



10.00 credits

22.5 h

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Teacher(s)	Guay Alexandre (coordinator) ;Pence Charles ;Verdée Peter ;Verdée Peter (compensates Pence Charles) ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Active participation in seminar sessions.(2/20)</li> <li>2. Chairing and introducing a seminar session (8/20)</li> <li>3. A personal research work on the theme with oral defense. (10/20)</li> </ol>
Teaching methods	<p>One 2-hour session per week throughout the second semester. The majority of sessions will be chaired by a student who provides an introduction to the topic of that session and offers discussion points.</p> <p>The seminar will take place in French. A solid passive knowledge of English is however necessary since much of the literature on the subject is in this language.</p>
Content	<p><u>Modality in philosophy : necessity, possibility, obligation, belief, counterfactuals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to (the philosophy of) modality: historical and linguistic roots</li> <li>• Kripke's possible worlds semantics and applications such as metaphysical necessity, formal ethics, belief, knowledge, vagueness and justification.</li> <li>• Counterfactuals and dispositions</li> <li>• The metaphysics of modality: empiricism, pragmatism, modal realism, laws of nature</li> <li>• Modality and reference: de re vs. de dicto, rigid designators, cross-world identity and counterparts</li> <li>• Formal ethics</li> <li>• Counterpossibles</li> <li>• Modality without possible worlds: dispositionalism, truthmakers and inferentialism.</li> </ul>
Inline resources	See course Moodle website.
Other infos	/
Faculty or entity in charge	EFIL

<b>Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)</b>				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in Ethics	<a href="#">ETHI2M</a>	10		
Master [120] in Philosophy	<a href="#">FILO2M</a>	10		
Certificat universitaire en philosophie (approfondissement)	<a href="#">FILA9CE</a>	10		