

Study Regulations for the Master of Arts (MA) Psychology – Clinical Psychology Focus – Study Course at the International Psychoanalytic University Berlin

Section 1

Scope

These regulations regulate the aims, content and structure of the Master of Arts (MA) "Psychology – Clinical Psychology Focus" study course in accordance with the specifications in the framework study and examination regulations dated 01.10.2018 and on the basis of the examination regulations dated 13.06.2013.

Section 2

Study Content and Study Aims

The Master of Arts (MA) Psychology – Clinical Psychology Focus study course conveys

1. Knowledge about the emergence of psychological and psychosomatic disorders in children, adolescents and adults – focusing on: Social and culturally determined conditions of mental illness and their intrapsychic processing, psychodynamics of psychological and psychosomatic disorders and their consequences for the personality and the social relations,
2. Knowledge and skills on clinical-psychological prevention and intervention – focusing on: The acquisition of basic competencies for psychodynamic counselling and psychoanalytical intervention,
3. Knowledge, skills and experience in the application-oriented research methods on psychological and psychosomatic illnesses, as well as on the progress and effectiveness of psychodynamic psychotherapy – focusing on: Psychodynamic methods in the exploration of diagnostic and therapeutic processes, methodical competency for the development and conducting of the participants' own research projects,
4. Critical awareness of the cultural roots of psychoanalysis as a science with its own specific knowledge interests and epistemological methods, insights into the human and social sciences' dimensions of psychoanalysis and in their references to related sciences (social psychology, philosophy, culture theory).

The aim of the study course is to enable the students to critically assess scientific findings on psychoanalytically oriented clinical psychology, to generate their own research questions and to implement same empirically. Furthermore, the study course aims to convey to the students the methodical and communicative competencies required as a prerequisite for the diagnostic, counselling and psychotherapeutic tasks in health care and welfare.

Section 3

Structure and Organisation

- (1) The study course is organised in five study areas
 - I. Theoretical Psychoanalysis, Epistemology, and Subject Theory,
 - II. Social Psychology,
 - III. Developmental Theory, Developmental Pathology, Mental Disorders,
 - IV. Diagnostics, Intervention,
 - V. Application-oriented Research Methods.

In addition, work placement has to be completed. The details in this regard are regulated in the work placement regulations. The students write their Master thesis in the final semester (and in the last two semesters in the case of part-time students). The Master thesis subject can be selected from one of the five study areas.

- (2) Each study area consists of one or several modules.
- (3) The module descriptions (Attachment 1) for each module provide information on the content and learning formats, the study workload timeframe, together with the forms of active attendance and participation.
- (4) The representative study schedule (Attachment 2) provides details of the recommended progress of the studies.
- (5) The study course is also offered as a part-time course. In this case the standard period of studies is extended from 4 to 8 semesters. The representative study schedule (Attachment 3) provides details of the recommended progress of the part-time studies.

Section 4 Teaching and Learning Formats

The following teaching and learning formats are envisaged:

1. Lectures, serving to present the theories, fundamental issues and approaches in psychology.
2. Seminars, intended for the treatment of special subjects, text or research areas, in which the students are expected to provide their own independent contributions, also in the sense of their own empirical research efforts.
3. Research workshops, serving for the empirical, application oriented exploration and research on a subject defined together with the students. They are intended as practical training of empirical research in practice.

Section 5 Study Abroad

- (1) The IPU endeavours to permit its students to complete part of their studies at a university in a non-German speaking country. The intention is for any study and exam achievements successfully completed during the study abroad to be credited to that module which would have been completed during the same time period at the IPU.
- (2) Prior to the study period abroad, an agreement is to be completed between the student, the chairperson on the Examination Committee responsible for the study course and the responsible office at the host university with regard to the length of the study abroad, the study and examination achievements to be completed during the study abroad, together with the ECTS credits to be allocated for the study and examination achievements. The study and examination achievements successfully completed in accordance with the agreement are credited.

Section 6 Applicability and Transitional Regulations

- (1) These study regulations were adopted by the Academic Senate of the IPU Berlin on 27.04.2018 and approved by the Berlin Senate Department on 04.10.2018.
- (2) They are applicable and binding as and from the 2018-2019 winter semester.
- (3) Students who were already enrolled in the Master Psychology study course at the IPU Berlin before these regulations came into force shall continue their studies on the basis of the study regulations as of 01.04.2017 or of 26.06.2013 or previous study regulations. Students enrolled after these study and examination regulations have come into force are to study at the IPU Berlin on the basis of these study and examination regulations.
- (4) Students who are taking the Master Psychology study course on the basis of the study regulations as of 01.04.2017 or of 26.06.2013 in accordance with Section 3 Sentence 1 may declare that they

wish to continue their studies on the basis of these new study regulations. Such a declaration must be submitted in writing to the Examination Committee by 30.09.2018 at the latest. It is irrevocable. In the context of altering the student's study application accordingly, the Examination Committee shall decide, if necessary, on the extent to which modules already started or completed at the time of the application are to be taken into account or credited to examination and study achievements to be completed in accordance with these regulations, while taking into consideration the requirements for protection of confidence and equal treatment.

- (5) The opportunity for a student to continue their studies on the basis of the study regulations and examination regulations pursuant to Section 3 above is guaranteed until the end of the 2019-2020 winter semester or the 2021 summer semester.