Promotionsprogramm Altertumswissenschaften (PAW)

Guidelines

1. About the PAW

The interdisciplinary **"Promotionsprogramm Altertumswissenschaften" (PAW)** brings together the expertise of the disciplines involved in the **Münchner Zentrum für Antike Welten (MZAW)** (see section 6). The goal of participation in the doctoral program is to improve the quality of doctoral research through targeted support of individual talents and academic skills, broad-based graduate training, and help from experts in a wide range of fields in addition to a supervisor. The research questions, methodological approaches, and substantive results of the various dissertation projects are placed in broader theoretical and historical contexts from the outset through accompanying interdisciplinary courses.

The program facilitates close academic exchange among doctoral students as well as between faculty and students, promoting academic and communicative abilities as well as collaboration skills.

2. Content and Requirements of PAW

Doctoral students in the program receive specialized academic support in research and teaching, preparing them for academic careers in their field. Interdisciplinary courses, colloquia, and workshops provide additional perspectives on cross-disciplinary connections and theoretical foundations, which benefit the dissertation and prepare students for diverse professional paths.

By involving multiple faculties (see section 6), PAW integrates theological, legal, historical, philosophical, philological, archaeological, social, cultural, and religious studies approaches. This broad foundation enables in-depth engagement with the cultural context of the dissertation as well as interdisciplinary enrichment of theoretical and methodological approaches.

To further this interdisciplinary exchange, the program includes participation in events of the MZAW Visiting Professorship for the Cultural History of Antiquity and the organization of joint workshops and colloquia. This also helps develop skills relevant to academic and professional practice, particularly in knowledge transfer and administrative skills.

The program is designed to last three years, but participation can be extended by agreement - especially for students who are employed or have caregiving responsibilities.

PAW Offers:

- Certificate of participation in the programme
- Financial support for research directly related to the dissertation
- Support in planning and organizing workshops and conferences
- Access to MZAW partners (e.g., Archäologische Staatssammlung, Museum für Abgüsse Klassischer Bildwerke, Staatliche Antikensammlungen und Glyptothek, Staatliche Münzsammlung, Staatliches Museum Ägyptischer Kunst, Kommission für Alte Geschichte und Epigraphik des DAI, Propylaeum - Fachinformationsdienst Altertumswissenschaften, etc.)
- Opportunities to get to know and collaborate with doctoral students in related fields
- Participation in lectures and seminars of the MZAW Visiting Professorship
- Participation in the PAW Colloquium

Requirements:

- Participation in selected seminars, events, and lectures of the MZAW Visiting Professorship
- Active participation in the PAW Colloquium
- Active involvement in organizing an interdisciplinary symposium/workshop, including presenting their own lecture (or alternatively, a scientific presentation outside LMU)

3. Admission Requirements and Eligibility

a. Eligibility is restricted to current doctoral students at LMU Munich whose dissertations are supervised by full members of MZAW. Admission is determined by the MZAW Board based on the documents submitted (see section 3.b) and requires excellent academic qualifications.

b. Please send the following documents (as a single **PDF file**):

- Cover letter explaining motivation
- CV with a detailed academic history and (if applicable) a list of publications
- Dissertation proposal (up to five pages)
- Letter of recommendation from the dissertation advisor (sent directly to PAW coordination)

c. Applications are accepted **at any time**. The MZAW Board decides on admission, and applicants are notified of the decision promptly. An agreement is signed between the supervisors, the MZAW chairman, and the doctoral student.

All parties commit to upholding the principles of **good academic practice**.

d. Applications should be sent to the PAW Coordination Office:

Dr. Felix Henke
Institut für Klassische Archäologie
Katharina-von-Bora-Str. 10
80333 München
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4. Supervision

The doctoral research is supervised by a primary advisor, who holds the main academic responsibility and is a professor at LMU Munich as well as a member of MZAW. Additionally, one or two further advisors may serve in a consultative role.

5. Academic Degree

Upon successful completion of the doctoral examination, the faculties participating in MZAW (see section 6) award the following academic degrees on behalf of LMU Munich:

- Doctor of Philosophy (Dr. phil.) – Faculties 9, 10, 12, and 13
- Doctor of Theology (Dr. theol.) – Faculties 1 and 2
- Doctor of Law (Dr. jur.) – Faculty 3

Doctoral candidates must adhere to the current doctoral regulations of their respective faculties at LMU Munich.

A certificate of participation in PAW and completed coursework can be issued upon request and submission of a final report.

6. Faculties Participating in PAW

Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät
- Biblische Theologie

Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät
- Alttestamentliche Theologie
- Neutestamentliche Theologie
- Kirchengeschichte I
- Religionswissenschaft und Religionsgeschichte

Juristische Fakultät
- Antike Rechtsgeschichte, Römisches Recht

Fakultät für Geschichts- und Kunstwissenschaften
- Alte Geschichte
- Alte Geschichte für den Nahen und Mittleren Osten
- Papyrologie

Fakultät für Philosophie

- Antike Philosophie

Fakultät für Kulturwissenschaften

- Ägyptologie
- Arabistik und Islamwissenschaft
- Assyriologie und Hethitologie
- Byzantinistik, Byzantinische Kunstgeschichte und Neogräzistik
- Digital Cultural Heritage Studies
- Indologie
- Judaistik
- Klassische Archäologie
- Provinzialrömische Archäologie
- Sinologie
- Vorderasiatische Archäologie
- Vor- und Frühgeschichtliche Archäologie

Fakultät für Sprach- und Literaturwissenschaften

- Griechische und Lateinische Philologie
- Vergleichende und Indogermanische Sprachwissenschaften und Albanologie