

5.0 credits	30.0 h	1q	This biannual course is taught on years 2010-2011, 2012-2013, ...

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Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites :	Basic instruction in political philosophy ; reading knowledge of English sufficient to permit study of contemporary texts in political philosophy
Main themes :	Each year this course will select a particular theme, e.g., justification for democracy, sovereignty, citizenship, conflict, power, justice worldwide, social justice, etc. The course will always present philosophical approaches different from the chosen theme, and compare and contrast these. The course will pay special attention to the relationship between the chosen theme and a reflection on the goals and methods of political philosophy.
Aims :	Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to analyze and discuss, in a well-informed manner based on his or her own thinking, a selected question in the area of political philosophy. At the end of the course the student should : Be able to use research tools in political philosophy ; Be able to conceptualise the selected question ; Be able to situate responses to the question in the larger framework of the history of political philosophy and of contemporary debates as regards different approaches and theories; Include, in the philosophical discussion of the selected question, contributions from other disciplines pertinent to the analysis and discussion of the question ; Develop his or her own argumentation relative to the question. Submit the method of study chosen for the selected question to a critical reflection. <i>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".</i>
Content :	This year's course will be devoted to a closer examination of two topics within the realm of normative political philosophy. First, we will look at a variety of philosophical problems arising in the field of intergenerational justice. They range from Parfitian problems (the famous non-identity problem) to the translation into that realm of standard theories of justice. Second, we will look at whether democrats should promote democracy within institutions such as political parties, religious congregations and firms. For each of the two subjects, we shall have a special guest. The precise week-by-week schedule will be presented during the first class. Most of the course will take place in French.
Cycle and year of study :	> Certificat universitaire en philosophie (approfondissement) > Master [120] in Philosophy > Master [60] in Philosophy > Master [120] in Ethics

Faculty or entity in charge:	EFIL
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