

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

**Code:** 35358  
**Name:** History of medieval philosophy  
**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	2	Second quarter

**SUBJECT-MATTER**

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1012 - Degree in Philosophy	History of medieval philosophy	BASIC

**COORDINATION**

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**SUMMARY**

A study of medieval philosophy in its historical, religious, scientific, social and cultural contexts, from its origins in Late Antiquity until the beginning of the crisis of scholasticism in the 14th century and the transition to the Renaissance in the 15th century.

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

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

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.  
No specific previous knowledge required.

**COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES**



## 1012 - Degree in Philosophy

Accurately describe the results of the analysis of controversial and complex problems.

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

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

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

Appreciate autonomy and independence of judgement.

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 the knowledge acquired to clarify or solve certain problems outside one's own field of knowledge.

Be able to communicate in a foreign language.

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

Be able to convey information, ideas, problems and solutions to others (experts or not).

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

Be competent in the philosophical study of particular areas of research and human praxis, such as mind, knowledge, language, technology, science, society, culture, ethics, politics, law, religion, literature, arts and aesthetics, avoiding androcentric biases.

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.

Be respectful of difference and plurality and avoid gender discrimination.

Develop innovation and creativity.

Have critical and self-critical capacity.

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

Identify the fundamental issues that underlie any type of debate.



- Know how to work in a team avoiding gender discrimination.
- Use and rigorously analyse specialised philosophical terminology.
- View original and creative thinking positively.
- Work with an increasing degree of self-motivation and self-demand.

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

### 1. Christianity and pagan philosophy in the Roman Empire

Paganism and Christianity in the Roman world. Neoplatonism: Plotinus, Porphyry, Iamblichus, Proclus.

### 2. The School of Alexandria and Patristics

Patristics. Origen. Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite.

### 3. Latin thought in late antiquity

Ambrose of Milan and Augustine of Hippo. Boethius

### 4. Islamic philosophy

Islam and philosophy. Al-Kindi, Al-Farabi and Avicenna. Islamic philosophy in Al-Andalus: Averroes. Other Andalusian thinkers.

### 5. Medieval Jewish philosophy and mysticism

Jewish philosophers: Solomon ibn Gabirol, Maimonides. Jewish philosophy after Maimonides. Jewish mysticism and the Kabbalah.

### 6. Philosophy in the Latin West from the 9th to the 12th century

John Scotus Eriugena. Dialectics and anti-dialectics. Anselm of Canterbury. The problem of universals. Peter Abelard. The School of Chartres. Mysticism: Bernard of Clairvaux. The School of Saint Victor.



## 7. Christian scholasticism in the 13th century

Medieval universities and mendicant orders. Augustinianism and Neoplatonism: Bonaventura. The Oxford masters. The Christianization of Aristotelianism: Albertus Magnus and Thomas Aquinas. The renewal of Franciscan philosophy: John Duns Scotus.

## 8. The crisis of scholasticism

William of Ockham and the Ockhamist Movement. Maister Eckhart. Marsilius of Padua.

### WORKLOAD

#### PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Tutorials	5,00
Theory	30,00
Seminar	15,00
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>50,00</b>

#### NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	20,00
Independent study and work	40,00
Preparation of lessons	20,00
Preparation for assessment activities	20,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>100,00</b>

### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

• Lectures: there will be two hours of theoretical classes, taught by the teacher and in which students will be allowed to intervene.

• Preparation of lectures: students must attend the theoretical classes having read the material that, for each session, the teacher has recommended, both with regard to the classic works as well as the basic secondary bibliography. This preparation work is essential for a good use of the classes and for exercise completed in class.

• Seminars: either individually or in small work groups, the students will prepare a previously chosen topic or text, and will present it to the class. This presentation will be assessed by the teacher. In addition, all students will write an essay or individual work on the text or topic indicated by the teacher.



- Tutorials: there will be two types of tutorials for, on the one hand, the preparation and supervision of the seminar sessions and, on the other hand, course guidance.

## EVALUATION

The final grade for the subject will take into account both the results of the examination of the theoretical part of the subject and the performance of the student in the practical part.

- The exam for the theoretical part will constitute 60% of the overall grade for the subject.
- The activities related to the practical part and the exercises related to it will constitute 30% of the overall grade.
- The remaining 10% of the overall grade will be made up of the score of an alternative open-topic work.

To be able to add the results of the practical part and the work done to the qualification, it will be required that the exam of the theoretical part be approved.

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).

In case of fraud in the exam, or of total or partial plagiarism in any of the works submitted, the overall grade for the course will be 0 (failed).

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