

FTEM10, Theoretical Philosophy: Level 4, 30 credits

Teoretisk filosofi: Påbyggnadskurs, 30 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2008-03-07 and was last revised on 2026-03-06 by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (U 2026/159). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2026-03-06 and is valid from the autumn 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 and English

Teaching language: Swedish or English.

Main field of study Specialisation

Theoretical
Philosophy

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to give a detailed account of the current theoretical-philosophical discussion within some of the problem areas of theoretical philosophy,
- be able to describe in detail the arguments in original theoretical-philosophical texts,
- be able to describe the relevance of current theoretical-philosophical research,

Competence and skills

- be able to process complex philosophical problems taken from authentic published articles
- be able to contribute constructively to discussions on advanced problems within the key areas of Theoretical Philosophy
- be able to examine and assess the validity of philosophical arguments presented in published texts
- be able to formulate his/her own standpoints on advanced philosophical problems
- be able to develop autonomously in-depth arguments on advanced issues within the key areas of Theoretical Philosophy
- be able to compose his/her own texts which describe correctly and discuss critically advanced philosophical problems.

Judgement and approach

- be able to formulate relevant criticism of individual arguments or theories from the perspective of Theoretical Philosophy at an advanced level.

Course content

The course provides the students with an advanced in-depth study of the key areas of theoretical philosophy. The course consists of four optional courses, each worth 7.5 higher education credits. The student can choose to tailor course content in consultation with the examiner, or choose from a selection of existing courses. The student can also enrol in courses made available by other universities and departments which are part of the national network offering second-cycle courses in Philosophy.

Course design

Teaching takes the form of self-study. Some modules include lectures and seminars.

Assessment

The modules are normally assessed through an essay and an oral presentation. Specific instructions regarding the assessment for each module are available before the start of the course.

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 shall have the grade of Pass on all modules. 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 22.5 of the credits on the course and a grade of Pass on the remaining credits.

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the course requires the successful completion of FTEK01, 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 application information and other relevant documentation.