar essay or written / oral examination	3 CP

# II. Elective courses (17 CP)

### **Elective module (TD-Elect)**

17 CP

Lectures and courses can be chosen freely from those offered by the Faculty of Theology.

Module examination: Written / oral examination (3 CP) or preparatory seminar paper (6 CP) or main seminar paper (8 CP) or essay (3-6 CP)

The total number of credit points from lectures, courses and module examinations must amount to a minimum of 17 CP.

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<sup>3</sup> Depending on their content, lectures and courses from the field of Ecumenical Theology may be designated either for Systematic Theology or for Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology / Missiology. Further information can be found in the module guide.

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If Protestant Theology is taken in combination with the major subjects Fine Arts (Gym-PO I § 6 paragraph 2) or Music (GymPO I § 7 paragraph 2), only 10 CP are required.

# III. Advanced Specialised Didactics (10 CP)

Specialised Didactics Module (TD-SD)	10 CP
Main seminar Religious Education / Religious Didactics	4 CP
Lecture Basics of Religious Education / Religious Didactics	
+ additional reading	2 + 1 CP
Module examination: Paper (main seminar)	3 CP

# B. Supplementary examination in major subject (§ 30 GymPO I) (120 CP)

Course requirements: Latin Certificate (Latinum), Ancient Greek Certificate (Graecum)

Specialist requirements as in A (first or second major in accordance with GymPO I § 5 (104 CP), as well as a supplementary module corresponding to 6 CP.

Supplementary module (TD-Min-Sup)	6 CP
Introductory lecture of choice	3 CP
Module examination: Written / oral examination	3 CP

# C. Supplementary examination in minor subject (GymPO I § 30) (90 CP)

Course requirements: Latin (successful completion of Latin I), Greek (successful completion of Greek I)

# I. Compulsory modules (59 CP)

### 1. Introduction and Basic Biblical Studies (25 CP)

Biblical Studies Module (TD-Min-Prep)	8 CP
Basic Biblical Studies Certificate OT	
(practice class / self-study + module examination)	4 CP
Basic Biblical Studies Certificate NT	
(practice class / self-study + module examination)	4 CP

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Old Testament Module (TD-Min-OT)		7 CP	
OT Basic course (without Classical Hebrew Certificate) Module examination: Written / oral examination		4 CP 3 CP	
New Testament Module (TD-Min-NT) Preparatory seminar NT (entry requirement: Greek Certificate) Module examination: Preparatory seminar paper		<b>10 CP</b> 4 CP 6 CP	

### 2. Specialist Modules (24 CP)

For the three subjects Church History, Systematic Theology, and Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology / Missiology, one main seminar paper must be taken.

Church History Module (TD-Min-CH)  Main seminar CH + module examination: main seminar paper or introductory lecture CH +	<b>12/6 CP</b> <sup>4</sup> 4 + 8 CP
Module examination: Written / oral examination	3 + 3 CP
Systematic Theology Module (TD-Min-ST) <sup>5</sup> Main seminar ST + module examination: main seminar paper or introductory lecture ST +	<b>12/6 CP<sup>2</sup></b> 4 + 8 CP
Module examination: Written / oral examination	3 + 3 CP
Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology / Missiology Module	
(TD-Min-RS) <sup>3</sup>	12/6 CP <sup>2</sup>
Main seminar RS + module examination: main seminar paper or introductory lecture RS +	4 + 8 CP
Module examination: Written / oral examination	3 + 3 CP
3. Religious Education and Religious Didactics (10 CP)	
Religious Education / Religious Didactics Module (TD-Min-RE)	10 CP
Religious Education / Religious Didactics preparatory seminar	3 CP
Religious Education / Religious Didactics main seminar	4 CP
Module examination: Paper (main seminar)	3 CP

# II. Elective courses (10 CP)

# **Elective module (TD-Min-Elect)**

10 CP

Lectures and courses can be chosen freely from those offered by the Faculty of Theology.

Module examination: Written / oral examination (3 CP) or preparatory seminar paper (6 CP) or main seminar paper (8 CP) or essay (3-6 CP)

<sup>4</sup> The total number of credit points for the module amount to 12 CP if a main seminar (4 CP) and term paper (8 CP) are selected, and 6 CP if the introductory lecture (3 CP) and examination (3 CP) are chosen.

<sup>5</sup> Depending on their content, lectures and courses from the field of Ecumenical Theology may be designated either for the module TD-Min-ST (Systematic Theology) or for the module TD-Min-RS (Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology / Missiology). Further information can be found in the module guide.

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The total number of credit points from lectures, courses and module examinations must amount to a minimum of 10 CP.

# III. Advanced Specialised Didactics (5 CP)

Specialised Didactics Module (TD-SD)	5 CP
Lecture Religious Education / Religious Didactics (2 WCH)	2 CP
Module examination: Written / oral examination	3 CP

# IV. Supplementary field (6 CP)

Supplementary module (TD-Min-Sup)	6 CP
Introductory lecture of choice	3 CP
Module examination: Written / oral examination	3 CP

# Annex 3: Overview of subject modules in accordance with WProSozPädCare § 5 and WProSozPädCare annex A

Details about individual modules, including content, associated lectures and courses, examination components, required prior knowledge and desired qualification targets, can be found in the degree programme module guide.

Abbreviations: CH = Church History; CP = Credit Points; IL = Introductory Lecture; Min = Minor subject; NT = New Testament; OT = Old Testament; Prep = Preparatory Course; RE = Religious Education; RS = Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology / Missiology; SD = Specialised Didactics; ST = Systematic Theology; TD = Teaching Degree; WCH = Weekly Contact Hours.

# A. Requirements for major and minor subject

Course requirements: Latin Certificate (Latinum), Ancient Greek Certificate (Graecum)

For each language that must be taken (Latin Certificate, Ancient Greek Certificate) two semesters are discounted when setting the examination deadlines (intermediate and orientation examination). This does not affect the deadline for the orientation work placement, which must be completed by the beginning of the third semester.

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# I. Specialist Modules (80 CP)

### 1. Basic modules (27 CP)

Biblical Studies Module (TD-Care-Prep) Beginner's project Basic Biblical Studies Certificate OT	<b>10 CP</b> 2 CP
(practice class / self-study + module examination) Basic Biblical Studies Certificate OT  Basic Biblical Studies Certificate OT	4 CP
(practice class / self-study + module examination)	4 CP
Old Testament Module (TD-Care-OT) OT Basic course (without Classical Hebrew Certificate) <sup>6</sup> Module examination: Written / oral examination	<b>7 CP</b> 4 CP 3 CP
New Testament Module (TD-Care-NT) Preparatory seminar NT (entry requirement: Ancient Greek Certificate) Module examination: Preparatory seminar paper	<b>10 CP</b> 4 CP 6 CP

### 2. Advanced modules (29 CP)

For the three subjects Church History, Systematic Theology, and Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology / Missiology, one main seminar paper must be taken.

Church History Module (TD-Care-CH)  Main seminar CH + module examination: main seminar paper or introductory lecture CH +	<b>12/6 CP</b> <sup>7</sup> 4 + 8 CP
Module examination: written / oral examination	3 + 3 CP
Systematic Theology Module (TD-Care-ST) <sup>8</sup> Main seminar ST + module examination: main seminar paper or introductory lecture ST +	<b>12/6 CP<sup>2</sup></b> 4 + 8 CP
Module examination: written / oral examination	3 + 3 CP
Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology / Missiology Module (TD-Care-RS) <sup>2</sup> Main seminar RS + module examination: main seminar paper or introductory lecture RS +	<b>12/6 CP<sup>2</sup></b> 4 + 8 CP
(TD-Care-RS) <sup>2</sup>	

6 If the student has the required knowledge of Classical Hebrew, the Old Testament preparatory seminar (including Classical Hebrew) may be taken instead of the basic course.

<sup>7</sup> The total number of credit points for the module amount to 12 CP if a main seminar (4 CP) and term paper (8 CP) are selected, and 6 CP if the introductory lecture (3 CP) and examination (3 CP) are chosen.

<sup>8</sup> Depending on their content, lectures and courses from the field of Ecumenical Theology may be designated either for the module TD-Care-ST (Systematic Theology) or for the module TD-Care-RS (Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology / Missiology). Further information can be found in the module guide.

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3. Special field Module (24 CP)

### **Special field Specialisation (TD-Care-Subject)**

24 CP

Lectures and courses can be chosen freely from those offered by the Faculty of Theology.

Module examination: Written / oral examination (3 CP) or preparatory seminar paper (6 CP) or main seminar paper (8 CP) or essay (3-6 CP)

The total number of credit points from lectures, courses and module examinations must amount to a minimum of 24 CP.

# II. Specialised Didactics (10 CP)

Specialised Didactics Module (TD-Care-SD)	10 CP
Preparatory seminar Religious Education / Religious Didactics	3 CP
Main seminar Religious Education / Religious Didactics	4 CP
Module examination: Paper (main seminar)	3 CP

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