

FTEK01, Theoretical Philosophy: Level 3 - B. A. Course, 30 credits

Teoretisk filosofi: Kandidatkurs, 30 högskolepoäng
First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2008-04-03 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 2025/640). 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 freestanding course. It can normally be included in a general qualification for first or second-cycle studies.

Language of instruction: Swedish

Some parts of the course may be taught in English.

Main field of study *Specialisation*

Theoretical 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 be able to

Knowledge and understanding

- account for advanced current philosophical discussion in the main areas of theoretical philosophy

Competence and skills

- work on philosophical problems based on original articles
- relate original texts in a given philosophical field to each other
- in connection with essay writing, be able to formulate their own positions and develop in-depth reasoning on self-selected philosophical problems
- be able to write their own texts within given time frames that correctly present and criticise advanced philosophical problems
- independently carry out information searches in phonetics, analyse and critically interpret the information and present it according to accepted practice within the discipline
- review and assess the validity of philosophical arguments in original texts
- compare and evaluate different philosophical positions presented in original texts
- orally and in writing account for and discuss information, problems and solutions in theoretical philosophy in dialogue with different groups

Judgement and approach

- make assessments informed by relevant disciplinary, societal and ethical aspects in the fields of theoretical philosophy
- Consider the role of theoretical and philosophical knowledge and skills in society, and people's responsibility for their use
- identify their need of further knowledge in the fields of theoretical philosophy and develop their expertise and skills in these fields.

Course content

The course studies central problems in modern theoretical philosophical discussion. Original articles in the fields of epistemology, metaphysics, logic, philosophy of mind and philosophy of science are analysed. There is a strong emphasis on skills training where students are asked to summarise, analyse and evaluate the arguments presented in these original articles in oral and written seminars. Students also write a thesis on a philosophical problem of their choice. The thesis is presented at a seminar which also includes opposing another student's thesis.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Key Problems in Modern Theoretical Philosophy, 15 credits,
2. Degree Project, 15 credits.

Course design

Teaching takes the form of seminars and individual essay supervision. Module 1 includes seven compulsory seminars.

The degree project takes place under supervision. Supervision is normally limited to the semester when the student was first registered for the course. Exceptions can be made if there are special grounds. Supervision is compulsory and students must attend at least four supervision meetings. The thesis topic must also be approved by

the supervisor before the work begins.

If, due to circumstances beyond their control, such as accidents, sudden illness or similar, students are unable to carry out a compulsory component, the University is responsible for ensuring that an equivalent alternative or another time for the component is offered. This also applies to students who are carrying out an assignment as an elected student representative.

Assessment

Module 1: Examination is by seven assignments and oral presentations. The number of presentations is determined by the number of students on the course but is usually ranges from one to three.

Module 2: Assessment takes the form of a degree project, which is presented and discussed at a thesis seminar. The assessment also includes a critical review of another degree project.

Degree projects awarded a grade of Pass 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 to LUP Student Papers as a PDF file.

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

For a grade of Pass in module 1, a grade of Pass is required for all assignments and oral presentations. A grade of Pass with Distinction requires that grade on at least four assignments. If the grade on a given assignment is on the borderline between Pass and Pass with Distinction, a good performance on the oral presentation can carry over to the higher grade.

For a grade of Pass on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on all modules. For the grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course, the student must have been awarded this grade on at least 15 of the course's credits and a grade of Pass on the remaining credits.

Entry requirements

General entry requirements and Theoretical Philosophy: Level 2, 30 credits (FTEA21), or the equivalent.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Department of Philosophy, Lund University.
- 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 and information material.
- The module titles in Swedish:

1. Centrala problem i modern teoretisk filosofi
2. Examensarbete