

FTEM20, Theoretical philosophy: Advanced Course, 15 credits

Teoretisk filosofi: Fördjupningskurs, 15 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2011-06-17 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 2026/160). 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 freestanding course. It can normally be included in a general degree at both first and second cycle levels.

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

Main field of study *Specialisation*

Theoretical Philosophy	A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
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Learning outcomes

Upon 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 work with advanced philosophical problems based on original articles,
- be able to participate constructively in discussions of advanced problems within the main areas of theoretical philosophy,
- be able to review and assess the validity of philosophical arguments presented in original texts,

- be able to independently develop in-depth arguments on advanced issues within the main areas of theoretical philosophy,
- be able to write their own texts that correctly present and critically discuss advanced philosophical problems,

Judgement and approach

- be able to formulate relevant criticism of individual arguments or entire theories from an advanced theoretical-philosophical perspective.

Course content

The course provides an in-depth study of some of the main areas of theoretical philosophy. The course consists of two elective modules in theoretical philosophy, each worth 7.5 credits. Students can choose to design the content of the modules in consultation with the examiner, or choose from a range of existing courses. Within the framework of the course, students should also take part in courses offered within the framework of a national network for advanced level courses in philosophy.

Course design

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

Assessment

The modules are normally examined by means of an essay and an oral presentation. Specific instructions regarding the examination 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 pass the course, students must receive the grade Pass on all modules. To receive a grade of Pass with distinction for the entire course, students must receive a grade of Pass with distinction on 7.5 of the course's credits, as well as a grade of Pass on the remaining credits.

Entry requirements

Admission to the course requires FTEK01 or equivalent knowledge.

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.