




5.00 credits

30.0 h

Q2

Teacher(s)	Depré Olivier ;Schmutz Jacob ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	Each year, the course will select two/three particular themes in ancient and contemporary metaphysics, with particular attention to the continuity or the repetition of classical metaphysical issues in the philosophical contemporary panorama.
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Be able to define and use the fundamental concepts of classical metaphysics 2 Identify the genesis and the structure of major historical metaphysical systems (first philosophy, science of the divine / theology, ontology, transcendental philosophy, theory of the object, etc.) 3 Question the relevance of metaphysical concepts in the contemporary philosophy of science (forme, matter, abstract/concrete, time and duration, etc.) 4 Understand the main critiques and attempts to move beyond metaphysics
Evaluation methods	The course will be validated by a final examination (75%) and a participation mark (25%: failure to read the texts and active participation during the sessions will affect the assessment).
Teaching methods	<p>This course will take the form of an 'advanced overview' of contemporary metaphysics, designed to enable students to pursue advanced studies or prepare a master's thesis on highly specialised topics. The metaphysics seminar will take the form of discussions based on the reading of texts, which will be provided to students in advance in French translation (English-speaking students will be able to read the original texts). <u>Reading the texts is essential for the sessions to run smoothly</u> (between 20 and 100 pages to be read for each session): there will be no lectures, and the teacher will be one of several interlocutors - admittedly a more informed and critical interlocutor. Knowledge of classical languages (Greek, Latin, English, German) is a plus, as much of the relevant literature on the subjects studied is in English (the <i>lingua franca</i> of philosophy since the last century). Skills in formal logic are also appreciated (mainly first-order quantified logic and modal logic).</p> <p>Detailed programme (but provisional and subject to change) of the advanced seminar of metaphysics at: https://florianmarion.wordpress.com/teaching/</p>
Content	<p>Metaphysics as a philosophical discipline has undergone a revival since the last century (overcoming the anti-metaphysical postures of Kant, Heidegger, Carnap, Derrida, Wittgenstein, etc.). The course will be devoted to contemporary metaphysics, although this will not preclude a few digressions and historical parallels: twentieth- and twenty-first-century metaphysicians have not neglected to read Plato, Aristotle, Leibniz, Hume, Hegel and medieval metaphysics (both Latin and Arabic), and very often do not hesitate to refer to one or other philosopher of the past when setting out their positions. The aim of this course is to discuss the fundamental questions of contemporary metaphysics, focusing on the metaphysics of modalities (possible worlds, essences, <i>impossibilia</i>, etc.) and meta-ontology (quantificationism, meinongianism, mereology, grounding).</p> <p>Detailed programme (but provisional and subject to change) of the advanced seminar of metaphysics at: https://florianmarion.wordpress.com/teaching/</p>
Inline resources	A reader of texts, originally written in English (but provided in French translation), will be provided to students via Moodle.

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Other infos	For the written work, the student is required to systematically indicate all parts having been the subject of use of AI, for example by a footnote, specifying whether the AI was used for the research of information, for writing the text or for its correction. Sources of information must be systematically cited while respecting bibliographic referencing standards. The student remains responsible for the content of his or her production regardless of the sources used.
Faculty or entity in charge	EFIL

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [60] in Philosophy	FILO2M1	5		
Master [120] in Philosophy	FILO2M	5		
Certificat universitaire en philosophie (approfondissement)	FILA9CE	5		
Master [120] of Education, Section 4 : Philosophy and Citizenship	FILO2M4	5		