

Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology

FTEA13, Theoretical Philosophy: Level 1, 30 credits

Teoretisk filosofi: Grundkurs, 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 2021-12-21 and was last revised on 2024-06-03 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2024/434). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2024-09-01 and is valid from the spring semester 2025.

General information

The course is offered as a single course. It can normally be included as part of a first or second cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Main field of study Specialisation

Theoretical G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry

Philosophy requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give an account of various central concepts, issues and method in the discipline of theoretical philosophy
- be able to give an overview of various important historical directions and issues in theoretical philosophy from Antiquity up to and including the 20th century
- be able to give an overview of problems encountered within epistemology, the philosophy of science, argumentation theory, logic, the philosophy of language and the philosophy of mind.

Competence and skills

- be able to apply the working methods of theoretical philosophy in order to identify and analyse common types of argument
- be able to give an account of recently acquired knowledge and insights in both written and oral form, as part of a group or individually
- demonstrate the ability to analyse issues relevant to society, ethics and science, with the use of the concepts and methods of theoretical philosophy

Judgement and approach

- be able to account for the value of both philosophical and personal critical reflection, regarding various forms of human knowledge and science
- be able to formulate relevant criticism of both individual philosophical arguments and complete theories.

Course content

The course introduces students to the history of analytical and theoretical philosophy and their basic methods, and to a certain extent specialises in issues relating to the philosophy of science and the philosophy of mind. Emphasis is placed on the development of the students' ability to understand and develop a critical attitude to philosophical texts.

The course consists of the following sub-courses:

- 1. A Survey of the History of Philosophy, 7.5 credits,
- 2. Philosophical Method, 6 credits,
- 3. Philosophy from 1900, 6 credits,
- 4. The Philosophy of Science, 6 credits,
- 5. The Philosophy of Mind, 4.5 credits.

Course design

Teaching consists of lectures, text and essay seminars, and practical exercises. Module 4 contains one or two mandatory seminars. Module 5 contains a mandatory paper seminar. If a student is unable to attend the seminar they can complete a take home examination instead.

Assessment

Module 1: Invigilated written examination

Module 2: Invigilated written examination

Module 3: Invigilated written examination

Module 4: Invigilated written examination

Module 5: Written unsupervised take-home examination

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 the grade of Pass on the whole course the student shall have at least
the grade of Pass on all sub-courses. To be awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction
on the whole course the student shall have the grade of Pass with Distinction on at
least 18 of the credits on the course and a grade of Pass on the remaining credits.

Entry requirements

General requirements for university studies in Sweden

Further information

- The course is given by the Department of Philosophy, Lund University
- The course replaces FTE701.
- 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. Filosofihistorisk översiktskurs,
- 2. Filosofisk metod,
- 3. Filosofi från 1900,
- 4. Vetenskapsteori,
- 5. Tema medvetandefilosofi.