

Philosophical and ethical questions in health care (D012713)

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

Credits 4.0

Study time 108 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024

A (semester 1)

Dutch

Gent

lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

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lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024

[Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences and Physiotherapy](#)

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offering

A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

health, philosophy, ethics, society, health care

Position of the course

In a study which focuses on care, health and corporeality, it is of crucial importance

- to situate the technical therapeutic skills in a broader view of life and its societal and philosophical context,
- to become an insight on these diverse contexts,
- and also to develop the skill of reflecting at these insights in a methodical and systematical way.

Contents

In the first place we explore the field of philosophy and of reflection in general, and the basic requirements needed for that: methodological doubt, systematical and logical reflection and structured thinking. Next we dive deeper into the historical intertwining of medical and philosophical thinking. We analyze how these two worlds are interwoven with each other and constantly influenced one another. Several themes are discussed and situated, each of them having a specific relevance for this study: disease, health, corporeality, identity, diversity, technology, etc. We end up with the question how contemporary society influences the way we experience our corporeality and identity, individually as well as in relation to others.

Initial competences

No prerequisites required.

Final competences

- 1 Elementary insight on key terms of philosophy and ethics
- 2 Elementary insight on the main periods of the history of philosophy
- 3 Insight into the intertwining of medical and philosophical thinking and their societal and cultural context
- 4 The possibility to clear up the context of the contemporary view on man and society and of the position
- 5 The possibility to comprehend contemporary scientific literature on this topic

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Next to the introductory colleges, students have to work independently.

Learning materials and price

1. Syllabus
2. Ignaas Devisch, Inleiding in de medische filosofie (Acco, Leuven, 2018) - Cost : +/- 35 €
3. Ignaas Devisch, Ziek van Gezondheid (De Bezige Bij, Antwerpen, 2013) - Cost : +/- 20 €

References

See reference list at the back of the books

Course content-related study coaching

Prof. Devisch: office hour (hour will be announced during first college)

Assessment moments

end-of-term assessment

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

Written assessment with multiple-choice questions

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

Written assessment with multiple-choice questions

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Multiple choice exam

Calculation of the examination mark

The final score is being measured according to the result on the multiple choice exam (multiple choice)

Facilities for Working Students

Online support