

Social Philosophy (A006797)

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

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Course offerings in academic year 2027-2028

A (semester 2)

Dutch

Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2027-2028

Sterckx, Sigrid

LW01

lecturer-in-charge

Bleys, Kjell

LW01

staff member

Offered in the following programmes in 2027-2028

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offering

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[Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy](#)

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Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Sociale filosofie

Position of the course

This course aims to enable students to explore some influential theories and schools of thought in modern and contemporary social philosophy through direct engagement with primary texts. It provides students with a deeper understanding of social philosophy and a more profound insight into certain problems, concepts and arguments within this field of social theory. In addition, this course aims to equip students with the ability to read, analyse, understand and evaluate social-philosophical texts independently.

Contents

This course covers a number of key themes and debates within modern and contemporary social philosophy. During the seminars, primary texts by G.W.F. Hegel, Karl Marx, members of the Frankfurt School, Simone de Beauvoir, Judith Butler, Frantz Fanon and Achille Mbembe are placed in their historical context and examined, commented on and discussed in class. The selection of texts may change each year.

Initial competences

Having taken the courses 'Historisch overzicht van de wijsbegeerte', 'Wijsgerige ethiek: Methodiek', 'Sociale en politieke leerstelsels' and 'Inleiding tot het filosofisch en moraalwetenschappelijk onderzoek' or possessing equivalent competences. Active knowledge of Dutch and English is required.

Final competences

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

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

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Lectures.

Mainly group tutorials focusing on the guided discussion of primary texts; for each group tutorial, specific reading assignments are given.

Classes are not recorded.

The use of generative AI systems is prohibited in this course.

Study material

None

References

See reader.

Course content-related study coaching

By appointment.

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

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

Oral assessment

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

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Skills test, Participation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is not possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Three parts are evaluated: 1) the group tutorials, 2) oral exam.

The criteria will be explained in detail during the introductory plenary class.

Calculation of the examination mark

1) Will be announced in the first class and via Ufora.

2) If one does not participate in the evaluation of one or more of the three parts or if one does not obtain at least half of the max. mark for each of the three components, one cannot pass this course. If the total endscore would be a mark of ten or more on 20, this will be reduced to 7/20.

3) Anybody who is absent more than twice without a justified ground in the classes, will be considered to not have participated in this part of the course, and consequently will not be able to pass the course.

4) Anybody who has not passed and wishes to obtain a credit for this course the following year, must resit all the parts of the exam (group tutorials, oral exam).

Facilities for Working Students

1. Student attendance during educational activities is required

2. Feedback can be given during an appointment during office hours

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