

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT**

Code: 33252
Name: Philosophical texts in the english language
Cycle: Undergraduate Studies
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STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1012 - Degree in Philosophy	Facultat de Filosofia i Ciències de l'Educació	2	Second quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1012 - Degree in Philosophy	Modern language	BASIC

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

The course *Philosophical Texts in English* focuses on a specific use of the English language: the philosophical use. We will study the terms through which different philosophical concepts are expressed. These terms will not be studied in isolation but rather in the cultural and philosophical context in which they arise and become fully meaningful. Our goal is to provide university students with the minimal philosophical knowledge and linguistic tools that are necessary for a better and more comprehensive understanding of English texts with philosophical content.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE**RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE**

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS**COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES**



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Acquire a basic knowledge of the problems, texts and methods that philosophy has developed throughout its history and recognise possible androcentric biases.

Acquire the learning skills needed to undertake further studies with an increasing degree of autonomy.

Be able to analyse, synthesise and interpret relevant cultural, social, political, ethical or scientific data, and to make reflective judgements about them from a non-androcentric perspective.

Be able to apply knowledge to practice.

Be able to apply knowledge to work in a professional manner and have competences for preparing and defending arguments and for solving problems within the field of study.

Be able to communicate in a foreign language.

Be able to communicate with experts in the area of knowledge and in other areas.

Be able to learn autonomously.

Be able to obtain information from different primary and secondary sources.

Be familiar with the ideas and arguments of the main philosophers and thinkers, extracted from their texts, and with the investigation of their traditions and schools, identifying the possible androcentric biases.

Capacidad de comunicación profesional oral y escrita en las lenguas propias de la Universitat de València.

Que los estudiantes hayan demostrado poseer y comprender conocimientos en un área de estudio que parte de la base de la educación secundaria general, y se suele encontrar a un nivel que, si bien se apoya en libros de texto avanzados, incluye también algunos aspectos que implican conocimientos procedentes de la vanguardia de su campo de estudio.

Students must be able to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both expert and lay audiences.

Students must have developed the learning skills needed to undertake further study with a high degree of autonomy.

Students must have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually in their field of study) to make judgements that take relevant social, scientific or ethical issues into consideration.

Use and rigorously analyse specialised philosophical terminology.

Work with an increasing degree of self-motivation and self-demand.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS



The course will explore the following topics, even though the amount of time devoted to each of them may vary depending on the group.

1. The writing of argumentative philosophical texts and argumentation techniques

Introduction to the techniques for the identification of arguments in English texts.

Introduction to the techniques for the preparation of summaries and short argumentative essays

2. The philosophical English of the XVII and XVIII centuries

Critical analysis and translation of texts that are representative of the philosophical English of the XVII and XVIII centuries, with special emphasis in the identification, reconstruction and evaluation of arguments.

3. The philosophical English of the XIX century

Critical analysis and translation of texts that are representative of the philosophical English of the XIX century, with special emphasis in the identification, reconstruction and evaluation of arguments.

4. The philosophical English of the XX century

Critical analysis and translation of texts that are representative of the philosophical English of the XX century, with special emphasis in the identification, reconstruction and evaluation of arguments.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Tutorials	5,00
Theory	30,00
Seminar	15,00
Total hours	50,00

**NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	20,00
Independent study and work	5,00
Preparation of lessons	0,00
Preparation for assessment activities	75,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	100,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

THEORETICAL LECTURES

These lectures, arranged in different thematic units, will be focused on a selection of English texts, which will be carefully read and analyzed in their intrinsic aspects, paying special attention to the terms in which philosophical concepts are expressed. The texts will be provided by the professor. The lectures will be delivered in English by the professor and students are encouraged to participate. They will be mostly expository sessions in which the basic topics will be introduced. Students should attend these lectures having read the material in English that the professor will indicate for each session. Before the lecture, the students should have written in English an outline and summary of the text. Students will actively participate in class, presenting the results of their written work on the topic and taking part in the ensuing discussion that will arise from the different ideas and views expressed by the rest of the class.

PRACTICAL SESSIONS

Before the session, the students will have to read a text in English, related to the topic presented the corresponding theoretical lecture. During the practical session, they will translate fragments from the English text to their own language (i.e., one of the two official languages in the region). Afterwards, they will express their views on different aspects of the text and they will participate in a debate about some of the main ideas suggested by the text. In this discussion, students may use either English or their own language.

SUPERVISED WRITTEN WORK

During the course, students will write in English an outline and summary of each of the theoretical topics discussed in the expository lectures.

TUTORIALS

At the tutorials, the student's written work will be reviewed and supervised.

EVALUATION



First call

The assessment will involve a final written test and a series of continuous assessment activities (written work, presentations and classroom exercises) carried out during the course. The final written test and the activities proposed in the Theory lectures will determine 70% of the final mark, while the activities proposed in the Practical Classes will determine the remaining 30%.

Second call

The second call assessment will involve a final written test on the whole syllabus that will determine 100% of the final grade.

Fraudulent conduct in assessment tests and plagiarism in assessment work will be considered in accordance with the UV Assessment and Grading Regulations (ACGUV 108/2017) and the Protocol for Action against Fraudulent Practices (ACGUV 123/2020).

The use of technologies (including AI) to create assessment materials without prior and express authorization from the teaching staff will prevent them from being considered as self-authored and will be treated according to current regulations and the UV Code of Coexistence and Good Practices (ACGUV 300/2023, DOGV, no. 9747/18.12.2023).

REFERENCES

The specific texts in English to be studied in class will be specified by the lecturer

[Complementary references]

- Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy <http://plato.stanford.edu/>
- Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Servicio de Bibliotecas y Documentación de la Universidad de Valencia
- Debating Skills http://www.actdu.org.au/archives/actein_site/basicskills.html
- Writing an Outline University of Washington Psychology Writing Center <http://depts.washington.edu/psywc/handouts/pdf/outline.pdf>
- Writing a Summary <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/writing/handouts/Summary%20Writing.pdf>