Course Specifications

Valid in the academic year 2015-2016

Capita Selecta in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy: Analysis of Text (A002019)

Course size  
Credits 5.0  Study time 150 h  Contact hrs 45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2015-2016

A (semester 1)  guided self-study  15.0 h
lecture  15.0 h
seminar  15.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2015-2016
Praet, Danny  LW01  lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2015-2016

| Master of Arts in Historical Linguistics and Literature | 5  | A |
| Master of Arts in Philosophy | 5  | A |
| Exchange Programme Philosophy | 5  | A |

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Philosophical primary sources from Antiquity, Middle Ages and Renaissance, textual analysis, interpretation

Position of the course

Students will become acquainted with the problems of interpreting philosophical texts from Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, (read in translation); students will be confronted with a number of different modern interpretations of ancient, medieval and renaissance texts.

Contents

To read and comment a number of thematically linked philosophical texts (in translation) from ancient, medieval and renaissance philosophers, together with a number of modern interpretations.

Initial competences

Acquaintance with the history of ancient and medieval philosophy; the knowledge of either Greek, Latin or Arabic is not required.

Final competences

1. To be able to discuss the historical and social context of philosophical texts from Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Renaissance period
2. To be able to interpret, analyse and offer a synthesis of the philosophical argumentation in these texts
3. To be able to reconstruct the diachronic evolution of the philosophical theme of the anthology
4. To be able to formulate individual critical reflections on the philosophical problems in these texts
5. To be able to discuss modern interpretations of ancient, medieval and Renaissance philosophical texts in a critical manner

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences

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assessment

Conditions for exam contract
Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods
Guided self-study, lecture, seminar

Extra information on the teaching methods
The students have prepared the texts, part of the course is introduction and commentary by the teacher, but the focus is on discussion, the student express their own interpretations and have group discussions

Learning materials and price
Scans of original texts in translation and modern essays available on Minerva

References
Selective bibliography in anthology.

Course content-related study coaching
By the lecturer before and after each lecture, during weekly contact hours; Vademecum concerning examination in syllabus

Evaluation methods
end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
Written examination with open questions, oral examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
Written examination with open questions, oral examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods
Standard written exam, oral exam possible for Minor-students or as individual choice course.

Calculation of the examination mark
90 % periodical, 10 % non-periodical

Facilities for Working Students
1. Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance.
2. Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
3. Alternative time for feedback
For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy

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