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The Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies (BerGSAS)

The Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies (BerGSAS) is a fundamental building block of the Berliner Antike-Kolleg. It offers structured PhD programs for graduate students from Germany and abroad and encompasses all of the disciplines involved in ancient studies research at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin's Faculties of Philosophy, Humanities and Social Sciences, Language, Literature and Humanities and Theology and the Freie Universität Berlin's Departments of History and Cultural Studies, Philosophy, Humanities and Geosciences. The two universities are ranked equally and both are represented by a spokesperson.

The programs are conducted by the universities in cooperation with non-university partners: the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the German Archaeological Institute, the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science and the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation. This arrangement provides doctoral candidates with opportunities unique throughout Europe, not only by offering a broader range of research-based instruction, but also by enabling candidates to gain experience through contact with research institutions specializing in various fields of advanced research. All of the programs at the Dahlem Research School and the Humboldt Graduate School are accredited, thus guaranteeing their continued adherence to international standards of excellence.

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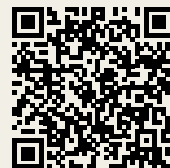
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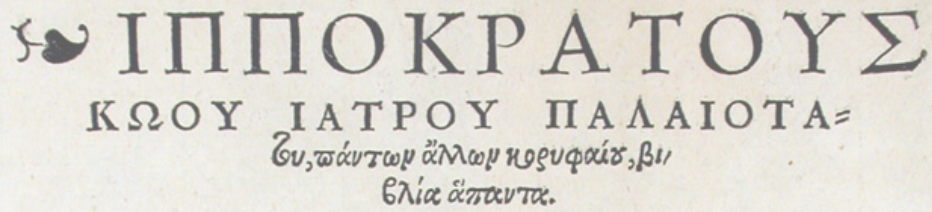
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Ancient Philosophy and History of Ancient Science (APhil/HistAS)

A doctoral program of the Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies





Doctoral program Ancient Philosophy and History of Ancient Science (APhil / HistAS)

Berlin is unique throughout the world as a magnet for expertise in the study of ancient philosophy and science. The universities cooperate closely here with the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science and the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

Ancient Philosophy and History of Ancient Science is a structured doctoral program for research into the philosophy and the sciences of the ancient world, their mutual interaction, their foundations and methods and their practical application in their social and cultural contexts. All important areas of ancient science are represented in the program, such as mathematics, astronomy, medicine, music, but also divination and alchemy. Geographically, the programme includes the ancient Greek and Roman world and extends as far as the Near East and Egypt, with comparative studies including even ancient China; chronologically, it reaches into the early Modern Age, encompassing the reception of ancient science in the Arab world and the Latin Middle Ages.

The program offers two distinct pathways, each of them with a specific research focus and curriculum: Ancient Philosophy focuses on philosophical topics,

but includes the ancient sciences; History of Ancient Science focuses on the history of ancient scientific disciplines, but also takes account of their philosophical aspects.

The program is offered in German and English; students are given the opportunity to develop specific language skills while pursuing their PhDs. Students benefit from an advisory team of internationally recognized experts and a wide range of seminars, workshops and colloquia enable them to shape the program in accordance with their own research interests. In particular, students take part in the activities of the DFG funded Research Training Group Philosophy, Science and the Sciences in Greek, Roman and Arabic Thought.



Partner of the doctoral program Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG)

The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (MPIWG) was founded in 1994 and is one of 80 research institutions within the Max Planck Society. The historians of science who work at the institute pursue a historical epistemology: they investigate how categories of thought, evidence and experience have historically developed through interaction between the sciences and the surrounding cultures. They explore issues from all periods and continents, from Babylonian mathematics to neuroscience, from natural history in the Renaissance to quantum mechanics. The institute contributes to the development of a history of science that is theoretically oriented and interdisciplinary in practice and that employs a multitude of methods, including the application of new computer technologies. Furthermore, the institute promotes open access to scientific knowledge.

The thematic diversity of the history of ancient science is a point of emphasis for research projects at the institute, especially in Department I ("Structural Changes in Systems of Knowledge"). Projects in this department investigate such subjects as mechanics, physics, geography and astronomy in antiquity, while new projects deal with the globalization of ancient knowledge and the transformation of Aristotelian knowledge. This makes the MPIWG an ideal partner for the doctoral program Ancient Philosophy and History of Ancient Science.

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