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30.0 h

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This biannual learning is being organized in 2024-2025

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	<p><b>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</b></p> <p>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 modern atheism addresses to the belief in God.</p>
Evaluation methods	<p>Continuous assessment: the presentation at the beginning of each course, prepared in turn by a student, serves as continuous assessment.</p> <p>The aim is to show the ability to explain the basic notions of the problem and to appreciate the theological issues involved.</p>
Teaching methods	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Syllabus: LRELI1278 Dieu et athéisme CODE DUC : 2460</b></p>
Content	<p>These lessons examine the different types of modern atheism and the various ways of affirming the existence of God through reason.</p> <p>1. Knowing God</p> <p>Reason and faith, philosophy and theology about the existence and knowledge of God.</p> <p>Evidence of the existence of God, knowledge of God through reason (Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther), knowledge through faith.</p> <p>Historical perspective of the problem in the modern period: atheisms (typology), secularisms (C. Taylor).</p> <p>2. Current issues</p> <p>Bibliographical actuality of the problem of the affirmation and negation of God by reason.</p> <p>Can a society remain humanistic outside the affirmation of a transcendent exteriority?</p>
Inline resources	<p>The reading portfolio can be consulted at</p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B71ol4F_TTjjUXF0a1RRRjktVUU?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B71ol4F_TTjjUXF0a1RRRjktVUU?usp=sharing</a></p>
Bibliography	<p>• Syllabus "Dieu et athéisme - 2022/2023" disponible sous forme de « Cours en dépôt » à imprimer à la DUC.</p>
Faculty or entity in charge	TEBI

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Certificat universitaire en théologie (fondements)	TECA9CE	3		
Minor in Sciences of Religions (discipline to complement the major)	MINSREL	5		
Minor in Christian Theology	MINTHEO	5		
Master [120] in Sciences of Religions	SREL2M	4		
Minor in Sciences of Religions (openness)	MINRELI	5		
Additionnal module in Religious Studies	APPTHEO	5		