Arabic Philosophy (7.5 ECTS credits)

Level: 1st cycle
Discipline: PHILOSOPHY and THEOLOGY (Theological Studies of Culture and Society)
Course ID: 0229

Admission requirements
General entry requirements for studies at universities. Students taking part in the course as a part of their Bachelor's degree program must have completed Course A, Introduction in Philosophy and Theology (30 ECTS credits). Students taking part in the course as a freestanding course are expected to have corresponding prior knowledge.

Educational goals
After having completed the course the students are expected to:
• be able to account for the evolving of philosophical thought in the Muslim world between the 8th and 14th centuries;
• have the ability to read philosophical texts written by some representative philosophers covered in the course, and examine them critically;
• be able to analyze the philosophical thought of said period and relate it to its context, especially in its intersection with theological thinking.

Course contents
The aim of the course is to trace a general history of Islamic Philosophy from 8th-13th century, following the evolution of thought from the introduction of Greek philosophy into Muslim world. We will try to mark the most important figures in this history and the major stages and issues in which Islamic Philosophy passed through. We will deal with names like: *Al-Kindî, Al-Rāzî, Al-Farābî, Ibn Sîna, Al-Gazālî, Ibn Tufayl, Mainonides, Ibn Rushd, Ibn Khaldûn.* Our course will also deal with evolution of the thoughts and the intersections between philosophy and theology: ethics (*Akhlāq*), politics (*sîyāsah*), knowledge of God *(Ma'rifat all-Allah)*, creation and eternity of the world (*khalq wa zalîyat al-'Alam*), Immortality of the Soul (*khlûd al-Nafis*).

Teaching and examination
Teaching is by way of regular classroom instruction. The grade is based on participation in class (30% of grade), weekly assignments (30% of grade) and a final exam (40% of grade).

Bibliography
Fakhry, Majid, *Islamic Philosophy*, Oxford: Oneworld Publication, 2009³.

Adamson, Peter, *Philosophy in the Islamic World*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.

An extensive selected bibliography for reference will be presented in the course.

See also "Kursplaner: allmänna bestämmelser" (Course plans: General rules)

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