

Higher Institute of Philosophy


FILO1282 History of philosophy 3: History of arabic Philosophy

[30h] 3 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2007-2008, 2009-2010,...

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

Language: French

Level: First cycle

Aims

By the end of this course, the student should:

know the nature and the place of philosophy as it developed in the Arabic-Islamic cultural sphere;

know how to situate historically the thinkers and trends of Arabic-Islamic philosophy;

know how to situate philosophy's relationship to other forms of thinking in this particular cultural sphere;

know how to define the central issues addressed and what is at stake in them in the context of Arabic-Islamic philosophy;

know how to use the tools that allow one to study in a general, or more in depth, manner Arabic-Islamic thinking in its philosophical aspect.

Main themes

The course aims to give the students a broad historical perspective of the main trends of philosophy (falsafa) as these were developed in the Arabic-Islamic cultural sphere. The course attempts to define what falsafa is, what are its origins, and what place it occupies in Arabic-Islamic culture. It gives an introduction to the most influential thinkers and to the questions that have nourished the debates of the falâsifa.

Content and teaching methods

The course attempts primarily to define what falsafa is, what are its origins, and what is its place in relation to other forms of thinking developed at the heart of the Arabic-Islamic cultural sphere. The course focuses on the thinkers of the classical period, from al-Kindi to Averroës, passing through Avicenna, and attempts to bring out what is at stake in the main topics of concern discussed by these authors.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Pre-requisites: Introductory philosophy course.

Assessment: Oral exam, based on the subjects addressed in class as well as on the reading.

Supporting material: The students are encouraged to read the following works, available at the ISP library:

Fakhry, M. A History of Islamic Philosophy. New York: Columbia University Press, 1983 (2nd Edition, 1st edition: 1070).

This book has been translated into French by M. Nasr, Histoire de la philosophie islamique. Paris: Editions du Cerf, 1989.

Cruz Hernandez, M., Historia del pensamiento en el mundo islamico. Madrid: Alianza Editorial, 1996.

Other credits in programs

FLE3DS	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en enseignement du français langue étrangère ou seconde	(3 credits)	
GERM22/BD	Deuxième licence en langues et littératures germaniques (Anglais et Allemand)	(4 credits)	
HORI12BA	Deuxième année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation orientales	(3 credits)	
HORI13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation orientales	(3 credits)	
HORI22	Deuxième licence en langues et littératures orientales (philologie et histoire orientales)	(4 credits)	
HORI2M1	Master en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation "orientales"	(4 credits)	
HORI2M1/EO	Master en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation "orientales" (option Inde et Extrême-Orient)	(4 credits)	
HORI2M1/IA	Master en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation "orientales" (option Islam et monde arabe)	(4 credits)	
HORI2M1/OR	Master en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation "orientales" (option études orientales)	(4 credits)	
ISLA22	Deuxième licence en langues et littératures orientales (langue arabe et islamologie)	(4 credits)	Mandatory
ISP20	Licence à durée réduite en philosophie	(3 credits)	
ISP21	Première licence en philosophie	(3 credits)	
ISP22	Deuxième licence en philosophie	(3 credits)	
ISP9CE	Certificat universitaire en philosophie (approfondissement)	(3 credits)	
ROGE13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes, orientation générale	(3 credits)	