

Epistemology I (A001181)

Due to Covid 19, the education and evaluation methods may vary from the information displayed in the schedules and course details. Any changes will be communicated on Ufora.

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*
Credits 5.0 **Study time** 150 h **Contact hrs** 45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2021-2022

A (semester 2)	Dutch	Gent	lecture	30.0 h
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Lecturers in academic year 2021-2022

Lefevere, Merel	LW01	staff member
Simons, Massimiliano	LW01	lecturer-in-charge
Vanrie, Wim	LW01	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2021-2022

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Bachelor of Arts in Moral Sciences	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Knowledge, justification, rationality

Position of the course

Contents

- Defining knowledge and justification
- The relation between rationality and knowledge
- Sources of knowledge and justification (perception, testimony, induction, ...)
- The possibility of knowledge (skepticism, objectivity)

Initial competences

Final competences

- 1 Being able to use the most crucial concepts from contemporary epistemology correctly.
- 2 Having insight in the different positions in contemporary epistemology.
- 3 Having insight in the nature of the analytical method in epistemology and being able to correctly reconstrue arguments.
- 4 Being able to evaluate the status of justification and rationality, both in everyday contexts and in scientific and ethical practice and thinking.
- 5 Being able to analyse the treatment of epistemological problems in texts from the philosophical tradition and to correctly rapport these analyses.

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

Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

- The chapters from the textbook are discussed during the lectures.
- Three short papers must be written concerning David Hume's *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* and the topics treated in the textbook.

Learning materials and price

- Textbook: Richard Feldman. (2003). *Epistemology* (Prentice-Hall foundations of philosophy series). Englewood Cliffs (N.J.): Prentice Hall.
- Obligatory literature: David Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*.
Estimated costs: 50 EUR.

References

Course content-related study coaching

There is feedback for each paper.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

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

Written examination

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

Written examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Calculation of the examination mark

Exam (60%) and papers (40%).

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

- 1 Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance
- 2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
- 3 Feedback can be given during an appointment during and after office hours

Extra information:

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