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Political Philosophy

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Degree	Type	Year
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Teaching groups languages

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Prerequisites

It is preferable that students have previously passed the course Practical Philosophy.

Objectives and Contextualisation

To familiarize the students with the thoughts of the authors that appear in the syllabus. By the end of the course, students should be able to develop the basic ideas of the books studied with competence and thoroughness.

Although the course will focus on conceptual analysis, this will be carried out while applying a historical approach. This historical look will be made from the present, that is, from the issues and problems of political philosophy in our times.

The specific objective of the course is to provide students with the analytical tools and basic knowledge of different theoretical frameworks so that they can respond with depth and critical spirit to the elementary questions of political philosophy.

Competences

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- 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

1. Introduction to political philosophy

2. Kant: cosmopolitanism and Enlightenment

3. Hegel: philosophy of rights

4. Marx. Origins of an agonistic political philosophy

5. The Machiavellian moment in democracy

6. Towards a Critical Utopian Political Philosophy

Activities and Methodology

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	25	1	3, 1, 6, 7, 5, 13, 9, 2

It is mandatory that students read in advance the texts that will be interpreted in class. Master sessions will be co
We will use Moodle to share materials and publish grades.

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.

Assessment

Continous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
First test: exam	25% of the final grade	2.5	0.1	3, 4, 1, 6, 7, 5, 13, 9, 11, 12, 2
Fourth Test: exam	25% of the final grade	2.5	0.1	8, 3, 4, 6, 5, 11, 2
Second test: exam.	25% of the final grade	2.5	0.1	8, 3, 4, 1, 7, 5, 13, 10, 9, 12, 2
Third test: exam	25% of the final grade	2.5	0.1	8, 3, 4, 1, 7, 5, 13, 10, 9, 12, 2

Evaluation criteria

First test 25%:

On-site written exam

Second test 25%:

On-site written exam

Third test 25%:

On-site written exam

Fourth test 25%:

On-site written exam

The single evaluation will be a face-to-face written exam consisting of two parts:

-A question to be developed from the first part of the subject (50%).

-One question to be developed from the second part of the subject (50%).

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

Bibliography

Compulsory reading

Kant, Immanuel, On perpetual peace

Hegel, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich, *Phenomenology of spirit*

Marx, Karl, *Crítica de la Filosofía del Estado de Hegel,*

Abensour, Miguel, *La democracia contra el Estado. Marx y el momento maquiaveliano*

Arendt, Hannah*, De la historia a la acción*

Rancière, Jacques*, El desacuerdo*

General Bibliography

Hampsher-Monk, Iain, *Historia del pensamiento político moderno*, Ariel, Barcelona.

Held, David, *Modelos de democracia*, Alianza, Madrid.

Raynaud, Philippe/Rials, Stéphane, *Diccionario Akal de Filosofía Política*, Akal, Madrid.

Sabine, George H., *Historia de la teoría política*, Fondo Cultura Económica (FCE), México/Madrid.

Touchard, Jean, *Historia de las ideas políticas*, Tecnos, Madrid.

Vallespín, Fernando (recop.), *Historia de la teoría política*, Alianza.

Software

No specific software is needed.

Language list

Name	Group	Language	Semester	Turn
(PAUL) Classroom practices	1	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed

(PAUL) Classroom practices	2	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed
(TE) Theory	1	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed
(TE) Theory	2	Catalan	second semester	morning-mixed