UCLouvain

2023

God and atheism

5.00 credits	30.0 h	Q2

This biannual learning unit is not being organized in 2023-2024!

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Teacher(s)	Bourgine Benoît ;				
Language :	French				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Main themes	The course covers the following: the main lines of a rational elaboration of the affirmation of God; the Christian idea of the incomprehensible and ineffable God; the Protestant criticism of "natural theology"; the different forms of the negation of God in modern atheism and the different ways in which theology discusses them.				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :				
3 *****	By the end of this course, the student should be able: to enter into the theological questions of existence and the nature of God; to elucidate the relationship between natural knowledge of God and the Christian belief in God; to counter the criticisms that modem atheism addresses to the belief in God.				
Evaluation methods	Continuous assessment: the presentation at the beginning of each course, prepared in turn by a student, serves as continuous assessment.				
	The aim is to show the ability to explain the basic notions of the problem and to appreciate the theological issues involved.				
Teaching methods	Lecture and interactivity based on a text, taken from a portfolio of readings, which all students read before each session and which one of them presents in turn during the semester.				
	Syllabus: LRELI1278 Dieu et athéisme CODE DUC : 2460				
Content	These lessons examine the different types of modern atheism and the various ways of affirming the existence of God through reason.				
	1. Knowing God				
	Reason and faith, philosophy and theology about the existence and knowledge of God.				
	Evidence of the existence of God, knowledge of God through reason (Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther), knowledge through faith.				
	Historical perspective of the problem in the modern period: atheisms (typology), secularisms (C. Taylor).				
	2. Current issues				
	Bibliographical actuality of the problem of the affirmation and negation of God by reason.				
	Can a society remain humanistic outside the affirmation of a transcendent exteriority?				
Inline resources	The reading portfolio can be consulted at				
mine resources	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B71ol4F_TTjjUXF0a1RRRjktVUU?usp=sharing				
Bibliography	• Syllabus "Dieu et athéisme - 2022/2023" disponible sous forme de « Cours en dépôt » à imprimer à la DUC.				
Faculty or entity in	TEBI				
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Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Certificat universitaire en théologie (fondements)	TECA9CE	3		٩		
Minor in Sciences of Religions (discipline to complement the major)	MINSREL	5		٩		
Minor in Christian Theology	MINTHEO	5		٩		
Master [120] in Sciences of Religions	SREL2M	4		٩		
Minor in Sciences of Religions (openness)	MINRELI	5		٩		
Additionnal module in Religious Studies	APPTHEO	5		٩		