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Teacher(s)	Guay Alexandre (coordinator) ;Pence Charles ;Verdée Peter ;Verdée Peter (compensates Pence Charles) ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Active participation in seminar sessions.(2/20) 2. Chairing and introducing a seminar session (8/20) 3. A personal research work on the theme with oral defense. (10/20)
Teaching methods	<p>One 2-hour session per week throughout the second semester. The majority of sessions will be chaired by a student who provides an introduction to the topic of that session and offers discussion points.</p> <p>The seminar will take place in French. A solid passive knowledge of English is however necessary since much of the literature on the subject is in this language.</p>
Content	<p><u>Modality in philosophy : necessity, possibility, obligation, belief, counterfactuals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to (the philosophy of) modality: historical and linguistic roots • Kripke's possible worlds semantics and applications such as metaphysical necessity, formal ethics, belief, knowledge, vagueness and justification. • Counterfactuals and dispositions • The metaphysics of modality: empiricism, pragmatism, modal realism, laws of nature • Modality and reference: de re vs. de dicto, rigid designators, cross-world identity and counterparts • Formal ethics • Counterpossibles • Modality without possible worlds: dispositionalism, truthmakers and inferentialism.
Inline resources	See course Moodle website.
Other infos	/
Faculty or entity in charge	EFIL

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in Ethics	ETHI2M	10		
Master [120] in Philosophy	FILO2M	10		
Certificat universitaire en philosophie (approfondissement)	FILA9CE	10		