

## 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 2026-2027**

A (semester 1)	Dutch	Gent	lecture
			independent work
			seminar

**Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027**

Schreel, Louis	LW01	staff member
Vandenabeele, Bart	LW01	lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027**

	<b>crdts</b>	<b>offering</b>
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Moral Sciences</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Science in Political Science</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Elective Set Philosophy and Moral Sciences</a>	5	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 crucial 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.  
No lecture recordingd.

**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