

Philosophical Anthropology (A005612)

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

Studiepunten 9.0 **Studietijd 270 u**

Aanbodsessies in academiejaar 2026-2027

A (Jaar) Engels Gent

Lesgevers in academiejaar 2026-2027

De Vries, Bouke LW01 Verantwoordelijk lesgever

Aangeboden in onderstaande opleidingen in 2026-2027

	stptn	aanbodsessie
Research Master of Arts in Philosophy	9	A

Onderwijstalen

Engels

Trefwoorden

human nature; anthropology; behavioral genetics; human ethology; evolutionary ethics; evolutionary psychology; free will and autonomy; philosophy of technology; artificial intelligence; non-human animals; multi-level selection

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 course aims to provide students with insight into contemporary debates in philosophical anthropology and to enable them to develop well-reasoned positions on these issues. Significant attention will also be devoted to the development of argumentative and critical-thinking skills.

The topics covered are related to those addressed in other modules, including philosophy of biology, (bio)ethics, and political philosophy. Questions explored may include, but are not necessarily limited to: Is there such a thing as human nature and, if so, what does it consist of? How has human behaviour and psychology been shaped by evolutionary processes such as natural selection, sexual selection, and group selection? What ethical and political implications follow from different conceptions of human nature? Do human beings possess the highest moral status, or could non-human animals or artificial agents have comparable or even greater moral status? Do human beings possess free will? Do evolutionary explanations of morality pose a challenge to moral realism in metaethics? Is it desirable or justified for human beings to alter, enhance, or transcend aspects of their nature and, if so, which forms of intervention are ethically permissible?

Begincompetenties

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

Eindcompetenties

- 1 Ability to formulate philosophically relevant research questions grounded in a well-informed understanding of the state of the art in the field.
- 2 Ability to develop original solutions to selected philosophical research problems and to present and defend them clearly.
- 3 Ability to independently deepen one's knowledge within the domain.

Creditcontractvoorwaarde

Dit opleidingsonderdeel kan niet via creditcontract gevolgd worden

Examencontractvoorwaarde

Dit opleidingsonderdeel kan niet via examencontract gevolgd worden

Didactische werkvormen

Werkcollege, Zelfstandig werk

Toelichtingen bij de didactische werkvormen

Lesopnames zijn niet beschikbaar voor dit vak.

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: Participation in seminar discussions, completion of paper assignments, and oral presentation of research.

End-of-term evaluation: Final research paper.

Eindscoreberekening

Permanent evaluation: 40%

End-of-term evaluation: 60%