

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT****Code:** 33256**Name:** Introduction to philosophy studies**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies**ECTS Credits:** 6**Academic year:** 2025-26**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1012 - Degree in Philosophy	Facultat de Filosofia i Ciències de l'Educació	1	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

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1012 - Degree in Philosophy	Introduction to philosophy studies	BASIC

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SUMMARY

This course has a propedeutic nature. It is intended to facilitate the incorporation of students to the University of Valencia and to the study of philosophy. Throughout the course the students will have the opportunity to become familiar with different aspects of this degree and with university life and will be informed about the resources, services and programs that our institution offers, as well as their rights and obligations.

A primary goal of this course is to get students to develop certain skills that are indispensable for the practice of a humanistic discipline and, in particular, for philosophical practice. For this reason, the course will be structured in two types of activities: a set of talks (which will include a guided tour to the Joan Reglà Humanities Library) and four workshops-seminars (which will occupy most of the course). The seminars will focus on philosophical texts that students will discuss throughout the course and will have the following thematic orientation:

- Writing and discussing philosophical essays.
- Text commentaries.



- Citations and bibliographic references.
- Presentation and discussion of academic papers.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

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

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

No previous requirements are to be met in order to enroll this course.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Acquire the capacity to pose and solve problems, as well as to make decisions, in a limited time.

Be able to adapt to new situations.

Be able to apply knowledge to practice.

Be able to communicate professionally both orally and in writing in the Universitat de València's native languages.

Be able to handle the applications of information and communication technologies.

Be able to improve and develop professionally.

Be able to learn autonomously.

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

Be able to organise and plan work times.

Be able to take on social and ethical commitments.

Be agile and efficient managing various sources of information: bibliographical, electronic and others.

Become aware of the ethical component and deontological principles of professional practice.

Be respectful of difference and plurality and avoid gender discrimination.

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

Identify and evaluate clearly and rigorously the arguments presented either in texts or orally.

Know how to work in a team avoiding gender discrimination.



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

View original and creative thinking positively.

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

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. The University of Valencia. Learning at the UV. Resources, services and programs.

1.1 The University of Valencia and learning philosophy.

- Universities and European convergence.
- The structure of the philosophy degree.
- The structure of the University of Valencia: faculty and departments

1.2 Learning at the UV.

- Learning at the University of Valencia: rights and obligations, representation and participation.
- Commission of Equality.
- Associations and volunteering at the UV

1.3 UV Resources and services.

- Facilities of the university, the faculty and the departments, libraries, conference rooms, IT, sport facilities, study rooms, the SEDI (Servei de Dinamització i Informació).
- Computer resources and new technologies at the university. The Virtual Classroom platform.

1.4 UV programs for students.

- Program 'Entre Iguals' of student mentors at the UV.
- Mobility programs: Erasmus and SICUE.

2. Workshop: Writing Philosophical Essays

The aim of this workshop-seminar is to familiarize students with the structure of different types of texts (in particular, essays) and to learn how to differentiate the goals of an essay (the defense of an original thesis) from the goal of a review or other academic texts. The seminar will focus on philosophical texts that we will read and discuss in class.

The aim of the workshop is to learn to write a commentary on which the central argument of the commented text is reconstructed and assessed. We will work on the skills related to the identification of arguments in a text, the presentation of those arguments in writing, and of the students' personal



3. Workshop: Commentary of Philosophical Essays

assessment of them.

4. Workshop: Citation and References

The aim of this workshop is to familiarize students with the most commonly used citation systems. We will focus on the ways to refer to words or ideas from other texts and how to record bibliographic references. The issue of plagiarism and its various types will also be addressed.

5. Workshop: Presentation of Academic Works

The aim of this workshop is to show what an academic work consist of, its component parts and the required rigour, both in its written and oral presentation. The most remarkable academic papers during the career of the student are taken as an exemple, including degree final project and masters degree final project. The workshop addresses, based on the discussion of a classical philosophical text, the approach and presentation of an academic work.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Tutorials	15,00
Theory	5,00
Seminar	15,00
Computer classroom practice	15,00
Total hours	50,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	5,00
Individual or group project	15,00
Independent study and work	20,00
Preparation of lessons	25,00
Preparation for assessment activities	35,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	100,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The task for the first weeks is to actively participate in a series of talks. In the following weeks, some seminars should be attended and some activities (exercises, essays, oral presentations,...) will be proposed



to the students.

EVALUATION

1st call:

We will follow a continuous evaluation. 10% of the final grade will depend on attendance and participation in the first block of talks. The remaining 90% will depend on the marks obtained in the four seminars. Each seminar will have the same weight in the final grade.

In general, seminar grades will depend on an activity to be delivered approximately 7-14 days after the end of each seminar.

2 call:

Final written and/or oral exam. The part of grade that corresponds to attendance and participation in the talks of the first block will not be recoverable.

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).

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