

Philosophical Anthropology (A000432)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026

A (semester 2)

Dutch

Gent

seminar

lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

Vervisch, Thomas

LW01

staff member

Van Dyck, Maarten

LW01

lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

[Bachelor of Arts in Moral Sciences](#)

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[Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy](#)

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[Bachelor of Science in Political Science](#)

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[Bachelor of Science in Sociology](#)

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[Elective Set Philosophy and Moral Sciences](#)

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A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Philosophical anthropology, conceptions of human nature, global philosophy

Position of the course

This basic course helps students gain insight into philosophical thinking on human nature, from the perspective of various philosophical traditions

Contents

In this course, we examine how different philosophical traditions reflect on the fundamental characteristics of the human being. A global and comparative perspective is explicitly adopted in this exploration

Initial competences

No prior knowledge necessary.

Final competences

Critical understanding of historical and contemporary theories of human nature in the social sciences and brain sciences.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Seminar, Lecture, Independent work, Peer teaching

Study material

Type: Syllabus

Name: Syllabus

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Additional information: Additional texts will be provided on Ufora (in addition to the book).

References

Course content-related study coaching

By the lecturer or assistant (by appointment).

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment with open-ended questions

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment with open-ended questions

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Calculation of the examination mark

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

- 1 Possible exemption from certain educational activities requiring student attendance.
- 2 Possible oral examination on a different time in the same academic year
- 3 Feedback can be given during an appointment during office hours
- 4 Possibility for an individual trajectory for the seminars.

Extra information:

For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy