Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2016-2017

Philosophy of Science: Capita Selecta (A001844)

Course size
(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)

Credits 5.0
Study time 150 h
Contact hrs 45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020

A (semester 1)
Dutch

lecture 15.0 h
guided self-study 15.0 h
seminar 15.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020

Weber, Erik LW01 lecturer-in-charge
De Langhe, Rogier LW01 co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020

Master of Science in Teaching in Arts and Humanities (main subject Philosophy) 5 A
Master of Arts in Philosophy 5 A

Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
Causation, explanation, social sciences, philosophy of economics

Position of the course
This advanced course is situated in the philosophy of the social sciences and the philosophy of economics.

Contents
Causation and explanation in the social sciences: thought experiments in historiography, explanatory pluralism, extrapolation from pilot studies and simulations. Close reading of the book Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance (Douglass North, 1990) with a focus on how the concept “institution” can (re)shape economic research.

Initial competences
Credit for Philosophy of Science I and II, or equivalent.

Final competences
1 Understand complex debates in analytic philosophy of science (their aims and methods, the positions taken) and defend your own position.
2 Being able to analyse complex theories in the social sciences into their conceptual elements; explicate these concepts and connecting them to each other.

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

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

Teaching methods
Guided self-study, lecture, seminar

(Approved)
Learning materials and price
Texts available via Minerva. Estimated price: 12,00 €.

Course content-related study coaching
Persoonlijk: op elektronische afspraak, vast spreekuur: elke maandag van 17u-18u.

Evaluation methods
end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
Oral examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
Oral examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
not applicable

Calculation of the examination mark
100% periodical evaluation

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 is possible
For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy