

A photograph of the University of Lucerne building, a modern structure with a white, angular facade and large blue-tinted windows. The building is partially framed by trees with yellowing leaves. In the foreground, a paved plaza shows several people walking. The text 'UNIVERSITÄT PÄDAGOGISCHE HOCHSCHULE' is visible above the entrance.

UNIVERSITÄT PÄDAGOGISCHE HOCHSCHULE

Welcome to the
University of Lucerne

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1. Courses at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (KSF)

Departments of our faculty

At the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences we have different departments.

- Social and Cultural Anthropology
- History
- Cultural and Science Studies
- Political Science
- Philosophy
- Study of Religions
- Sociology
- Jewish Studies

All of our study programs include various of these study fields. As an incoming student you will have the possibility to choose courses out of all of these departments - depending on your personal interests and your study program at your home university.

Types and levels of courses

English	German	credits	abbreviation	restrictions
Lecture	Vorlesung	2 credits	VL	
Colloquial lecture	Kolloquialvorlesung	3 credits	KVL	
Proseminar	Proseminar	4 credits	PS	BA only
Main seminar	Hauptseminar	4 credits	HS	
Methodological seminar	Methodenseminar	4 credits	METH	
Master seminar	Masterseminar	4 credits	MSE	MA only
Block course	Blockseminar	4 credits	WOS	
Exercise	Übung	2 credits	UEB	
Tutorial	Tutorat	2 credits	TU	

- Colloquium (for thesis) (KOL) are for regular students who are writing or who are about to write their bachelor's or master's thesis. So, it is not recommendable for you. In case of doubt or interest ask the study advisor of the respective department.
- If you would like to join a master seminar as an advanced bachelor student, ask the lecturer if you can join the course.
- If your home university will accept a proseminar for you as a master student, such an exception will be OK for us. But you will have to ask the lecturer.

! For any exception write to studienberatung-ksf@unilu.ch so we can put you on the list of participants of the proseminar or master seminar.

Lectures (Vorlesungen) and seminars (Seminare)

Lectures and seminars have different requirements for allocating the credits.

Lectures

- Written and graded exam usually at the end of semester
- No separate registration for examination necessary at KSF

Seminars

- Active participation during semester, usually not graded.
- ! If you need a grade for recognition at your home university, please inform the teaching staff at the beginning of term.

Attendance is compulsory! (maximum of 2 absences per course is allowed and dependent on your lecturer)

Also possible: attending classes just for personal interests (without exam, but also without getting the credits → write to the respective department)

Written seminar papers

A written seminar paper is a written assignment of about 15-20 pages. A seminar paper corresponds to a workload of about 120 hours = 4 ECTS (proseminar paper) or 180 hours = 6 ECTS (main seminar and master seminar paper).

Seminar papers are optional. You have also the possibility to write a paper.

Our students normally write the papers during semester break (December-February / June-September), but it's also possible to write a paper during the semester.

If you're interested in writing a paper, ask the lecturer about the requirements of the paper and arrange deadlines for submission and correction with him/her.

You may write a seminar paper in English, German or even in Italian, as we have Italian lecturers. Discuss the language with your lecturer.

official transcript or records together with the Diploma at the end of your studies.

- TF and KSF: Should you require an official procedure for recognition of your studies when changing the university or for application

[Print version of your study performance](#)
A transcript of records (PDF) is not available (before)

Basics
4 / 55 Cr

Module Communication Media
0 / 20 Cr

Lecture

Main seminar

Main seminar paper

Anmeldung
module:
Main seminar paper module Communication Media

Register for: **Written seminar paper**

Previous achievements
Main seminar paper
0 Cr

! Please make sure that the popup-blocker of your browser is deactivated! Otherwise the form cannot be printed.

You have to **generate a form** via UniPortal for every written seminar paper before handing it in. You should hand in this form together with the written paper to the lecturer.

About credits

The credit amount always indicates the approximate workload of a course:

1 ECTS credit = approx. 25-30 hours of workload during the whole semester.

One course requires presence / participation during 2 hours per week (2 SWS = 2 Semesterwochenstunden = 2 hours per week) and homework.

Ca. 28-32 credits = full time studies

Depending on the requirements of your home university and your own interests you can take less courses and gain less credits, but please check this with the International Relations Office concerning your eventual scholarship. (Most of the regular students of the University of Lucerne study part time, for they are working, have children etc.)

2. Your schedule – how to find your courses

Course catalogue (Vorlesungsverzeichnis)

To open the course catalogue, follow this link: <https://vv.unilu.ch>

In the course catalogue you will find descriptions of the topics, so you will see if the courses match with your study program and with your interests.

The screenshot shows the University of Luzern Course Catalogue website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'For prospective students', 'For students', 'For Alumni', and 'Course catalogue'. The 'Course catalogue' link is highlighted. Below the navigation bar, the University of Luzern logo is on the left, and a 'Contact DE' link is in the center. A blue callout box with an arrow points to the 'Contact DE' link, stating: '* You can switch the language'. On the right side, there is a 'Course catalogue' section with links for 'Advanced search', 'Pinned courses', and 'Login'. Below this, a 'You are not logged in' message is displayed. The main content area is titled 'Course catalogue' and features a search filter section. This section includes a dropdown menu for 'spring semester 2023'. Below this, there are search criteria: 'title', 'lecturer', and 'faculty/field'. The 'faculty/field' section has a list of checkboxes: TF, KSF (checked), RF, WF, GWM, and IF. A blue callout box with an arrow points to the 'KSF' checkbox, stating: 'Click on "KSF" (stands for the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences) to get the overview of all the courses of all our departments'. Below the 'faculty/field' section, there are more search criteria: 'Study level' (Bachelor checked, Master, Doctorate), 'language' (German checked, English, Italian, French), 'weekday' (Mon checked, Tue checked, Wed, Thu checked, Fri, Sat), and 'time' (8-10 checked, 10-12 checked, 12-14 checked, 14-16 checked, 16-18, 18-20). At the bottom of the search filter section, there are 'reset' and 'search' buttons. A blue callout box with an arrow points to the 'search' button, stating: 'You can choose -your study level, -languages the courses are held in -day and time, that are suitable for you'.

*If you switch the whole website to English, all the titles of the courses will be in English, too, which does not mean that the course is held in English.

You can also choose courses by course of study

or by field of study

course of study

Faculty of Theology

[Bachelorstudium Theologie \(SPO 2013\)](#)

[Lehrdiplomstudium Religionslehre \(WL 2022\)](#)

[Masterstudium Religionslehre \(WL 2022\)](#)

[Masterstudium Theologie \(SPO 2013\)](#)

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

[BA Disciplinary Study Programme](#)

[BA Social and Communication Sciences](#)

[BA Cultural Studies](#)

[BA Political Economics](#)

[MA Computational Social Sciences](#)

[MA Dual Degree Political Science](#)

[MA Disciplinary Study Programme](#)

[MA History bilingual](#)

[MA Social and Communication Sciences](#)

[MA Global Studies](#)

[MA Cultural Studies](#)

[MA Cultural Studies with Major in](#)

[Science Studies](#)

[MA Political Economics](#)

[MA Public Opinion and Survey](#)

[Methodology](#)

[PH MA Didactics NMG](#)

[PH MA History Didactics](#)

[PH Specialisation studies History](#)

field

Theology

Select entry

Humanities and Social Sciences

Select entry

Law

Select entry

Economics and Management

Select entry

Interfaculty

Select entry

Gesundheitswissenschaften und Medizin
EN

Select entry

field

Theology

Select entry

Humanities and Social Sciences

Select entry

Select entry

Cultural and Social Anthropology

History

Cultural Studies

Philosophy

Political Science

Study of Religions

Sociology

Science Studies

Various

Graduate School

Gesundheitswissenschaften und Medizin
EN

Select entry

field

Theology

Select entry

Humanities and Social Sciences

Select entry

Law

Select entry

Economics and Management

Select entry

Interfaculty

Select entry

Select entry

Jewish Studies

Religion - Economy - Politics

Select entry

Course in detail

Morals and Markets

add to watch list

Watch the type of the course and the study level: there might be restrictions (only BA, only MA)

Lecturer	Dr. Jacob Bjorheim
Type of course	Main seminar
Code	FS231540
Semester	Spring semester 2023
Department	Philosophy
Study level	Bachelor Master
Date/s	Tu, 21.02.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 28.02.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 07.03.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 14.03.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 21.03.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 28.03.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 04.04.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 18.04.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 25.04.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 02.05.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 09.05.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 16.05.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 23.05.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1) Tu, 30.05.2023, 16:15 - 18:00, 3.B52 (Scheduling 1)
Duration	2 hours per week per semester
Frequency	Wöchentlich

Prerequisites	Advanced Bachelor and Master students Attendance of at least one proseminar in philosophy with completed (graded) written seminar paper. (Exception: free study achievements)
Language	English
Type of exam / Credits	Active participation (presentation, essay) / 4 Credits (for all modules, unless otherwise specified) Bestätigte Teilnahme und Referat, Essay / 3 Credits (for module Philosophie) Graded essay / 6 Credits (for module Philosophie) Bestätigte Teilnahme und Referat, Essay / 3 Credits (for module Philosophie) Graded essay / 6 Credits (for module Philosophie)
Guest students	Yes
Contact	jacob.bjorheim@doz.unilu.ch
Material	Every week, we read and discuss a selected academic paper filed in OLAT.
Literature	We will read selected academic papers chosen to reflect on the topics that we discuss every week. A good introduction: Sandel, Michael J (2012): What Money Can't Buy.

* The term «guest students» does not refer to you

add to watch list

Have a look at the department which offers the course. If you have questions about the course, the study advisor of the respective department may help you.

Please check the language in which a course will be held. If you have a level of German of minimum B2 you might also want to choose courses held in German. You are totally free in your choice. It all depends on your interests and the requirements of your home university and the later allocation of credits.

Please note that most of the lecturers use OLAT, MOODLE or another specific e-learning platform to communicate important information at the beginning of and during the semester (i.e. exam, presentations, ...).

Registration via UniPortal



Mandatory on UniPortal during the first two weeks of lecture.

Follow the link to log in: <https://portal.unilu.ch> and the PDF-file about the course registration process that will guide you.

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■ For students

Area for registered students

[For students](#)

■ For Alumni

Area for members of the ALUMNI organisation

[AlumniPortal](#)

■ Course catalogue

Detailed information of all lectures

[Course catalogue](#)

Links

- [www.unilu.ch](#)
- [StudMail](#)
- [OLAT - LMS](#)
- [eScan](#)
- [EZProxy](#)
- [Leitfaden: Anmeldung Lehrveranstaltungen TF](#)
- [Leitfaden: Anmeldung Prüfungen TF](#)
- [Leitfaden: Anmeldung Lehrveranstaltungen KSF](#)
- [Instructions: Registration for courses KSF](#)
- [Leitfaden: Anmeldung Prüfungen RF](#)
- [Instructions: Registration for examinations RF](#)
- [Leitfaden: Anmeldung Lehrveranstaltungen und Prüfungen WF](#)
- [Leitfaden: Anmeldung Prüfungen GWM \(BSc\)](#)
- [Instructions: Registration for examinations GWM \(MSc\)](#)

*We recommend to add this page to your favorites. You need UniPortal to control your study process

Once you have logged in, you can choose the courses you want to register for.

If you are a BA student you might not be able to register for the master seminars. You will have to ask at the respective department and lecturer if you can join.

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A transcript of records (PDF) is not available (before 2015)

Cultural and Social Anthropology
0 Cr

Lectures	Seminars
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History
0 Cr

Jewish Studies
0 Cr

Cultural Studies
0 Cr

Philosophy
0 Cr

Political Sciences

Registration module

Main seminar Cultural and Social Anthropology ▾

Courses / Assessments

Please select ...

Gender: Concepts and theories in the social sciences ▾

Historical Anthropology ▾

Shamanism – traditional and contemporary forms and their theoretical interpretation ▾

Examination Type ▾

Register

Previous achievements

Seminars
0 Cr

You may also ask us for help:
studienberatung-ksf@unilu.ch

Courses at other faculties: Law, Economics, Theology

The majority of the chosen courses (at least 50%) must be at the faculty you are registered for, i.e. the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

If you'd like to take one or two courses at one or several of the other faculties of our university, you will have to follow the following instruction:

1. Send a provisional list of courses (of the KSF and the other faculties) you'd like to take	to studienberatung- ksf @unilu.ch
2. Wait for the email confirmation of the student advisory of the KSF	
3. Ask the student advisory of the other faculty / faculties if you could join the course. Send the request with email confirmation of the KSF so that the student advisors of the other faculties know you could take the course.	Faculty of Law (RF): studienberatung- rf @unilu.ch Faculty of Economics (WF): studienberatung- wf @unilu.ch Faculty of Theology: markus.wehrli@unilu.ch

! Please note that the other faculties have different registration processes for the courses and the exams

Learning agreement

<u>Choose the courses which you are interested in</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• choose freely within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences• check with the persons in charge if you want to participate in a course of another faculty or study level
<u>Prepare a provisional learning agreement</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• make sure your home university will accept the courses for your study program at home• discuss the learning agreement with your student advisor of Unilu
<u>Start at the University of Lucerne</u> and see if you really like the courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• make eventual changes and enroll for the courses until Friday of the 2nd week of lecture
<u>Fix your learning agreement</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fix the learning agreement with your student advisor of Unilu, ask him/her to sign it
<u>Send your definitive learning agreement</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• sent it to Uta Zehnder: mobility@unilu.ch• send it to your home institution resp. your student advisor at home

! If you plan to study at our faculty for two semesters, you will have to fill in two separate learning agreements (after the publication of the course catalogue: the course catalogue will be online around May 20th for the fall semester, around December 20th for the spring semester).

3. Your grades and transcript of records

Grading scheme in Switzerland

For the conversion of the grades this table might be helpful for your home university:

The grading scheme ranges from 1 - 6.
6 is the highest and 4 the minimum pass mark:

6 - excellent	3 - fail
5 - good	2 - poor
4 - pass	1 - extremely poor

Exams and written seminar papers are graded in full or half marks.

Swiss Grade	Rating	US-grade	German Grade	
6	excellent	A+	1	
5.5	very good	A / A-	ca. 1,7	
5	good	B+ / B	2	
4.5	satisfactory	B- / C+ / C	3	
4	sufficient	C- / D	4	pass
3.5 or less	insufficient	FX / F	5-6	fail

Transcript of records

After the semester and the accreditation of your study achievements you will receive an official transcript of records which states all your academic achievements during your exchange semester(s). You will need this document for recognition of credit points at your home university.

! Please make sure to leave your address in your home country at the Deanery KSF (Dekanat) so that we can send you the transcript of records.

➔ Write an e-mail with all your details to: kstf@unilu.ch

! Please also note that the Deanery may provide you with the transcript no sooner than mid-July (spring semester) or mid-February (fall semester).

! If you stay for another semester you can ask for your transcript of records at the end of the second semester.

4. Good to know

Student life

- Sports: <https://www.unilu.ch/en/university-life/sport/>
- Active students' societies (*kuso*, SOL):
<https://studunilu.ch/kuso/>
<https://studunilu.ch/sol/>
- Choir, orchestra, theatre, cinema etc. to participate:
<https://www.unilu.ch/uni-leben/studentische-organisationen/diverse-organisationen/>
<https://www.unilu.ch/en/university-life/culture/>

Language courses

As a university of Lucerne student, you can visit language courses from various providers:

<https://www.unilu.ch/en/university-life/language-courses/>

Communication email address

The E-Mail address for communication is firstname.familyname@stud.unilu.ch.

! During your exchange semester the University of Lucerne will communicate with you via this email address.

Uni/PH building

- It's a none smoking building. Smoking in front of any of the three entrances is permitted.
- Please note: **in case of emergency leave the building as soon as possible and gather at the Inseliquai (Besammlungsplatz Evakuation)**
- Bicycle parking is possible at (1) short term or (2) long term
- Mensa (canteen): feel free to use the Mensa as place to gather or work, but please not during lunch time

