

Philosophical Anthropology (7,5 ECTS credits)

Level: 1st cycle

Discipline: PHILOSOPHY

Course ID: 0354

Admission requirements

General admission requirements for university studies. 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 completing the course, the student is expected to:

- Be able to give an account of different anthropological concepts, such as consciousness, freedom, responsibility, person, life, body/soul, spirit, love, community, historicity, temporality, intellect, will, death;
- Show that s/he understands the special features of different kinds of philosophical understandings of the human being;
- Show the ability to critically reflect upon, and argue for and against, different anthropological understandings of human consciousness, freedom, and personhood as well as regarding the social and historical constitution of the human being.

Course content

This course gives an introduction to the philosophical reflection of the phenomenon of the human being. What, or rather who, is a human being? What, if any, are her distinguishing marks and her deepest nature? The course takes a broad view in looking at different understandings of the human being, but also develops an understanding of her, along the lines of a personalist philosophical anthropology.

Teaching and examination

Local teaching and examination

Instruction will be in the form of lectures and seminars. Examination will be in the form of an oral exam (graded E, Fx or F) and of a written assignment of 5–7 pages (12 500 to 17 500 characters, including blanks), the latter of which gives the final grade for the course.

Partial distance with local instruction

Instruction will be in the form of lectures and seminars, online and at the local meetings.

Examination will be in the form of an oral exam (graded E, Fx or F) and of a written assignment of 5–7 pages (12 500 to 17 500 characters, including blanks), the latter of which gives the final grade for the course.

Bibliography

Sokolowski, Robert, *Phenomenology of the Human Person* (Cambridge University Press, 2008). 358 pp.

Additional reading material, provided through the online teaching platform, of about 200 pp.

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

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