

## **FPRK01, Practical Philosophy: Level 3 - B. A. Course, 30 credits**

*Praktisk filosofi: Kandidatkurs, 30 högskolepoäng*  
**First Cycle / Grundnivå**

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2008-03-28 and was last revised on 2025-09-08 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2025/632). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2025-09-09 and is valid from the spring semester 2026.

### **General information**

The course is offered as a single course. It can normally be included as part of a general degree at the undergraduate or graduate levels.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish  
Some subcourses may be taught in English.

*Main field of study*    *Specialisation*

Practical Philosophy	G2E, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements, contains degree project for Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science
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### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course the student shall

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- be able to give an account of the current advanced-level philosophical debate within the key areas of Practical Philosophy
- be able to develop in in-depth arguments concerning self-selected philosophical problems

## Competence and skills

- be able to process problematic issues of Practical Philosophy, using current research into Practical Philosophy as a starting point
- be able to form his/her own arguments and suggestions to resolutions to problems of Practical Philosophy
- be able to formulate his/her own standpoints on philosophical problems in connection with the composition of an essay
- be able to compose his/her own texts with a specific deadline which correctly present and criticise advanced philosophical problems
- demonstrate the ability to present and discuss information, problems and solutions in speech and writing and in dialogue with different audiences
- be able to conduct information searches relevant to the discipline of Practical Philosophy, analyse and interpret the information critically, and present it in an appropriate manner

## Judgement and approach

- be able to examine and assess the validity of philosophical arguments
- be able to evaluate scientific, social and ethical aspects relevant to the field of Practical Philosophy
- be able to identify his/her own need of further knowledge in the field of Practical Philosophy and to upgrade his/her capabilities.

## Course content

The course includes an in-depth discussion of some position in contemporary moral philosophy. The course also contains a themed sub-course, devoted to a special study of some issue in practical philosophy, usually tied to the instructor's own research. There is significant emphasis on skill development, as students in connection with seminars summarize, analyze and evaluate arguments presented in the course literature. In part parallel with other courses students apply their insights in theory and method and their enhanced knowledge of the subject by writing, under supervision, a scientific essay about a philosophical problem of their own choosing. The subcourse includes oral opposition on another student's essay and defense of the student's own essay.

The course consists of three sub-courses:

1. Modern Ethics, 9 credits,
2. Degree Project, 15 credits,
3. Optional Reading Course, 6 credit.

The student chooses a reading course in Practical Philosophy from the list of courses offered by the department.

## Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars and individual tutoring in essay writing. The degree thesis is supervised by one or more tutors. Supervision is normally limited to the semester during which the student was first registered on the course. Exceptions may be granted in cases where special circumstances apply.

## Assessment

Module 1: Examined by a written assignment, oral presentation and opposition. A student who is unable to participate in oral presentation/opposition must write a make-up assignment.

Module 2: The degree project is presented and discussed at a seminar. The discussion of the degree project of another student is also assessed.

Module 3: examination generally by written assignments or take-home exam, depending on course content (which varies from term to term). An invigilated exam is used if the course is of a technical character.

Passed degree projects at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology can be registered in the LUP Student Papers database if the student so wishes. The student is responsible for uploading the passed degree project as a PDF file in LUP student papers.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

## Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

To be awarded a Pass on the whole course the student must have the grade of Pass on all modules. To be awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course the student must have the grade of Pass with Distinction on at least 15 of the credits on the course and a grade of Pass on the remaining credits.

## Entry requirements

General entry requirements and Practical Philosophy: Level 2, 30 credits (FPRA22, FPPA22) or the equivalent.

## Further information

- The course is offered at the Department of Philosophy, Lund University.
- The course replaces FTE503.
- The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
- The sub-course names in Swedish:
  1. Modern moralfilosofi,
  2. Examensarbete,
  3. Valbar läskurs.