

Political Philosophy

Code: 100284
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500246 Philosophy	OB	2	2

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Teaching groups languages

You can check it through this [link](#). To consult the language you will need to enter the CODE of the subject. Please note that this information is provisional until 30 November 2023.

Prerequisites

No prerequisite.

Objectives and Contextualisation

1. It will be about knowing the evolution of European political institutions from the perspective of philosophy.
2. Therefore, although the course will focus on conceptual analysis, it will be carried out in a historical order.
3. However, the historical approach will be carried out from the present, that is, based on the issues and problems that currently arise in political philosophy.
4. In addition, the political theme has always been closely related to other "areas" of philosophy: ethics above all, but also epistemology or even ontology. Then you will have to know how to move in those other areas according to the author considered.
5. It is intended that the student learns to guide their study with full awareness of these interrelationships.

Competences

- Analysing and summarising the main arguments of fundamental texts of philosophy in its various disciplines.
- Applying the knowledge of ethics to the moral problems of society, and assessing the implications about the human condition of changes in the world of contemporary techniques.
- Recognising and interpreting topics and problems of philosophy in its various disciplines.

- Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.
- Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.

Learning Outcomes

1. Accurately drawing up normative texts.
2. Accurately using the specific lexicon of the history of philosophy.
3. Autonomously searching, selecting and processing information both from structured sources (databases, bibliographies, specialized magazines) and from across the network.
4. Correctly, accurately and clearly communicating the acquired philosophical knowledge in oral and written form.
5. Effectively communicating and applying the argumentative and textual processes to formal and scientific texts.
6. Establishing relationships between science, philosophy, art, religion, politics, etc.
7. Expressing both orally and in written form, the issues and basic problems of the philosophical tradition.
8. Indicating and summarising the common content of several manifestations of various fields of culture.
9. Relating the characteristic elements and factors of the philosophical tradition.
10. Students must develop the necessary learning skills to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.
11. Summarising the main arguments of the great contemporary texts of ethics and political philosophy.
12. Summarising the topics and arguments exposed in a classical philosophical debate.
13. Using suitable terminology when drawing up an academic text.

Content

Introduction

- I. The ancient community.
- a) Plato against the sophists: the art of the politician.
 - b) Aristotle: politics as a way of life.
 - c) Cicero: republicanism and *ius humanum*.

II. The transition to modernity.

- a) Contributions of Christianity to political philosophy.
- b) Machiavelli: the reason of State.
- c) Jean Bodin: the concept of sovereignty.

III. Theories of the social pact.

- a) Hobbes: the absolutism of state power.
- b) Locke: natural rights and liberalism.
- c) Rousseau: the collective political subject.

IV. The constitutional State.

- a) Kant and the cosmopolitan Idea.
- b) Towards a philosophy of history.

Methodology

During the face-to-face sessions, the teacher will present the subjects of the program with special emphasis on the main concepts, which will be framed in the appropriate argumentation. Thus, this exhibition will also offer guidelines for reading texts.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Master class	35	1.4	6, 9, 2
Text reading orientation	10	0.4	3, 6, 9, 12
Type: Supervised			
Tutorials	20	0.8	3, 4
Type: Autonomous			
Reading the recommended bibliography	50	2	9
Study and preparation of works	27.5	1.1	3, 1, 6, 7, 5, 13, 9, 2

Assessment

First test:

It will consist of a presentation

Second test:

It will consist of a written exam during the class time slot.

Third test:

It will consist of a written exam during the class time slot.

The single assessment will be a written test consisting of three parts:

- Short questions to develop of the first part of the subject (40%)
- Short questions to develop of the second part of the subject (40%)
- text commentary (20%)

The recovery of the single evaluation will be of the same characteristics.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
First test: presentation	40% of the final grade	2.5	0.1	3, 4, 1, 6, 7, 5, 13, 9, 11, 12, 2
Second test: exam.	30% of the final grade	2.5	0.1	8, 3, 4, 1, 7, 5, 13, 10, 9, 12, 2
Third test: exam	30% of the final grade	2.5	0.1	8, 3, 4, 1, 7, 5, 13, 10, 9, 12, 2

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Software

No specific software is needed.