



COURSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES for ERASMUS INCOMING STUDENTS

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Course code	Course title (in English)	Language of instruction	Course offered to BA/BS, MA/MS, PhD	Semester (winter/ summer)	ECTS	Workload (hours)			Lecturer/s's name	Lecturer/s's E-mail
						Lectures	Seminars	Practical work		
FFC014	Political Philosophy	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Prof. Dr.Sc. Plamen Makariev	makariev@phls.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): This course introduces the students to a large spectrum of classical and contemporary theories in political philosophy. The aim is to enable the students make sense of what is happening in society in the frame of reference of foremost achievements of philosophical thought. The order of themes in each of the four sections of the syllabus demonstrates the continuity between prominent philosophical theories and philosophical conceptions, which are dealing with pressing contemporary social and political issues.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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

FFC004	Eastern Philosophy	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Senior Assist. Prof. Dr. Desislava Damyanova	damyanova@phls.uni-sofia.bg
<p>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.</p>										
<p>Requirements for enrollment: NO If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</p>										
FFC020	German Idealism	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Chief Asst. Prof. Dr. Lydia Kondova	lkondova@phls.uni-sofia.bg
<p>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): 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.</p>										
<p>Requirements for enrollment: NO If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</p>										
FFC016	Philosophy of Mind	English	BA	Winter	5	30			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar Elchinov	dgivanov@phls.uni-sofia.bg
<p>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The course presents the main doctrines in the metaphysics of mind (contemporary dualism and monism) and its non-metaphysical alternatives – behaviorism and functionalism.</p>										
<p>Requirements for enrollment: NO If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</p>										
FFE326	Classical Conceptions in the Philosophy for	English	BA	Winter	5	30			Asst Prof. Dr. Nikoleta Nikolova	nikoletanikolova1@gmail.com

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

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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

FFC021	Normative Ethical Theories	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentina Kaneva	v.kaneva@abv.bg
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Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The course examines the major normative theories of ethics – deontological theories, utilitarianism and virtue ethics, and their 20th century developments. The focus is on the understanding of ethics as normative discipline and on sources of normativity.

The participation in the course presupposes reading of crucial passages from basic texts of the philosophical ethics. The approach to these texts is problem-oriented.

Students have to write two 2-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).

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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

FFC019	Philosophy of Language	English	BA	Winter	5	30			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar Elchinov	dgivanov@phls.uni-sofia.bg
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Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): 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.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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

FFC011	Symbolic Logic	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Evgeny Latinov, Dr.Sc.;	elatinov@phls.uni-sofia.bg ,
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Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): 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-

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FFC012	Medieval Philosophy	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Todor Todorov	todorpt@phls.uni-sofia.bg
Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): 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.										
Requirements for enrollment: NO If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A										
FFC013	Byzantine Philosophy	English	BA	Winter	5	30	15		Chief Asst. Prof. Dr. Maria Vaneva	maria.vaneva@phls.uni-sofia.bg
Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): 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.										
Requirements for enrollment: NO If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A										
FFE338	Analytic ontology and meta-ontology	English	BA	Winter	5	30			Prof. Blagovest Mollov, Dr. Habil	bmollov@phls.uni-sofia.bg
Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The course provides a general introduction to ontology in the analytic tradition with a special emphasis on the “new” sub-discipline of meta-ontology										
Requirements for enrollment: NO If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A										
FFE304	Philosophy of Environment and Nature	English	BA	Winter	5	30			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vesselin Dafov Dr. Tsena Zhelyazkova	vhdafov@phls.uni-sofia.bg zhelyazkova@phls.uni-sofia.bg
Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): 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.										
Requirements for enrollment: NO If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A										
FFZ005	Philosophical Method	English	BA/MA/ PhD	Winter	5	60			Prof. Dr. habil. Aneta Karageorgieva	anetakarageor@yahoo.com

Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction): 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.										
Requirements for enrollment: NO										
If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A										
FFI302	Philosophy of Intercultural Relations	English	BA/M A/ PhD	Winter	5	60			Prof. Dr. habil. Plamen Makariev	makariev@phls.uni-sofia.bg
Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction): 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.										
Requirements for enrollment: NO										
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FFZ008	Logic in the Continental Tradition	English	BA/M A/ PhD	Winter	5	60			Prof. Dr. A. Gungov Chief Asst. Prof. Dr. Darin Drossev	agungov@phls.uni-sofia.bg drossev@phls.uni-sofia.bg
Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction): 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										
Requirements for enrollment: NO										
If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A										
FFZ002	Philosophy of Culture	English	BA/M A/ PhD	Winter	5	60	30		Prof. Dr. A. Gungov Chief Asst. Prof. Dr. Darin Drossev	agungov@phls.uni-sofia.bg drossev@phls.uni-sofia.bg

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

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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

FFI 309	Philosophy of Subjective Action	English	BA/MA/PhD	Winter	5	60			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vesselin Dafov	v.dafov@gmail.com
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Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction): 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.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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

Spring Semester

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						Lectures	Seminars	Practical work		
FFC006	Introduction to Ethics	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentina Kaneva	v.kaneva@abv.bg
<p>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The course introduces students to the field of philosophical ethics and outlines the main tasks of ethics as a philosophical discipline. The scope of ethical theories and their basic concepts are examined. The attention is directed to the good life questions as discussed in ancient ethical theories but in contemporary texts too. The basic concepts of ethics are analysed in the dynamic of the changing cultural and social contexts.</p>										
<p>Requirements for enrollment: NO If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</p>										
FFC007	Traditional Logic	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Evgeny Latinov, Dr.Sc. Asst. Prof. Velislava Todorova	elatinov@phls.uni-sofia.bg vtodorova@uni-sofia.bg
<p>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): 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>Requirements for enrollment: NO If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</p>										
FFC008	Ancient Philosophy	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Chief Asst. Prof. Gergana Dineva, PhD	gdineva@phls.uni-sofia.bg

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

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FFC009	Ontology	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Veselin Dafov, PhD	dafov@hotmail.com
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Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): This is 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

FFC024	Theories of Justice	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Prof. Dr. Sc. Stiliyan	sjotov@phs.uni-sofia.bg
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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 –

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FFC025	Modern Philosophy (19th Century)	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vassil	vidinsky@phls.uni-sofia.bg
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>										
<p>Requirements for enrollment: NO</p> <p>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</p>										
FFC015	Philosophical Logic	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Prof. Dr. A. Gungov; Snezhanka Mihailova	agungov@phls.uni-sofia.bg
<p>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): 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.</p>										
<p>Requirements for enrollment: NO</p> <p>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</p>										
FFC016	Theory of Knowledge	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dimitar Elchinov	dgivanov@phls.uni-sofia.bg
<p>Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): 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.</p>										
<p>Requirements for enrollment: NO</p> <p>If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A</p>										
FFC025	Early Modern Philosophy	English	BA	Spring	5	30	15		Prof. Dr.Sc. Stiliyan	sjotov@phls.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): 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										
Requirements for enrollment: NO										
If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A										
FFE317	Philosophy and	English	BA	Spring	5	30			Assoc. Prof. Dr. Petar Plamenov	pet27@abv.bg
Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): 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,										
Requirements for enrollment: NO										
If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A										
FFE337	The Metaphysical Turn of Analytic Philosophy: History and Prospects	English	BA	Spring	5	30			Prof. Blagovest Mollov, Dr. Habil	bmollov@phls.uni-sofia.bg
Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): 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”.										
Requirements for enrollment: NO										
If any, please describe the specific requirements: N/A										
FFE337	Ontology of Subject	English	BA	Spring	5	30			Prof. Dr. Veselin Dafov	dafov@hotmail.com

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

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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

FFZ006	Meaning and Truth	English	BA/MA/PhD	Spring	5	60			Prof. Dr. habil. Aneta Karageorgiev	anetakarageor@yahoo.com
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Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction): 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.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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

FFZ007	Continental Philosophy	English	BA/MA/PhD	Spring	5	60	30		Prof. Dr. A. Gungov Chief Asst Prof. Dr. Darin Drossev	agungov@phls.uni-sofia.bg drossev@phls.uni-sofia.bg
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Short description of the course (done in the language of instruction): 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.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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