

Higher Institute of Philosophy



FILO1280 History of philosophy 1 : History of ancient philosophy

[30h] 3 credits

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

Teacher(s): Pierre Destrée
Language: French
Level: First cycle

Aims

To give the students a comprehensive overview of philosophy in Antiquity.

Main themes

The lectures offer an account of the major stages of evolution of Ancient philosophy: the Presocratic period; the Classical period (Socrates, Plato, Aristotle); the Hellenistic period; the Roman period. In addition, the lectures furnish some information regarding the peculiar status of Ancient philosophy (the often fragmentary nature of the sources; the importance of doxography; the problems linked to translating/transcribing manuscripts; the relationship between the oral and the written traditions; particular literary genres; the working conditions of Ancient philosophers; the structure of philosophy schools in Antiquity; the nature of Ancient philosophy, etc.).

Content and teaching methods

Chapter I: PRESOCRATIC PHILOSOPHY

1. Cosmology and metaphysics of matter:
 - a. The Monist cosmologies
 - b. The Pluralist cosmologies
2. Epistemology of appearance
3. Metaphysics of the number
4. Anthropology and relativism

Chapter II: FROM SOCRATES TO ARISTOTLE

1. Socrates
2. Plato
3. Aristotle

Chapter III: HELLENISTIC PHILOSOPHY

1. Stoicism
2. Epicurianism
3. Skepticism
4. Controversies between the schools

Chapter IV: LATE PAGAN PHILOSOPHY

1. The decline of Stoicism and the rebirth of Platonism
2. Neo-Platonism

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

Pre-requisites: Elementary knowledge (normally provided during the first two years of university study in the Humanities)

Assessment: Oral exam.

Supporting Material: Course notes and a book (the latter is optional).

Other credits in programs

ARKE21	Première licence en histoire de l'art et archéologie	(3 credits)
ARKE22	Deuxième licence en histoire de l'art et archéologie	(3 credits)
CLAS13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation classiques	(3 credits)
CLAS21	Première licence en langues et littératures classiques	(3 credits)
CLAS22	Deuxième licence en langues et littératures classiques	(3 credits)
HIST13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en histoire	(3 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)
ISP20	Licence à durée réduite en philosophie	(3 credits)
ISP21	Première licence en philosophie	(3 credits)
ISPA9CE	Certificat universitaire en philosophie (fondements)	(3 credits)
ISPB9CE	Certificat universitaire en philosophie (approfondissement)	(3 credits)
LAFR13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes et anciennes	(3 credits)
ROM21	Première licence en langues et littératures romanes	(3 credits)
ROM22	Deuxième licence en langues et littératures romanes	(3 credits)