

## HPS+ IN A NUTSHELL

- **Duration of course:** 2 years
- **Start** Winter and summer term
- **Degree awarded:** MA
- **ECTS credit points:** 120
- **Language:** English and German
- **Requirements:** BA-Major (6 semesters with at least 180 CP) in Humanities and Social Sciences  
  
or a BA-Major in Science, Mathematics resp. Engineering  
  
Sufficient English (TOEFL) and German language skills (DSH 2 resp. DaF 4x4 or better)
- **Application deadline:** 15<sup>th</sup> July resp. 15<sup>th</sup> January (exceptions possible)
- **Fees:** Only regular German student services fees
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## HPS+ CORE TEAM

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**Institute for Philosophy I**  
**Chair of Philosophy and History of Science**

## TEACHING STUFF

**About 40 lecturers from:**

Philosophy  
History  
Social Sciences  
German Studies  
Literary Studies  
Education Science  
Media Studies  
Law  
Medical Science



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**WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU HPS+ MAKE IT YOUR FUTURE**

We live in a knowledge-based society - science is the signum of the modern world and the humanities are its glue. Therefore, scientific knowledge and its proper philosophical and historical analysis determine the contemporary understanding of the world we live in.

The new MA study programme **HPS<sup>+</sup> - History, Philosophy and Culture of Science** aims at a problem-oriented reflection of the numerous dimensions a modern knowledge-based society faces. Interdisciplinarity, closeness to research and problem-orientation are the main features that describe the profile of **HPS<sup>+</sup>** best.

## MA STUDY PROGRAMME

**HPS\*** is an interdisciplinary and international study programme that contains both opportunities: a focus on research on the one hand and an applied and problem-oriented direction on the other.

**HPS+** is open for graduates from the humanities, the natural sciences and the social sciences.

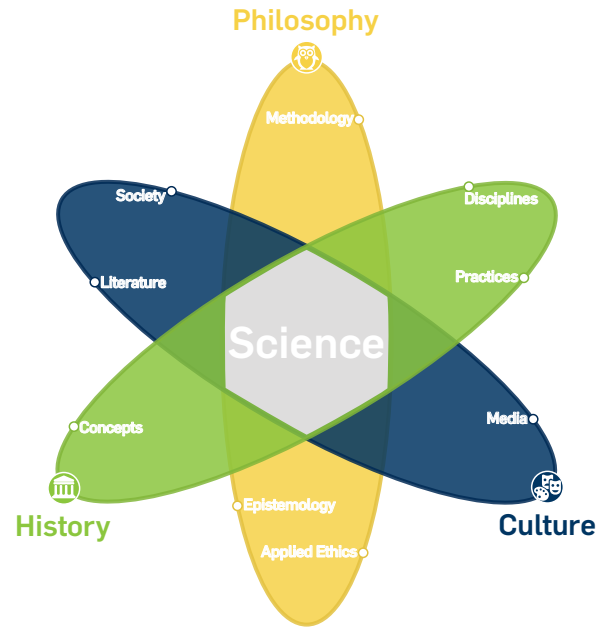
**The main topics are:**

- Knowledge & Method (Philosophy of Science & the Humanities)
- History & Society (History of Science & the Humanities)
- Culture & Transfer (Science in Literature, Media & Culture in general)
- Responsibility & Application (Ethics & Social Studies of Science)

The **first year** of the study programme focuses on the extension and consolidation of philosophical, historical and cultural knowledge of the sciences and the humanities. Different course prerequisites are balanced. Students are enabled to amplify their previous knowledge and gain new basic skills.

The **second year** provides opportunities for indepth studies and specialisation. Students amplify their gained knowledge and enhance their competence in scientific methods.

## THE AREAS OF HPS+



They can either follow their own main research (at RUB or abroad) or conduct an application-oriented project in a work experience. Thereby students learn how to acquire new knowledge and skills on their own.

During the whole study programme students develop representative, communicative and social competences they need for their future jobs in or outside academia.

## CURRICULUM OF THE PROGRAMME

## Semester 1 & 2

- Three compulsory modules + three out of four elective modules  
(each semester 30 CP / 12 hours per week)

### Semester 3

- Research module  
(30 CP / 10 hours per week)  
or
- Praxis module for a work experience  
(30 CP / 3 months)

## Semester 4

- Concluding colloquium  
(6 CP / 2 hours per week)  
+
- Master thesis  
(24 CP / 4 months)

