

History of Contemporary Philosophy (A003400)

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 1)

Dutch

Gent

seminar

independent work

lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

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lecturer-in-charge

Schreel, Louis

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co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

[Bachelor of Arts in History](#)

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[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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A

[Elective Set Philosophy and Moral Sciences](#)

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A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

contemporary philosophy, history of --

Position of the course

This basic course enables students to gain insight into the main problems and debates in contemporary philosophy.

Contents

Crucial texts and debates in contemporary philosophy are studied. Furthermore a concise survey of important contemporary philosophers is offered.

Initial competences

Final competences

- 1 To be able to critically reflect on philosophical problems.
- 2 To be able to argue in an informed and consistent way on current philosophical problems.
- 3 To be able to interpret and understand original texts from the history of contemporary philosophy.
- 4 To be able to report critically and clearly on the studied themes and opinions from contemporary philosophy.
- 5 To be able to relate different themes and arguments from crucials texts of contemporary philosophy.
- 6 To be able to apply the studied theories to the most important contemporary problems in philosophy.

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

Extra information on the teaching methods

Lectures and discussions about the texts; supervised close reading of articles.

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Verbijstering, veelheid, verschil

Indicative price: € 20

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

Author : Bart Vandenabeele

Available through Student Association : Yes

Type: Reader

Name: texts

Indicative price: € 20

Optional: no

Language : Dutch

References

Course content-related study coaching

Office hours or by appointment.

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

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

Written assessment

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

Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

periodical: written exam

Calculation of the examination mark

periodical: 100%

Facilities for Working Students

1. Possible exemption from certain educational activities requiring student attendance.

2. Alternative time for feedback is possible via email.

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