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2022

Seminar on interpretation of Arabic Philosophical Texts

5.00 credits	30.0 h	Q2
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This biannual learning is being organized in 2022-2023

Teacher(s)	Bonmariage Cécile ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	Reading knowledge of Arabic is advisable but not absolutely necessary. It is sufficient if students have had a course in the history of Arabic philosophy, or a background level of knowledge of Arab philosophy which is equivalent.
Main themes	The course will consist of a critical reading of texts authored by thinkers from the Arab-Islamic cultural sphere, and will situate them in their particular context, indicating their importance for the history of thought. The aim of the course is to help the participants develop the skills and understanding that are required to read critically texts from the Arabo-Islamic philosophical tradition.
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to: Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to analyze in a critical manner philosophical texts produced in the Arab-Islamic cultural sphere.
Evaluation methods	Participation in class and final oral exam
Teaching methods	Activities outside the class: preparation of the texts read in class; personal research to acquire and/or increase the student's familiarity with the tools and resources used in the study of Arabic philosophical texts. Activities in class: close reading of texts, followed by a general discussion.
Content	The course consists of a close reading of texts pertaining to the Arabic philosophical tradition with a focus on premodern texts (read in Arabic). Arabic philosophical tradition is here taken in a broad sense, including falsafa, kalam, Ishraqi thought and Akbari thought. Topics change each year and are decided in concertation with the participants during the first class. Previous topics include: A philosophers' paradise The muqaddima of Qaysari's Sharh al-Fusus Commentaries on the Hikmat al-Ishraq by Suhrawardi Ilahiyyat of the Shifa'
Inline resources	See Moodle
Faculty or entity in charge	EFIL

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI2M	5		Q		
Master [120] in History	HIST2M	5		٩		
Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies	HORI2M1	5		Q.		
Master [120] in Sciences of Religions	SREL2M	4		٩		
Master [120] in Philosophy	FILO2M	5		٩		
Certificat universitaire en sciences des religions	SREL9CE	3		٩		