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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

FPPA21, Practical Philosophy: Practical Philosophy, Politics and Economics - Level 2, 30 credits

*Praktisk filosofi: Praktisk filosofi, politik och ekonomi -
fortsättningskurs, 30 högskolepoäng*
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2015-05-18 to be valid from 2015-05-18, spring semester 2015.

General Information

The course is the fourth semester of the Bachelor's programme in Practical Philosophy, Politics and Economics. It can normally be included in a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of studies

Practical Philosophy

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

G1F, First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- provide a specialised account of methods and problems within practical philosophy
- provide a specialised account of some classical and contemporary theories of practical philosophy
- provide a basic account of the relationship between the ideas, theories and methods of practical philosophy, political science and economics and how they can be applied to specific societal issues

Competence and skills

- analyse meta-ethical and normative theories within moral and social philosophy
- independently examine philosophical problems
- place different meta-ethical and normative theories in a wider theoretical context
- write and orally defend a minor paper using the methods of practical philosophy
- formulate relevant criticism of individual arguments or whole theories
- assess normative positions and take a position on the assumptions with regard to knowledge, metaphysics and semantics on which they are based
- make basic analyses and assessments of arguments and provide arguments for a position on important societal issues by combining the perspectives of practical philosophy, political science and economics

Judgement and approach

- analytically argue for and take a position on important societal issues including issues of gender, resource allocation, cultural diversity and human rights

Course content

The course highlights the fundamental role of norms and values within many subjects and fields both on an individual and societal level. The focus is on enabling students to increase their understanding of what is distinctive about this type of issues.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Advanced Ethics 7.5 credits
2. Classical Works in Ethics 6 credits
3. Advanced Political Philosophy 16.5 credits
 - a. Contemporary Political Philosophy 6 credits
 - b. Interdisciplinary Application 10.5 credits

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures, group exercises and individual supervision.

Assessment

The assessment is based on written exams, written assignments and independent papers.

Module 1 is assessed on the basis of a written exam

Module 2 is assessed on the basis of a written exam

Module 3a is assessed on the basis of written assignments

Module 3b is assessed on the basis of a project and 1-2 written assignments

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The grade on the course as a whole is calculated in accordance with the following method:

- (1) Each letter grade corresponds to a number: 5 for A, 4 for B, 3 for C, 2 for B, 1 for E and 0 for U.
- (2) the number grade for each module will be multiplied with the number of credits for the module.
- (3) the products are added up and the sum divided by 30 (=the total number of credits for the course)
- (4) The resulting average will determine the grade on the whole course. $x=4.50-5.00$ corresponds to the grade A; $x=3.50-4.49$ corresponds to the grade B; $x=2.50-3.49$ corresponds to the grade C; $x=1.50-2.49$ corresponds to the grade D; $x=0-1.49$ corresponds to the grade E.
- (5) To be awarded a grade higher than Fail the student must have been awarded at least the grade of E on all modules.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed Practical Philosophy: Philosophy, Politics and Economics- Introductory Semester (FPPA01) or the equivalent.

Further information

1. This course partly overlaps with FPR21.
2. The credits for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course may only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
3. The course is offered at the the Department of Philosophy, Lund University.
4. Module titles in Swedish:
 1. Fördjupad moralfilosofi
 2. Moralfilosofins klassiker
 3. Tema: samhällsfilosofisk fördjupning
 - a. Modern samhällsfilosofi
 - b. Tvärvetenskaplig tillämpning

Subcourses in FPPA21, Practical Philosophy: Practical Philosophy, Politics and Economics - Level 2

Applies from V16

- 1501 Advanced Ethics, 7,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1502 Classical Works in Ethics, 6,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1503 Contemporary Political Philosophy, 6,0 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1504 Interdisciplinary Application, 10,5 hp
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A