Université catholique de Louvain

Seminar on philosophical texts by authors from the past

3.0 credits

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30.0 h

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Teacher(s) :	Destrée Pierre ; Counet Jean-Michel ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Inline resources:	/
Prerequisites :	1
Main themes :	The aim of the course is to teach the students how to arrive at an in depth "reading" and analysis of Ancient philosophical texts.
Aims :	The ability to analyze an Ancient philosophical text. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Evaluation methods :	An oral exam based on an essay prepared by the student.
Teaching methods :	1
Content :	The lectures of this semester will deal with the work of the famlous Greek historian Thucydides. His book, The Peloponesian war, is a great classic of history and ancient litterature in general but it has also a very important philosophical background. Thucydides knew the doctrines of the sophists very well and the vicissitudes of the war fed in him deep reflections upon democracy, human nature, government, military strategy, event, tragedy, which have undeniable philosophical interest. We shall show that famous philosophical texts as Plato's Republic and Aristotle's Politcs cannot quite be understood without the background of Thucydides' work, altough Plato and Aristote didn't ever quote him. A survey of his intellectual posterity will also be sought for.
Bibliography :	, ,
Other infos :	Pre-requisites: Basic familiarity with the history of Greek philosophy Supporting material: texts or class notes.
Cycle and year of study :	 Preparatory year for Master in Ethics Preparatory Year for Master in Philosophy Certificat universitaire en philosophie (approfondissement) Bachelor in Philosophy Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures Master [120] in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Classics Certificat universitaire en langue, littérature et civilisation latines
Faculty or entity in charge:	EFIL