

DFG Research Training Group 2845

Family Matters. Figures of Allegiance and Release

Program of Study

The program of study follows a tiered training concept consisting of four phases (concept phase, profile phase, elaboration phase, final phase).

Phase	Semester	Focus
Concept phase	1-2	Elaboration of methodological and theoretical instruments
Profile phase	3-4	Stronger personal emphasis / first drafts
Elaboration phase	5-6	Drafts of all chapters
Final phase	7-8	Completion

Course overview (per single PhD student)

course type	Concept phase		Profile phase		Elaboration phase		Final phase	
	1. Sem.	2. Sem.	3. Sem.	4. Sem.	5. Sem.	6. Sem.	7. Sem	8. Sem
Forum	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Basic courses I and II	x	x						
Retreat	x		x					
Workshop		x		x		x		
Public conference					x			
Key competences (as needed)	(x)	x	(x)	x	(x)			
additional courses (optional)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)		

Mandatory courses:

Permanent Forum (bi-weekly, 4 hours):

Regular colloquium of all PhD students and supervisors. Contents of the Forum are:

- the presentation and detailed discussion of the dissertation projects
- the discussion of fundamental texts and recent publications
- the preparation and organization of workshops and conferences

Basic courses at the beginning of the program (bi-weekly, 4 hours):

1. Semester: **Basic course I** on fundamental texts of theories of the family from various disciplines (philosophy, history, ethnology, sociology, law, psychoanalysis, literary studies).
2. Semester: **Basic course II** on the literary history of family and on relevant theoretical topics.

Further regular events:

- **Retreat** in the first and third semester, with participation of the supervisors and of about two external guests / visiting researchers.
- **One-day Workshop** (in the 2., 4. and 6. semester), each with an external guest / visiting researcher.
- **Public conference** (one per cohort): 10–12 lectures by external guests and advanced PhD students.

Elective courses:

In cooperation with the Graduate Center of the LMU Munich, the following workshops will be offered for the acquisition of transdisciplinary key competencies. Graduate students may attend them in accordance with individual needs:

- **Career coaching and language skills**
- **Information events on professional fields** (with guests from various professions, f. ex. publishing houses, houses of literature, alumni from former graduate schools, etc.)
- **Digital Humanities:** training in Open Access and eHumanities; cooperations with the IT-group Humanities at the LMU, the university library, and the Open Science Center.

Upon consultation, PhD students can also attend graduate classes and research colloquia offered within the framework of the regular teaching program of the LMU.