

Ancient Philosophy

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Philosophy	OB	2
Ancient Studies	FB	2

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Teaching groups languages

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Prerequisites

This course has no prerequisites.

Objectives and Contextualisation

Ancient Philosophy (6 ECTS) is a subject that is considered a core subject at the UAB, scheduled for the second year of the following studies: Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Bachelor's Degree in Antiquity Sciences.

The subject is mainly an introduction to the origin of philosophy and the study of the two most significant pre-Socratic authors (Heraclitus and Parmenides) and the two most important authors of ancient philosophy (Plato and Aristotle), who in turn are among the most important of philosophy in general.

Competences

Philosophy

- Act within one's own area of knowledge, evaluating sex/gender-based inequalities.
- Analysing and summarising the main arguments of fundamental texts of philosophy in its various disciplines.
- Placing the most representative philosophical ideas and arguments of a period in their historical background and relating the most important authors of each period of any philosophical discipline.
- Recognising and interpreting topics and problems of philosophy in its various disciplines.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must develop the necessary learning skills to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.
- 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.

- Thinking in a critical and independent manner on the basis of the specific topics, debates and problems of philosophy, both historically and conceptually.
- Using the symbology and procedures of the formal sciences in the analysis and building of arguments.

Ancient Studies

- Dominate the use of specific instruments, with special attention to digital tools, for analysing the ancient world.
- Interrelate linguistic, historical and archaeological knowledge of the ancient world with knowledge of other areas of the humanities, mainly ancient literature, philosophy and art.
- Recognise the impact of some important aspects of the ancient world in contemporary culture and society.
- 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 using the specific lexicon of the history of philosophy.
2. Analyse the sex-/gender-based inequalities and gender bias in one's own area of knowledge.
3. Arguing about several issues and philosophical problems for the purpose of different works and the assessment of the results.
4. Assess how stereotypes and gender roles impact professional practice.
5. Carrying out a planning for the development of a subject-related work.
6. Demonstrating a personal stance over a problem or controversy of philosophical nature, or a work of philosophical research.
7. Discriminating the features that define the writer's place in the context of a problem and reorganising them in a consistent diagram.
8. Distinguishing and outlining the fundamental content of a philosophical text.
9. Documenting a philosophical issue and contrasting its sources.
10. Effectively communicating and applying the argumentative and textual processes to formal and scientific texts.
11. Establishing relationships between science, philosophy, art, religion, politics, etc.
12. Explaining the specific notions of the History of Philosophy.
13. Expressing both orally and in written form, the issues and basic problems of the philosophical tradition.
14. Identifying the main ideas of a related text and drawing a diagram.
15. Indicate the main themes of the history of philosophy.
16. Indicating and discussing the main characteristics of the distinctive thought of a period and contextualizing them.
17. Indicating and summarising the common content of several manifestations of various fields of culture.
18. Indicating the main issues of the history of philosophy.
19. Point out and discuss the main characteristics of era-defining thought, placing them in their context.
20. Producing an individual work that specifies the work plan and timing of activities.
21. Reading basic philosophical text thoroughly.
22. Reading thoroughly philosophical texts of the History of Philosophy.
23. Recognising, with a critical eye, philosophical referents of the past and present and assessing its importance.
24. Relate various orders that can be discovered among the philosophical ideas of different authors and moments in history.
25. Relating the various orders of the philosophical ideas of different authors and historical moments.
26. Rigorously building philosophical arguments.
27. Solving problems autonomously.
28. Submitting works in accordance with both individual and small group demands and personal styles.
29. Summarising the topics and arguments exposed in a classical philosophical debate.
30. Using suitable terminology when drawing up an academic text.

Content

The syllabus of the subject is made up of the following topics:

Block 1.

Topic 1. The problem of the birth of philosophy.

Topic 2. The so-called "pre-Socratic" philosophy.

Topic 3. Heraclitus of Ephesus I.

Topic 4. Heraclitus of Ephesus II.

Topic 5. Parmenides of Elea I.

His 6. Parmènides d'Elea II.

Topic 7. The "revolution" of the Sophists.

Su 8. Sócrates.

Block 2.

Topic 9. Plato, author of Socratic dialogues.

Topic 10. Plato, the philosopher who learns to die.

Item 11. Plato and ideas.

12. *It's a good time to have a good time.*

Topic 13. Plato and the Fair City.

Item 14. Plató i la vida justa.

Topic 15. Plato, the good and dialectics.

Block 3.

Item 16. Aristotle and syllogistic.

Item 17. Aristotle and the categories.

Item 18. Aristotle, Knowledge and Causes.

Item 19. Aristotle, the act and the potency.

Item 20. Aristotle and Movement.

Item 21. Aristotle and the soul.

Item 22. Aristotle and the reproduction of animals.

Item 23. Aristotle, technique and nature.

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Classes	45	1.8	3, 26, 11, 12, 10, 30, 1
Type: Supervised			
Reports	22.5	0.9	26, 7, 8, 9, 20, 5, 13, 14, 18, 16, 21, 22, 25, 29
Type: Autonomous			
Readings and study	75	3	7, 8, 13, 18, 16, 25

The classes consist of the presentation and discussion of texts on the subject. Interventions by the teacher and the participating students are expected. The class dynamics make it necessary to read the texts outside classroom hours that will later be treated in the classroom. Attendance at classroom sessions is mandatory.

15 minutes of a class will be reserved, within the calendar established by the centre, for the complementation by the students of the surveys for the evaluation of the performance of the teaching staff and the evaluation of the subject.

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

Continuous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
1st records	20%	1.5	0.06	2, 3, 19, 17, 26, 6, 7, 8, 9, 20, 11, 5, 12, 13, 10, 30, 14, 15, 18, 16, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 1, 4
1st test	20%	1.5	0.06	3, 19, 26, 7, 8, 9, 20, 11, 5, 12, 13, 10, 30, 14, 15, 18, 16, 21, 22, 25, 24, 27, 29, 1
2nd records	20%	1.5	0.06	3, 19, 26, 7, 8, 9, 20, 11, 5, 12, 13, 10, 30, 14, 18, 15, 16, 21, 22, 28, 25, 24, 27, 29, 1
2nd test	20%	1.5	0.06	3, 19, 26, 7, 8, 9, 20, 11, 5, 12, 13, 10, 30, 14, 18, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, 24, 27, 29, 1
3rd test	20%	1.5	0.06	3, 19, 26, 7, 8, 9, 20, 11, 5, 12, 13, 10, 30, 14, 15, 18, 16, 21, 22, 28, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 1

This subject admits the continuous assessment system and the single assessment system.

Continuous evaluation

The continuous evaluation will consist of 2 multiple-choice tests with a value of 40% each and a report with a value of 20% of the final grade.

The week prior to the exams will be dedicated to individual tutorials.

Single assessment

On a single date, the student who opts for the single evaluation will submit a report (20% of the grade) and take a multiple-choice test (80% of the final grade) that will cover the entire program.

At the time of carrying out each assessment activity, the teacher will inform the students (Moodle) of the procedure and the date of review of the grades. The final grade is the weighted average of all the activities evaluated.

The student will receive the grade of "Not assessed" as long as they have not submitted more than 1/3 of the evaluation activities.

In the event that the student makes any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade of an evaluation act, this evaluation act will be graded with a 0, regardless of the disciplinary process that may be instructed. In the event that there are several irregularities in the assessment of the same subject, the final grade for this subject will be 0.

The Department of Philosophy agreed that the subjects of the first semester would have two periods of concentration of evaluation activities and a week in which students could prepare specifically for the tests in the modality that each teacher will specify at the beginning of the course. The dates for the review week and on which the tests will concentrate are:

Oct 27 - Oct 31: Review week or tutorials

Nov. 3 -7 Nov.: Evaluation week

8-9-12-13-14 January: Judging Week

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Software

Not applicable.

Groups and Languages

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