

## COURSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES for ERASMUS INCOMING STUDENTS

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### Faculty of Philosophy

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Programme: Courses Taught in English

### Winter Semester

Course code	Course title (in English)	Language of instruction	Course offered to BA/BS, MA/MS, PhD	Semester	ECTS	Number of hours			Lecturer/s's name	Lecturer/s's E-mail
						Lectures	Exercises/ Seminars	Practical work		
FFC001	<b>Introduction to Philosophy</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Dr Frederic Tremblay	<a href="mailto:ftremblay@phls.uni-sofia.bg">ftremblay@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<p><b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>                      The aim of the course is to introduce students to the Western philosophical tradition, from the earliest days of Ancient Greek philosophy up to the 20th century. Throughout this course, we pay attention to the three main divisions of philosophy: metaphysics (the study of the nature and structure of reality), epistemology (the study of knowledge), and ethics (the study of moral principles). The course thereby acquaints the student with the classical fundamental problems and questions of the history of Western philosophy: What exists? What can we know? What should we do? The course also equips the student with logical methods and concepts to better analyze, criticize, and defend answers to these questions.</p>										
<p><b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>                      If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</p>										
FFC002	<b>Introduction to Logic</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Lecturer Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rossen Lutskanov	<a href="mailto:rosen.lutskanov@gmail.com">rosen.lutskanov@gmail.com</a>

**Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):**

According to the classical definition of Richard Whately, “logic is the science and art of reasoning”. Being a science, it is a mathematical discipline which gradually became estranged from actual human thinking. Being an art, it is an indispensable tool which is applied in each case when we argue and reason. These lectures strive to present those aspects of logic-as-science which are relevant to logic-as-art, to show how strict forms of logical reasoning can be applied in different argumentative settings. The material is structured around five groups of questions: (1) What is logic? When it appeared and what drives its development? What are the fundamental concepts of the science of logic? The answers of these questions serve to elucidate the turning points in the history of logic and its principal divisions. (2) How do we reason about classes of objects? The answer of this question relates to the seminal achievement of Aristotle, which became the core of traditional logic – his syllogistic. (3) How do we analyze compound claims? The answer of this question relates to the achievements of contemporary mathematical logic. (4) How do we explain phenomena? Inductive logic is traditionally concerned with the detailed answer of this question, as well as other forms of non-deductive reasoning, e.g. analogy and abduction. (5) What are the most common logical fallacies? The theory of argumentation and informal logic provide detailed lists of fallacies and ways to spot them.

**Requirements for enrollment: NO**

**If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A**

<b>FFC014</b>	<b>Political Philosophy</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Prof. Dr.Sc. Plamen Makariev	<a href="mailto:makariev@phls.uni-sofia.bg">makariev@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
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**Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):**

Main aim of the course is to introduce the students to up to date philosophical and political theories about the mechanisms of social and political interactions of our times.

**Requirements for enrollment: NO**

**If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A**

<b>FFC004</b>	<b>Eastern Philosophy</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Lecturer: Senior Assist. Prof. Dr. Desislava Damyanova	<a href="mailto:damyanova@phls.uni-sofia.bg">damyanova@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
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**Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):**

The global horizon of Modernity raises the need for a comparative study of different spiritual traditions, civilization patterns and ways of thinking. The Eastern cultural heritage attracts Europeans not only with its mirror ‘otherness’, but mainly with the harmonic relationship of man and nature, as universal togetherness (‘oneness’). The exploration of new theoretical models and areas of intellectual interest - the East - influences our views on the nature of language and the boundaries of the world. The typological study of Eastern philosophy is aimed at initiating an intercultural dialogue and interaction of different cognitive paradigms.

**Requirements for enrollment: NO**

**If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A**

<b>FFC005</b>	<b>Philosophical Anthropology</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Ivan Kolev, PhD  Chief Asst. Prof. Dr. Georgi Gerdzikov	<a href="mailto:Ivangkolev@gmail.com">Ivangkolev@gmail.com</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
The central question of Philosophical Anthropology asks: "What is man"? Trying to answer it, we encounter a number of contradictions: between body and soul, man and animal, male and female, conscious and subconscious, man and God, man and society. In this course we will discuss the above contradictions in order to be able to throw some light on human essence.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFC020</b>	<b>German Idealism</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Chief Asst. Prof. Dr. Lidiya Kondova	<a href="mailto:lkondova@uni-sofia.bg">lkondova@uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
German idealism is one of the most important and influential movements in the history of philosophy. It originated in Germany in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, developed out of the work of Immanuel Kant (in the 1780s and 1790s) and was linked with both romanticism and the revolutionary politics of the Enlightenment.										
This course is designed as an overview of the thought of the major representatives of German Idealism: Kant, Fichte, Schelling, and Hegel. The main idea is to introduce in a concise form both the historical and the conceptual development of their worldviews.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFC022</b>	<b>History of Aesthetics</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ognyan Kassabov	<a href="mailto:kassabov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">kassabov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
The course explores key problems and concepts in the history of philosophical aesthetics. Providing an in-depth reading of texts by major figures from Plato to Nietzsche, the course puts their aesthetic theories in the light of their broader philosophical stakes. The intellectual context is also taken into account. An active involvement on the part of students is expected in class.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFC016</b>	<b>Philosophy of Mind</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar Elchinov	<a href="mailto:dgivanov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">dgivanov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>

<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
The course presents the main doctrines in the metaphysics of mind (contemporary dualism and monism) and its non-metaphysical alternatives – behaviorism and functionalism.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
FFE341	<b>The Philosophy of Nicolai Hartmann</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Dr Frederic Tremblay	<a href="mailto:ftremblay@phls.uni-sofia.bg">ftremblay@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
At the beginning of the twentieth century, German philosophy was still largely dominated by the ideas of Kant and the German Idealists (Fichte, Schelling, Hegel), which placed the thinking subject at the center of the world and epistemology at the center of philosophy. The Baltic-German philosopher Nicolai Hartmann (1882-1950) was one of the first — if not the first — to try to break the spell of subjectivism and to develop a new ontology conceived as the fundamental philosophical discipline. He did so first by publishing a work of epistemology justifying his ontological project: <i>Grundzüge einer Metaphysik der Erkenntnis (Foundations of a Metaphysics of Knowledge, 1921)</i> . Once this task achieved, he published his new ontology in the form of four books: <i>Zur Grundlegung der Ontology (Towards a Foundation of Ontology, 1935)</i> , <i>Möglichkeit und Wirklichkeit (Possibility and Actuality, 1938)</i> , <i>Der Aufbau der realen Welt (The Structure of the Real World, 1940)</i> , and <i>Philosophie der Natur (Philosophy of Nature, 1950)</i> . Also important are his <i>Ethik (Ethics, 1926)</i> and his <i>Ästhetik (Aesthetics, posthumously published in 1953)</i> . In this course, we will study the main branches of Hartmann’s philosophy. Every student will be expected to read at least <i>New Ways of Ontology</i> (145 pages), in which Hartmann provides an overview of his own philosophy. Each student will also be expected to select a topic related to the philosopher’s work and to give an in-class presentation on that topic (30% of the final grade). Other readings will be required, depending on the topic selected by the student. For instance, a student who decides to work on Hartmann’s aesthetics will have to read his book <i>Aesthetics</i> . Finally, each student also has to write an essay (around ten pages) on the same topic as their presentation (60% of the final grade). Attendance counts for 10% of the final grade.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
FFE326	<b>Classical Conceptions in the Philosophy for Children</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30			Asst Prof. Dr. Nikoleta Nikolova	<a href="mailto:nikoletanikolova1@gmail.com">nikoletanikolova1@gmail.com</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
This course is a workshop in doing philosophy with children. All students will be introduced to the various practices of doing philosophy with children in the classroom, enabling them to facilitate sessions in schools and in kindergartens. Sessions consist of collaborative discussions and games including literature of essential authors and educators in the field of P4C.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										

<b>FFC021</b>	<b>Normative Ethical Theories</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentina Kaneva	<a href="mailto:v.kaneva@abv.bg">v.kaneva@abv.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
The course examines the central problems of philosophical ethics and provides an understanding of ethics as a normative discipline and a conceptual tool; provides an overview of the major normative theories of ethics – deontological theories, utilitarianism and virtue ethics, and their 20th century developments.										
The course is based on the reading of crucial passages from basic texts of philosophical ethics. The approach to these texts is problem-oriented. Students have to write 4 1-page statements analyzing the basic concepts and problems in the assigned passages. At the end of the course they have to pass a written exam or submit a term paper (8-10 pages).										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFC019</b>	<b>Philosophy of Language</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar Elchinov	<a href="mailto:dgivanov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">dgivanov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
The course presents the main tendencies of XX century Philosophy of Language: Philosophy of Ideal Language and Philosophy of Ordinary Language, as well as concepts and problems involving truth and meaning, translation, and speech acts.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFC011</b>	<b>Symbolic Logic</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Evgeny Latinov, Dr.Sc.;	<a href="mailto:elatinov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">elatinov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a> ,
									Asst. Prof. Velislava Todorova	vttodorova@uni-sofia.bg
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
The students will be introduced to the basic methods for testing logical validity of arguments used in contemporary symbolic logic. The formal languages of propositional and of predicate logic will be introduced and the students will be acquainted with the ways of representing symbolically natural language sentences into them. On the basis of these formal languages, logical methods for testing logical validity of arguments will be introduced. These methods include truth tables, truth-value analysis, natural deduction.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										

<b>FFC012</b>	<b>Medieval Philosophy</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Todor Todorov	<a href="mailto:todorpt@phls.uni-sofia.bg">todorpt@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
The course aims at following the philosophical projects, intellectual controversies, debates and the history of metaphysics in the Western medieval tradition, from the Church Fathers to the Renaissance.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFC013</b>	<b>Byzantine Philosophy</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Chief Asst. Prof. Dr. Maria Vaneva	<a href="mailto:maria.vaneva@phls.uni-sofia.bg">maria.vaneva@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
The course introduces in the characteristic of the Byzantine philosophy and her metaphysics program. A teaching object become the self-determination, the main topics and main concepts as well as be the central figures and main trends. Getting to know the Byzantine philosophy allows the deciphering of an alternative medieval metaphysics project which is intensely taken up in the last decades in the modern sciences.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFE338</b>	<b>Analytic ontology and meta-ontology</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30			Prof. Blagovest Mollov, Dr. Habil	<a href="mailto:bmollov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">bmollov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
The course provides a general introduction to ontology in the analytic tradition with a special emphasis on the “new” sub-discipline of meta-ontology										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFE304</b>	<b>Philosophy of Environment and Nature</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vesselin Dafov	<a href="mailto:vhdafov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">vhdafov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
									Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sc. Dimka Gocheva	<a href="mailto:gichevagoc@phls.uni-sofia.bg">gichevagoc@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
This is an elective course offered to students in order to respond further needs in the area of Philosophy of Environment and Nature. Despite the course specificity, the content is harmonized with the main research and study interest of the group. Students are expected to engage in studying the history of philosophy of nature and of environment, as well as in making and elaborating concepts and ideas of environment and nature.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										

<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFC003</b>	<b>Philosophy of Religion</b>	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Teoharov;  Dr. Miroslav Bachev	<a href="mailto:teoharov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">teoharov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>

**Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):**

The course aims to discuss the problems of philosophical reflection on Religion, the reflection of religious themes through the transcendental-critical method, as well as through hermeneutics and phenomenology. The problem of the interpretation of the notion of God in the Western philosophical tradition is also dealt with. It is based on the fact that, for more than two millennia, philosophical thought is focused in the most essential part, religious and theological problems. The aim of the course is to trace the historical-philosophical plan for the genesis and development of religious issues as well as the possible theoretical and critical conflicts in its development. In addition, the most important themes of the phenomenology of religion have been systematically explored. Particular attention is paid to the development of this issue in the 20th and 21st centuries with a view to the possibilities of a modern philosophy of Religion.

**Requirements for enrollment: NO**

**If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A**

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						Lectures	Exercises/ Seminars	Practical work		
<b>FFZ004</b>	<b>Philosophical Anthropology: Systematic Approach</b>	English	BA/MA/ PhD	Winter	5	60			Prof. Dr. habil. Valery Dinev	<i>Please contact the coordinator: Assist. Prof. V. Todorova,</i> <a href="mailto:vtodorova@uni-sofia.bg">vtodorova@uni-sofia.bg</a>

**Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):**

Philosophical anthropology has long debated questions of difference: rationality versus irrationality, abstraction versus concreteness, modern versus premodern. Would this effort bring philosophers and anthropologists closer together? Would it lead to greater insights across historical and cultural divides? All these questions will be posed in our course discussion.

**Requirements for enrollment: NO**

**If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A**



<b>FFZ005</b>	<b>Philosophical Method</b>	English	BA/MA/ PhD	Winter	5	60			Prof. Dr. habil. Aneta Karageorgieva	<a href="mailto:anetakarageor@uni-sofia.bg">anetakarageor@uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):</b>										
Time and again the problems of methodology become peak-important for philosophy. One reason for this is that the concept of method is inherent to the very concept of philosophy as such. This course offers two optional tracks of investigation: history of philosophical method in Antiquity and analysis of contemporary methods. Both begin with explication of the concept of method, then taking up a different direction. Reading anew Plato, Aristotle and the Sceptics within the first one throws light on many up-to-date issues, like the relationship between logic and mathematics, the role of linguistic and social conventions in knowledge and reasoning, the importance of memory knowledge and the consequences of relativism.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFZ001</b>	<b>Social Philosophy</b>	<b>English</b>	BA/MA/ PhD	Winter	5	60			Prof. Dr. habil. Maria Dimitrova	<a href="mailto:midimitrov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">midimitrov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):</b>										
The goal of this course is a discussion of theories of justice of some great philosophers. All of them form milestones of history of philosophy and philosophical discourse on the notion of justice.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFI302</b>	<b>Philosophy of Intercultural Relations</b>	English	BA/MA/ PhD	Winter	5	60			Prof. Dr. habil. Plamen Makariev	<a href="mailto:makariev@phls.uni-sofia.bg">makariev@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):</b>										
The basic problem, which is discussed in this course is the relation between universalist and particularist norms of social and cultural life. The alternatives of liberal universalism are reconsidered in two dimensions: along the line of the “community – society” relations, and along the line of underestimating vs. exaggerating the importance of cultural differences. These two matters “meet” in the last themes of the syllabus, which refer to the dialogical paradigm of dealing with the challenges of interethnic and interreligious relations.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFZ008</b>	<b>Logic in the Continental Tradition</b>	English	BA/MA/ PhD	Winter	5	60			Prof. Dr. Alexander L. Gungov	<a href="mailto:agungov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">agungov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>



									Chief Asst. Prof. Dr. Darin Drossev	<a href="mailto:drossev@phls.uni-sofia.bg">drossev@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):</b>										
This course discusses the main trends in Logic within the Continental Tradition of Philosophy. An attempt will be made to elucidate the succession and development of views among various logical approaches.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFZ002</b>	<b>Philosophy of Culture</b>	English	BA/MA/ PhD	Winter	5	60	30		Prof. Dr. Alexander L. Gungov  Chief Asst. Prof. Dr. Darin Drossev	<a href="mailto:agungov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">agungov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>  <a href="mailto:drossev@phls.uni-sofia.bg">drossev@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):</b>										
This course aims at discussing culture as a general notion outlining the highest achievements of humanity. Views, which will be studied, belong to the 18th--20th century European philosophers who made significant impact both on contemporary philosophy and humanities in general. Special attention will be paid to the role of imagination in creating culture.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFI 309</b>	<b>Philosophy of Subjective Action</b>	English	BA/MA/ PhD	Winter	5	60			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vesselin Dafov	<a href="mailto:v.dafov@gmail.com">v.dafov@gmail.com</a>
<b>Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):</b>										
This is an elective course offered to students in order to respond the further needs in the specific area of philosophy and particularly of ontology. Despite the course specification the content is harmonized with both the core courses and the student's profile.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										

## Spring Semester

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						Lectures	Exercises/ Seminars	Practical work		
FFC006	Introduction to Ethics	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentina Kaneva	<a href="mailto:v.kaneva@abv.bg">v.kaneva@abv.bg</a>
<p><b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>            The course introduces in the field of philosophical ethics, and examines the main tasks of ethics, the scope of ethical theory as well as the limits of ethics. The central theme of the course is good life questions as they are discussed in the ancient ethical theories but also in their relevance to the understanding of the moral life today. The basic concepts of ethics are examined in the dynamic of their different uses and changing contexts.</p>										
<p><b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>  <b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b></p>										
FFC007	Traditional Logic	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Evgeny Latinov, Dr.Sc.  Asst. Prof. Velislava Todorova	<a href="mailto:elatinov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">elatinov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>  <a href="mailto:vtodorova@uni-sofia.bg">vtodorova@uni-sofia.bg</a>
<p><b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>            The course "Traditional Logic" aims to introduce the students to the traditional problematic of logic. The course presents the fundamental topics of classical logic—concepts, propositions, inferences. One of the main didactical tasks of the course is to cultivate taste of clarity and definiteness in the determination of problems and their solving.</p>										
<p><b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>  <b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b></p>										

<b>FFC008</b>	<b>Ancient Philosophy</b>	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Chief Asst. Prof. Gergana Dineva, PhD	<a href="mailto:Dineva.Gergana@gmail.com">Dineva.Gergana@gmail.com</a>
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**Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):**

The course in Ancient Philosophy covers the development of the Ancient philosophical thought, starting with the 6th century Greece and Rome and ending with the beginning of the 6th century CE. It follows in chronological manner the views of the ancient thinkers from Thales up to Plotinus, as it reconstructs the historic-philosophical connection of their ideas and the inner logic of each one of the theories, as well. The course stresses on the problems of being and knowledge. At the same time, the level of analysis allows reconstruction of the validity and the communicability of the Ancient theoretical constructions as a functional reality, i.e. philosophy as “the given into the logos life”. At this level, the philosophical concepts function as cultural universals. In that way the specificity of the Greek intellectual and lifestyle is outlined, and the Ancient philosophy is recognized as unique cultural phenomenon, which cannot be reduced to any modern worldview stereotype. The course also gives the basics of the later reception of the Ancient philosophical thought.

**Requirements for enrollment: NO**

**If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A**

<b>FFC009</b>	<b>Ontology</b>	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Veselin Dafov, PhD	<a href="mailto:dafov@hotmail.com">dafov@hotmail.com</a>
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**Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):**

This course is to offer the students an academic study in the specific area of philosophy and particularly of ontology. The transition from classical metaphysics onto ontological thinking is studied and different kind of philosophizing on Object and Subject is required (Plato’s Idea, Aristotle’s Organon and Metaphysics, ousia-thinking, substantia-thinking, methodological thinking of Descartes and Bacon, transcendental thinking of Kant, speculative thinking, Phenomenology, Hermeneutics, Formal Ontology, Dialectical Ontology, Applied Ontology, Practical Ontology).

**Requirements for enrollment: NO**

**If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A**

<b>FFC010</b>	<b>Social Philosophy</b>	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Chief Asst. Prof. Dr. Georgi Gerdzhikov	<a href="mailto:midimitrov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">midimitrov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
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**Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):**

This course aims to clarify philosophically how to think our sociality, that is, our humanity. A special attention is paid to the notion of intersubjectivity. The analysis is focused on the process of building a community life starting from subject-subject relationship. The logic of establishing all other indirect human relations and social institutions (all the way to the nation-state and transnational organizations) is traced. The basic categories: life-world, social space, time, freedom, responsibility, law, language, rationality, action, communication, etc. are discussed.

**Requirements for enrollment: NO**

**If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A**

<b>FFC024</b>	<b>Theories of Justice</b>	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Prof. Dr. Sc. Stiliyan Yotov	<a href="mailto:sjotov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">sjotov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
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**Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):**

What is justice? What makes a society just? Should a just society aim for distributive equality? If so, why? What kind of equality? If not, are there alternative distributive patterns a society should aim for, or should a society eschew any such aim? This unit explores those important questions by examining a number of leading contemporary philosophical theories of justice.

The course aims to provide students with a critical understanding of contemporary philosophical debates about justice. It focuses on liberal conceptions of justice and critiques thereof. The unit examines also various moral values - liberty, community, utility, fairness and equality - in terms of which the social life might be assessed. Among the themes that it explores are the limits of and connections between these ideals, the prospects for their realization in contemporary societies as well as the politics with which each is associated. This course explores ways in which conceptions of justice play out in politics, law and morality. It will examine particular forms of justice – distributive, retributive, procedural, substantive, restorative, constitutive etc.

**Requirements for enrollment: NO**

**If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A**

<b>FFC025</b>	<b>Modern Philosophy</b>	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vassil Branimirov	<a href="mailto:vidinsky@gmail.com">vidinsky@gmail.com</a>
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**Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):**

The key ideas that sparked most of the changes in 19th century philosophy were the influential ideas of the Enlightenment, the fast progress of science, the idea of biological evolution, the free market within nation states, and the turbulent wars and revolutionary movements within western societies.

The main idea of the course is to present in a concise form both the historical and the conceptual development of western philosophy during the 19th century. There are several important schools of thought during that period: existentialism, positivism & utilitarianism, pragmatism, Marxism and neo-Kantianism. Various metaphysical, epistemological, and axiological topics and concepts will be considered under these movements, including reason, history, freedom, morality, action, and identity; the nature of science, the possibility of non-empirical knowledge, and the relationship between social history and individual feelings.

**Requirements for enrollment: NO**

**If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A**

<b>FFC015</b>	<b>Philosophical Logic</b>	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Prof. Dr. Alexander Gungov;  Snezhanka Mihailova	<a href="mailto:agungov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">agungov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
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<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
This course covers the principal ideas in Philosophical Logic, including Speculative Logic, Classical and Phenomenological Transcendental Logic, Dialectical Logic, Phenomenological Logic, and Hermeneutical Logic. Basic term of the Analytical Trend in Logic will be mentioned too. An attempt will be made to elucidate the succession and development of views among various logical traditions.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFC016</b>	<b>Theory of Knowledge</b>	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar Elchinov	<a href="mailto:dgivanov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">dgivanov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
The course presents main topics in contemporary Epistemology: skepticism, knowledge, truth and justification, and attempts at showing how these concepts can be applied in practice.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFC025</b>	<b>Early Modern Philosophy</b>	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Prof. Dr.Sc. Stiliyan Yotov	<a href="mailto:sjotov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">sjotov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
This course is a survey of the European philosophical tradition from Bacon through Hume – or the tension between classical Rationalist and Empiricists, examining issues such as the nature, sources, and extent of human knowledge, the composition of the physical world, the nature of the human mind and its relation to the physical world, the possibility of a rational understanding of God and the self, and the nature of human freedom. Key texts would be presented and discussed on seminars.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFE317</b>	<b>Philosophy and Literature</b>	English	BA	Spring	5	30			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Petar Plamenov	<a href="mailto:plamenov_p@phls.uni-sofia.bg">plamenov_p@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
The course is a systematic theoretical study of the thematic, theoretical and purely discursive interaction between philosophy and literature. It examines the specifics of the aesthetic categories and the dynamics of their development in the territory of literary work. They follow the main literary and philosophical realities of the ages: Antiquity, Middle Ages, Renaissance, Classicism, Baroque, Enlightenment, Modernism, Postmodernism. Globally, the course attempts to offer an unexpected thought horizon. Mixing literary and philosophical methods of analysis leads to unexpected conclusions. The course seeks both the elements of proximity and differences, and thus reveals the complex relationship between aesthetic and philosophical concepts, art, philosophy and culture.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										

FFE333	<b>Archetypes of Love and Death in Eastern Philosophical Traditions</b>	English	BA	Spring	5	30			Asst. Prof. Dr. Dessislava Damyanova	<a href="mailto:damyanova@phls.uni-sofia.bg">damyanova@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
It is sometimes said that death today has replaced sex as “The Great Unmentionable” and for most people it is an uncomfortable subject which they do not care to ponder upon. It is also possible to be too preoccupied with reflection upon such issues. There are those who are ‘eaten up’ with fear of death, so that they hardly have any zest for living. Many different attitudes toward love and death in Eastern philosophy cause a large number of interpretations. The researchers are quite bewildered by the Indian, Japanese and Chinese approaches to these archetypes. The lessons of the East show that we should, at least for a while, look at death straight in the eyes. Facing love and death realistically does not mean being obsessed by it. Here, as in other respects, Buddhism teaches the Middle Way. For those who have an unhealthy preoccupation with these subjects, it can teach a saner and more balanced approach; for those who seek at all costs to avoid thinking about it, it can likewise show a reasonable approach. In Daoism the recommendation is “not to welcome the coming and not to grasp the leaving” – wise men do not face death with profound sadness like ordinary people. There are stories in “Zhuangzi” that reveal the intimate heart of Daoism. Fear of death is an unwholesome state of mind and the Tibetan Buddhism and Dao-philosophy can offer a remedy for this ‘illness’. The course will also explore how the philosophy of ancient India and China had conceived one of the most important issues - the relationship between the masculine and feminine – Shiva and Shakti, <i>yin</i> and <i>yang</i> .										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
FFE337	<b>The Metaphysical Turn of Analytic Philosophy: History and Prospects</b>	English	BA	Spring	5	30			Prof. Blagovest Mollov, Dr. Habil	<a href="mailto:bmollov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">bmollov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
The course traces the history of the so-called “metaphysical turn” of analytic philosophy. It will try to assess both the view that analytic philosophy has historically “always” been a-/anti-metaphysical and the claim that it could not have been otherwise given its “nature” and methods via detailed consideration of the work of some of its most representative figures. It will also discuss the character of “analytic metaphysics” as it has been recently practiced as well as the “new” programme of “scientific metaphysics”.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
FFE337	<b>Ontology of Subject</b>	English	BA	Spring	5	30			Prof. Dr. Veselin Dafov	<a href="mailto:dafov@hotmail.com">dafov@hotmail.com</a>

<b>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):</b>										
This is an elective course offered to philosophy students in order to respond the further needs in understanding subjectivity-related-being and subjectivity's situation. Philosophical ideas relevant to such subjects as Bio-, Zoo-, Human, Person, Social etc. will be studied. Despite the course specificity, the content is harmonized with both the main research interest of the group and the student's specific philosophical profile.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFI003</b>	<b>Philosophical Anthropology: Main Trends and Thinkers</b>	English	BA/MA/PhD	Spring	5	60			Prof. Dr. habil. Valery Dinev	<i>Please contact the coordinator: Assist. Prof. V. Todorova, <a href="mailto:vtodorova@uni-sofia.bg">vtodorova@uni-sofia.bg</a></i>
<b>Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):</b>										
Philosophical anthropology has long debated questions of difference: rationality versus irrationality, abstraction versus concreteness, modern versus premodern. Would this effort bring philosophers and anthropologists closer together? Would it lead to greater insights across historical and cultural divides? All these questions will be posed in our course discussion.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFZ303</b>	<b>Existential Dialectics</b>	English	BA/MA/PhD	Spring	5	60			Prof. Dr. habil. Maria Dimitrova	<a href="mailto:midimitrov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">midimitrov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):</b>										
The course is focused on the works of some great philosophers of 20 century European philosophy. They all belong to the Continental Tradition. The main topics of the existential phenomenology are discussed. The attention is focused on the dialectical understanding of humanity and humanism.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFZ006</b>	<b>Meaning and Truth</b>	English	BA/MA/PhD	Spring	5	60			Prof. Dr. habil. Aneta Karageorgieva	<a href="mailto:anetakarageor@yahoo.com">anetakarageor@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):</b>										
The nature of meaning and the terms in which it is to be analyzed have interested philosophers of the last 100 years very intensively. What is the ultimate meaning bearer – words, sentences or persons, and why does such a close relation between meaning and truth exist? Are our semantic intuitions more basic than those about truth, and how are we doing things by words? These and other questions of contemporary philosophy of language are the main content of the course.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										



<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										
<b>FFZ007</b>	<b>Continental Philosophy</b>	English	BA/MA/ PhD	Spring	5	60	30		Prof. Dr. Alexander L. Gungov	<a href="mailto:agungov@phls.uni-sofia.bg">agungov@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
									Chief Asst Prof. Dr. Darin Drossev	<a href="mailto:drossev@phls.uni-sofia.bg">drossev@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>
<b>Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction):</b>										
An attempt will be made to cover the basic ideas of the most prominent 20th century European philosophers following the non-analytical approach to philosophy. Their teachings will be correlated to the most urgent issues of the contemporary socio-political and moral life.										
<b>Requirements for enrollment: NO</b>										
<b>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</b>										