

Histoire de la philosophie moderne

Lecturer

Arnaud PELLETIER (Coordinator)

Course mnemonic

PHIL-B150

ECTS credits

5 credits

Language(s) of instruction

French

Course period

Second term

Course content

The course consists in a comprehensive reading of Descartes' *Meditations on first philosophy*, and of Spinoza's *Ethics* (parts one to three).

The student must read and study a passage for each course session (the program of required readings and of study questions is made available on the *université virtuelle* at the beginning of the course).

Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

The course is an introduction to the key issues (mainly metaphysical and epistemological) of two major books of Modern Philosophy, which goes along and determines the rise of a mathematical science of nature. A particular stress will be put on the method of reading philosophical texts.

Teaching method and learning activities

Ex cathedra course on the texts.

References, bibliography and recommended reading

The complete syllabus will be available by the end of the semester (both in paper form by PUB and in digital form).

Other information

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Evaluation method(s)

Other

Evaluation method(s) (additional information)

Written exam (4 hours) consisting in two exercises: a question about the entire course, and an explanation of a text taken from one of the books to study.

Determination of the mark (including the weighting of partial marks)

Each of both exercises can earn a maximum of 10 points.

Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Letters, Translation and Communication

BA-COMM | Bachelor in Information and Communication | unit 3, BA-LCLAS | Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Letters : Classics | unit 3, BA-LGERM | Bachelor in Modern Languages and Letters : German, Dutch and English | unit 3, BA-LLANG | Bachelor in Modern Languages and Letters : General | unit 3, BA-LORIE | Bachelor in Modern Languages and Letters : Oriental Languages | unit 3, BA-LROMA | Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Letters : General | unit 3 and BA-LSLAV | Bachelor in Modern Languages and Letters : Slavic Languages | unit 3

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences

BA-HHAAR | Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology : General | unit 3, BA-HHIST | Bachelor in History | unit 2 and unit 3, BA-HMUSI | Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology : Musicology | unit 3, BA-PPHIL | Bachelor in Philosophy | unit 1 and BA-SHUM | Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences | option Bruxelles/unit 3