

Digital Humanities Course Registry - Metadata Model

The course attributes tracked by the registry are described and explained in the table below. In forms and displays, all foreign keys (FK) are resolved to their readable label, such as countries, cities, institutions or language. Some of those tables are constantly growing lists. Thus, it does not make sense to expand on them in a static document like here. An API for accessing those referenced tables is underway, but for the time being you can lookup available values and corresponding IDs in the filter URL generator on the registry's [download page](#).

The tagging system, consisting of more complex n:m relations, does not show up in the course table itself. It covers research objects and techniques, derived from the [TaDiRAH](#) taxonomy and scholarly disciplines. Nevertheless, the course registry requires contributors to provide at least one tag per category for each new course data set. In forms and displays, the tags are made available by their names and can be selected using checkboxes.

Index	Field Name	Type	Required	Description
PK	id	integer	(*)	The unique identifier of this course in the DH Course Registry. If you add a new course, a new ID will be generated automatically.
	name	text	*	The main title of this course.
	description	text		A short text describing the context, intent and audience of the course.
	department	text		The department, which organizes the course. We do not maintain a list of departments, thus this is a free text field.
	access_requirements	text		A description of the required grade or other conditions to enroll for this course or programme.
	ects	float		The number of ECTS credits that can be earned by succeeding the programme. You may enter fractional ECTS as FLOAT, if required.
	info_url	text	*	The URL of an informative website about the course or programme.
	guide_url	text		The URL of a curriculum guidebook or similar.
	start_date	text		Free text field for the start date. We recommend either YYYY-MM-DD or full month name(s) for yearly recurring dates.
	recurring	boolean		If the programme is held or can be enrolled for on recurring dates, tick this box.
FK	course_type_id	integer	*	Foreign key of the course type: various degree types like BA, MA, PhD programmes or summer schools, solitary courses or modules.

FK	course_parent_type_id	integer		Course types can be divided into full graduation programmes or courses for continuing education that may reward ECTS credits. Auto-filled, if course_type_id is given.
FK	language_id	integer	*	The foreign ID of the main language the course will be held in.
FK	institution_id	integer	*	The foreign ID of the institution offering the course.
FK	city_id	integer		The foreign ID of the city. This field is not required as it will be derived from the institution.
FK	country_id	integer		The foreign ID of the country. This field is not required as it will be derived from the institution.
FK	user_id	integer	(*)	The ID of the user maintaining this data set. If you are logged to add a new course, your ID will automatically be set.
	approved	boolean		We have each new metadata set revisited by a moderator to improve the quality and consistency of our data in the sense of completeness and relevance to the field of digital humanities. A plain programming course without any reference to the arts or humanities for instance, is not.
	lon	decimal		The longitude coordinate of the course location. Both coordinates will be inherited from the institution, if no other value is provided.
	lat	decimal		The latitude coordinate of the course location. Both coordinates will be inherited from the institution, if no other value is provided.
	created	datetime		On creation of the data set, this time stamp will be set.
	updated	datetime		On update (or creation) of a data set, this field indicates the modification date and time.
tagging	disciplines	ID list	*	A list of all scholarly disciplines related to the course.
tagging	techniques	ID list	*	A list of research techniques, that are treated during the course.
tagging	objects	ID list	*	A list of objects of scientific research, covered by the course.