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4.00 credits	30.0 h	Q2
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Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	To meet these objectives, the course will deal with the following themes: 1. epistemological issues within the Social Sciences, such as : - what sets the Human Sciences apart from the Natural Sciences (debate to explain and understand) - the debate on individualistic and holistic methodologies (existence of collective entities) - the issue of ethnocentricity - the issue of the relationship between layman's knowledge and expert knowledge 2. Standard issues in the Social Sciences such as: - axiological neutrality and the researcher's involvement in the Social Sciences - the distinction between traditional theory and critical theory - the prescriptive foundations of the great theoretical paradigms of actor-network theory and social action theory (utilitarian tradition, Weberian tradition, Hegelian and Marxist tradition) - the question of the justice 3.the issue of history: evolutionary theories, dialectic theories, Kantian and Fichtian theories
Learning outcomes	<b>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</b>  1 This course aims to introduce students to: 1. the basic epistemology of the Social Sciences; 2. standard issues in the Social Sciences; 3. the basic paradigms of historical philosophy
Content	The lectures are completed by readings of texts. A particular attention will be dedicated to the precise analysis of the commented extracts A detailed understanding of texts will be expected from the student.
Faculty or entity in charge	ESPO

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Certificat universitaire en philosophie (fondements)	<a href="#">FILO9CE</a>	5		
Certificat d'université en éthique et société	<a href="#">ETES9CE</a>	4		
Bachelor in Philosophy, Politics and Economics	<a href="#">PPE1BA</a>	6		
Minor in Philosophy	<a href="#">MINFILO</a>	5		
Minor in Sociology and Anthropology	<a href="#">MINSOCA</a>	4		
Bachelor in Philosophy	<a href="#">FILO1BA</a>	5		