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Musicology  major, minor
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Mathematics  major, minor
Law mono, minor
Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies major, minor
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Physics major, minor
Philosophy of the Mind minor
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Art History (120 ECTS) major, minor
Archaeology  (120 ECTS) major, minor
Administrative Science (30 ECTS) minor
Sustainable Development  minor
Sport Science  major, minor
Slavic Languages & Literature  major, minor
Science of Religion  major, minor
Business & Economics (90 ECTS) mono
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International and European Law  minor
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French Linguistics & Literature (120 ECTS) major, minor
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Education  (120 ECTS) mono, major, minor
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German Literature (120 ECTS) major, minor
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