

## Philosophical Anthropology (A005612)

**Cursusomvang** *(nominale waarden; effectieve waarden kunnen verschillen per opleiding)*

**Studiepunten 9.0** **Studietijd 270 u**

**Aanbodsessies in academiejaar 2025-2026**

A (Jaar) Engels Gent

**Lesgevers in academiejaar 2025-2026**

De Vries, Bouke LW01 Verantwoordelijk lesgever

**Aangeboden in onderstaande opleidingen in 2025-2026**

[Research Master of Arts in Philosophy](#) **stptn** **aanbodssessie**

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**Onderwijstalen**

Engels

**Trefwoorden**

human nature; human existence; worldviews; meaning of life; free will and autonomy

**Situering**

This course is one of the eighteen research seminars that constitute the core of the master programme. Depending on initial qualifications, students enrol for three or five such research seminars.

**Inhoud**

This seminar addresses the philosophical problems arising from the portrayal of mankind which, as a result of various scientific developments and insights, is increasingly naturalized. The research questions address the issue of meaning and purpose, freedom, autonomy and responsibility, and of existential attitudes towards finiteness. Examples are: How to engage in search for meaning without a frame of reference that is external to man? How to develop ethics if human behaviour is completely causally determined? What is the value of subjective experiences if these can be entirely reduced to brain processes? How do we deal with human suffering and death without adding a deeper meaning or significance?

**Begincompetenties**

Knowledge of philosophical anthropology at intermediate level  
Competent in philosophical writing and argumentation

**Eindcompetenties**

- 1 Ability to formulate original and innovative research problems based on the duly founded insight into the internationally recognised state-of-the-art in the domain
- 2 Ability to work out original solutions to the selected research problems, and argue them clearly and convincingly
- 3 Ability to deepen one's knowledge of this domain independently
- 4 Ability to report on research orally in a clearly-understood manner

**Creditcontractvoorwaarde**

Dit opleidingsonderdeel kan niet via creditcontract gevolgd worden

**Examencontractvoorwaarde**

Dit opleidingsonderdeel kan niet via examencontract gevolgd worden

**Didactische werkvormen**

Werkcollege, Zelfstandig werk

**Studiemateriaal**

Geen

**Referenties****Vakinhoudelijke studiebegeleiding**

Individual help is offered by the lecturers

**Evaluatiemomenten**

niet-periodegebonden evaluatie

**Evaluatievormen bij periodegebonden evaluatie in de eerste examenperiode****Evaluatievormen bij periodegebonden evaluatie in de tweede examenperiode****Evaluatievormen bij niet-periodegebonden evaluatie**

Vaardigheidstest, Participatie, Werkstuk

**Tweede examenkans in geval van niet-periodegebonden evaluatie**

Niet van toepassing

**Toelichtingen bij de evaluatievormen**

Permanent evaluation: oral presentation of research results, participation in discussions during seminars

End-of-term evaluation: paper assignments, written research reports

**Eindscoreberekening**

Permanent evaluation: 40%

End-of-term evaluation: 60%