Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2016-2017

Philosophy of Science: Capita Selecta (A001844)

Course

Specifications

Lecturers in academic year 2020-2021
Dewulf, Fons LW01 lecturer-in-charge
Weber, Erik LW01 co-lecturer

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2020-2021
A (semester 1) Dutch on campus lecture 15.0 h
on campus seminar 15.0 h
guided self-study 15.0 h

Offered in the following programmes in 2020-2021 crdts offering
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* (Douglas 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, on campus lecture, on campus seminar

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1 (Approved)
Learning materials and price

Texts available via Minerva. Estimated price: 12,00 €.

References

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