
Course title: HISTORY OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

ECTS credit allocation (and other scores): 3

Semester: autumn and spring (2 semesters)

Level of study: ISCED-7- long-cycle programmes (EQF-7)

Branch of science: Humanities

Language: English

Number of hours per semester: 30

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Type of classes: lectures

Substantive content

LECTURES: The lecture focuses on showing the development of modern philosophical thought (civic humanism, platonism, Aristotelism, social philosophy and philosophy of nature, Descartes, Malebranche, Spinoza, Leibniz, Locke, Hobbes, Hume, Berkeley, Kant, Fichte, Schelling, Hegel, Nietzsche, Feuerbach, Schleiermacher, Newman and selected philosophies of the French Enlightenment) and contemporary one (pragmatism, Thomism, phenomenology, hermeneutics, existentialism, philosophy of dialogue, process philosophy, socialism, postmodernism and analytical philosophy).

Learning purpose: Showing the development of philosophical ideas in the aspect of ontology, epistemology, and ethics.

On completion of the study programme the graduate will gain:

Knowledge: Knowledge of the concepts of individual philosophers.

Skills: Ability to assess various positions, especially in terms of methodological correctness.

Social Competencies: Noting the consequences of a specific concept in the individual and social life.

Basic literature: 1. Frederick Copleston, A History of Philosophy. 4-10 volumes; 2. Richard Kearney (ed.), Twentieth Century Continental Philosophy (London, New York : Routledge, 2000); 3. Roger Scruton, A Short History of Modern Philosophy (London : Ark Paperbacks, 1985).

Supplementary literature: 1. Franklin Le Van Baumer, Main Currents of Western Thought (New Haven 1966); 2. Marcia Colish, Medieval Foundations of the Western Intellectual Tradition (New Haven 1997); 3. Bryan Magee, The Great Philosophers (Oxford 1987); 4. Bertrand Russell, A History of Western Philosophy; 5. Peter Watson, The Modern Mind: An Intellectual History of the Twentieth Century (HarperCollins 2001); 6. Robert Paul Wolff, About Philosophy (Prentice Hall 2000).

The allocated number of ECTS points consists of:

Contact hours with an academic teacher: 32.

Student's independent work: 49.