SOUTH-WEST UNIVERSITY “NEOFIT RILSKI”
FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

SPECIALTY PHILOSOPHY
MASTER PROGRAM: PHILOSOPHY

Degree: Master
Professional qualification: Master of Philosophy
Duration: 4 semesters
Form of study: part-time
Conditions for admission: complete “Bachelor” degree in Philosophy and average grade from diploma higher than “good”.

The students, trained in the master program of Philosophy (after acquired degree “Bachelor-Philosopher”), are prepared for science-research work, journalism and other kind of specialized activities. They are also prepared for work as experts in socio-political issues and consultants to libraries and publishing centres.

Specialty “Philosophy” in combination with another obtained specialty allows successful development in prestigious areas of public life, such as science, social governance, social strategies for career development as experts and advisors to public and private institutions.

Students, who have acquired “Master” degree in Philosophy, must have thorough philosophical knowledge as well as good cultural language training, to be able to use and work with modern means of communication, to have good orientation in the specific intellectual and social trends.

For this purpose students need to master the terminological apparatus, methodological approach and basic knowledge in the fields of:

- History of Philosophy;
- Logic, Ethics, Aesthetics, Ontology, Gnoseology
- Social Philosophy, Philosophy of History, Anthropology, Philosophy of Science
- Philosophy of Religion, Hermeneutics, Phenomenology

The graduates, who have acquired degree “Master of Philosophy”:
- Should apply the acquired knowledge as methodology and theory in their specific activities
- Should orientate in the modern scientific tendencies and should offer heuristic, theoretical and practical solutions.

Qualification characteristics of specialty “Philosophy” for the “Master” degree with professional qualification “Philosopher” is a key document, directly related to the learning plan and programs. It is consistent with the European standards, with the Higher Education Act and with the regulations of South-West University “Neofit Rilski”
## CURRICULUM

**Specialty: Philosophy – “Master” degree – non-specialist**

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**TOTAL 120 CREDITS**
ANNOTATION OF COURSES

ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY

Credits: 8 ECTS

Assessment Method: exam

Hours per week: 2 lectures + 2 seminars

Assessment Type: written

Semester: I

Supervision:
Chair „Philosophy”
Faculty of Philosophy

Lecturer:
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Apostolov
apstlv@swu.bg

Course Description:
The major aim of the course is to provide students with knowledge about the main philosophical schools and philosophers from the Ancient Greek period, about the major philosophical ideas, concepts, problems, as well as with the principles and trends of philosophical development during the Ancient Times (6 B.C. to 6 A.D.); to build understanding for historic and logic in the intellectual development; to elaborate skills for critical and creative attitude towards the Ancient philosophical heritage; to develop capacities for independent work with particular ancient texts and whole books written by the greatest philosophers of the Greek Antiquity.

Course Content:
The course consists of the following major topics: Causes for the emergence of the philosophical thought in Ancient Greece; Ionian Philosophy (Tales, Heraclitus, Early Pythagoreans, the Eleatics); Nature Philosophy during the 5 Century B.C. (Empedocles and Anaxagoras; Atomistic Philosophers; Anthropological Philosophy (Protagoras and Socrates); Philosophical ideas and theories of Plato and Aristotle; The Old Academy; The Like ion; Epicurean School; The Philosophy of Stoics and Skeptics; The Ancient Greece and Rome during the late Antiquity; Roman Stoics; The Skeptical Philosophy; Neo-Platonism; Religious Philosophical Thought.

Teaching and Assessment Methods:
Mix of lectures and seminars, online and class participation, pre-readings, individual exercises and group work, text analisis, group discussions. The assessment methods applied are: class attendance, written tests, paper.
INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

Credits: 7 ECTS
Assessment Method: exam
Semester: I

Hours per week: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Assessment Type: written

Departments involved:
Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
Faculty of Philosophy

Lecturer:
Chief Assistant Boyko Iliev, Ph.D.
iliev_boyko@swu.bg

Annotation:
Above all, Introduction to Philosophy is designed to problematize the students’ attitude to the subject they have chosen to study at the University. In that connection, the discussion of philosophical issues for the onset of philosophical thinking resumes all possible logical models of philosophical attitude to the world, as the interpretation is looked throughout their historical original sources. The main objectives of the philosophical analysis are both the philosophical self-reflection samples and the cultural prototypes of philosophical thinking, read through the prism of any corresponding cultural phenomena. The academic course of study considers the formal and substantive connections to all obligatory disciplines approved by the academic plan of the subject of Philosophy.

Course content:
The main objectives of this course are:
(1) to become familiar with major philosophical problems and the methods of dealing them
(2) to learn how to read and interpret philosophical texts (rightly considered as belonging to the category of the most complex logical, historical and culturological intellectual products)
(3) to acquire an initial command of philosophical language

Teaching and assessment:
In order to achieve better results in the academic course of study, the students should have had some preliminary knowledge of history of culture, as well as basic understanding of the difference between natural and spiritual sciences.

LOGIC

ECTS credits: 5
Form of exam: written
Semester: I

Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Type of exam: written

Departments involved:
Department of Philosophy
Faculty of Philosophy

Lecturer:
Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Georgi Donev, Department of Philosophy
E-mail: donev@swu.bg
Annotation:
The course aims to introduce students to the subject matter of logic, the logical formalism logical laws and logical interpretation models. The main idea of the course is to understand polivariants of logical thinking and logical universal commensurability of logical languages.

Course content:
The main problem areas are: logical relativism, classical and non-classical logic systems to logical systems logical complementarity conservative and nonconservativs extensions, logical hierarchy of languages.

Teaching and assessment:
Semester exam includes: a paper on theoretical question from a predefined syllabus - is determined by the student pulled Examination ticket;
Criteria on which to evaluate the written paper are: the sake of completeness, accuracy in interpreting the scientific facts, stylistic and terminological precision.
The course ends with examination syllabus in writing.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE MIDDLE AGES AND RENAISSANSE

ECTS credits: 5
Form of exam: written
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Type of exam: written
Semester: II
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophy
Faculty of Philosophy
Lecturer:
Chief Assistant, Ph.D. George Velichkov, Department of Philosophy
E-mail: velichkov_georgi@swu.bg

Annotation:
The course introduces students to the main areas and schools of medieval philosophical thought with its basic patterns. The course aims to familiarize students with the general development of philosophical thought in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

Course content:
The place of philosophy in the medieval history of world philosophical thought, metaphysical problems in the teaching of Augustine, the teaching of Boethius, Anselm of Canterbury philosophy, ethics of Pierre Abelard, theoretical aspects of Islam.

Teaching and assessment:
Semester exam includes: a paper on theoretical question from a predefined syllabus. Criteria on which to evaluate the written paper are: the sake of completeness, accuracy in interpreting the scientific facts, stylistic and terminological precision. The course ends with examination syllabus in writing.
ONTOLOGY

ECTS credits: 5  
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars  
Form of exam: written  
Type of exam: written  
Semester: II  
Departments involved:  
Department of Philosophy  
Faculty of Philosophy  
Lecturer:  
Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Georgi Donev, Department of Philosophy  
E-mail: donev@swu.bg

Annotation:  
The course of ontology is designed to introduce students to the language of ontological thought, ontological principles and basic concepts and constitutive function of ontological thinking about all possible modes of existence.

Course content:  
The course includes: the ontological structure of the language operators, criteria for the truth of the ontological design patterns defining the terms "sense of being" mean "existence" a priori definition of the interpretation of existence, classical and non-classical systemic thinking, structure transcendental consciousness transcendental conception of reason and others. The course includes reconstruction of the ontological principles of Parmenides, Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Kant, Hegel, Heidegger, showing their logical explication language and heuristic capabilities for constructing patterns of existence.

Teaching and assessment:  
The teaching includes lectures and seminars accompanied by lectures and discussions. Total number of lecture hours 30 Number of hours for seminars 30. During the course, each student must make a design on one of the topics set for seminars.

ETHICS

ECTS credits: 5  
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars  
Form of knowledge test: written  
Type of examination: written  
Semester: II  
Departments involved:  
Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences  
Faculty of Philosophy  
Lecturer:  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Veronika Nikolova, Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences  
E-mail: veronica_n@swu.bg

Annotation:  
The course is closely related to the general philosophical conclusions revealed by epistemology and ontology, as well as to the issues concerning the nature of man, developed by the philosophical anthropology. The ethical aspects of these solutions put the course in close kinship with the philosophy of religion and aesthetics. This emphasises the importance of the
education in ethics which introduces students to historical development and current state of ethical teachings. Objectives of the course are: 1. To enrich the theoretical foundation of students knowledge and their modern way of thinking including appropriate understanding of the different facets of the morality. 2. To give entire presentation of the moral world. 3. To stimulate an interest and form an attitude to the ethical concepts and issues without pursuing and dependence on concrete educational goals. 4. To develop skills for independent interpretation of ethical issues and for their application in professional tasks solving.

**Preliminary conditions:**


**Teaching and assessment:**

The assessment on the course is formed on the base of current and final evaluation. The current evaluation is formed on the base of the results of written work or thematic essay, attendance of lectures and seminars, performance during the seminars. The exam is based on the following criteria: knowledge of different authors’ concepts, ability to compare philosophical theses; scope of discussing issues.

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**GNOSEOLOGY**

- **ECTS credits:** 5
- **Weekly classes:** 2 lectures + 2 seminars
- **Form of knowledge test:** examination
- **Type of examination:** written
- **Semester:** I
- **Departments involved:**
  - Department of Philosophy
  - Faculty of Philosophy
- **Lecturer:**
  - Full-time Prof. Dr. Dr.Sc. Valentin Kanawrow, Department of Philosophy
  - E-mail: valentin_kanawrow@swu.bg

**Annotation:**

The course in epistemology introduces the students to specimen, features and technology knowledge-philosophical issues. It permeates all readings in philosophy and forms one of the cores of teaching philosophy at undergraduate level.

**Course content:**

The course is split in two modules: 1) Conceptual issues of Gnoseology 2) Gnoseology contrivances. The first module deals with general questions of the theory of knowledge. They are presented in a systematic plan, starting from the simplest act of cognitive SO terms. Reviews in detail its nature and limits. The need of theoretical and scientific knowledge is justified in this module. The philosophical knowledge is analyzed not only as a top in the hierarchy of knowledge types, but in a wide broader logic, cultural logic, semiotic and social aspect. Theories of truth are the last part of the Gnoseology system. The second module focuses on global, general and specific knowledge-philosophical systems. They are reviewed in philosophically historical point of view thus this way they are not only create the relationship with the philosophically historical readings, but are detail the knowledge of history gnoseology. On the based of lessons learned from the first module are typified philosophical knowledge-schemes. The objectives of the course are general and specialized. Students enrich their
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**PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY**

ECTS credits: 6
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Form of exam: written
Type of exam: written
Semester: III
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophy
Faculty of Philosophy
Lecturer:
Assoc. Prof. D.Sc. Vyara Nikolova, Department of Philosophy
E-mail: vnic@swu.bg

**Annotation:**

Philosophy of history is a subset of philosophy related to the interpretation of historical processes and knowledge. At different periods in the history of philosophy and deals with the general theory of historical development or formulation of meaning and purpose forces and factors in the historical process. The power control history is different "persons" - divine providence, universal reason, natural law, impersonal fate, man. The philosophy of history poses problems of progress and regression in society, the unity of the historical process and its diversity

**Course content:**

The course included the idea of cyclical development of the society of antiquity (Hesiod) to the present day - Sorokin and Toynbee, views, according to which the story unfolds linearly (Augustine, Kant, Hegel), conflicting theories of historical development (Ralf Dahrendorf) and ideas about the "end of history" (Fukuyama) providence concepts (Augustine, Bossuet) and science - reflecting the state of physics and cosmology in the development of humanity in a global cosmological term. There are also some views of philosophers with bright and innovative solutions for the development and future of society.
Teaching and assessment:

Teaching and assessment: semester exam includes: a paper on theoretical question from a predefined syllabus - is determined by the student pulled examination ticket; criteria according to which estimated the written paper are: the sake of completeness, accuracy in the interpretation of scientific facts, stylistic and terminological precision.

PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

ECTS credits: 6
Form of knowledge test: examination
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Type of examination: written
Semester: III
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
Faculty of Philosophy
Lecturer:
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kamen Lozev, Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
E-mail: kamenlozev@swu.bg

Annotation:
The course "Philosophy of Science" is part of the curriculum as a mandatory discipline which consists of 30 lecture hours and 30 seminar hours organized in one semester.

Course content:
The aim of the course is to allow the student to develop deeper theoretical knowledge on the state of art and the prospects of this topical and dynamic field in contemporary philosophy. The material is presented in five modules that expose the concepts of the established world philosophers of science thus forming an overview of the theoretical-cognitive and value aspects of the phenomenon science. During the semester, students prepare one course work in writing on the material taught (usually in the form of paper), the assessment of which is taken into account at the conduction of the final examination.

Teaching and assessment:
During their studies in the semester, the students are required to do two tests and prepare at least one report to be defended. Term validation will take place under the condition of regularly attending the lectures, presentation of at least one report and average mark of both tests at least 3.00.

GERMAN CLASSICAL PHILOSOPHY

ECTS credits: 6
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Form of knowledge test: examination
Type of examination: written
Semester: III
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophy
Faculty of Philosophy
Lecturer:
Full-time Prof. Dr. Dr.Sc. Valentin Kanawrow, Department of Philosophy
Annotation:
German classical philosophy is a peak in philosophy altogether. There is hardly any other period in the development of philosophy, when it had such a turbulent immanent rise, as hard methodological relevance to other sciences and so a strong social resonance as well. Arguably that the German classical philosophy is the acme of philosophizing at all. Unlike many other periods in the history of philosophy, the historical beginning of the German classical philosophy is straightforward. In the beginning was Kant.

Course content:
The course begins with the philosophy of Wolf, which is a kind of transition between the classical, rational and empirical philosophizing and classical German philosophy during the Enlightenment. The last and the Protestantism as well, as a relatively new confession exert powerful influence on the formation of the German classics. All these conditions and influences are examined in terms of a wide broader vision on the German classics, marking the beginning of one non-classical development of philosophizing. Delimitation between wide broad and narrow understanding of the German classics is conducted. The second is limited to Kant, Fichte, Schelling and Hegel, and the first includes the Romantics, Herder, Hamann, Schleiermacher, Jacobi, Maimon, and also the first Kant and Hegel disciples. The focus of the course is on the teachings of Kant, Fichte, Schelling and Hegel, which are considered thoroughly and systematically. It is known, that these teachings have internal periodizations such as separate cycles and works, they timeless character. They are analyzed the most detailed, without of course forgetting the other works.

Teaching and assessment:
Lectures are based on an ancient tradition of university ex cathedra. Extracurricular employment includes self-study with texts, preparing for conferences, publications and student exam. It requires creative development and preparation of independent author’s texts. Organization for evaluation has been developed, including the written examination styling and interview (only if necessary), complex evaluation criteria, ways to raise credits, conditions for admission to examination, opportunity for the exam remission, grading system for assessment.

AESTHETICS

ECTS credits: 6
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Form of Assessment: continuous assessment
Type of examination: written
Semester: IV

Departments involved:
Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
Faculty of Philosophy

Lecturers:
Assoc. Prof. Lazar Koprinarov DSc., Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
E-mail: koprinarov@swu.bg
Chief Assistant Ph.D. Boyko Iliev, Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
E-mail: iliev_boyko@swu.bg

Seminars: Chief Assistant, Ph.D. Nina Mireva, Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
E-mail: ninail@swu.bg
Annotation:
After the successful completion of the course the students are expected to have skills for independent development of aesthetic issues and its application in professional tasks.

Preliminary conditions:
The course undertakes to present the history of aesthetic thought; to orient students to the basic aesthetic categories and problems of philosophy of art.

Teaching and assessment:
The course consists of lectures and seminars on topics of the syllabus and controlled by individual work. The course is in traditional form, but also includes interactive and multimedia methods. The seminars are held on a broader methodological basis - lectures, discussions, debate, associative method, artwork discussion, individually and collectively work on the material. In each of the two semesters is conducted in a test on basic concepts derived from the content of the topics of the syllabus. Students develop five papers during the course. The final assessment mark is based on both the tests, the papers and a written exam.

CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

ECTS credits: 4
Form of knowledge test: examination
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Type of examination: written
Semester: IV
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
Faculty of Philosophy

Lecturer:
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kamen Lozev, Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
E-mail: kamenlozev@swu.bg

Annotation:
The course tracks and presents the most important and well-established philosophical schools and trends of the Twentieth century philosophy, which determine the diversity of the contemporary philosophical life.

Course content:
From the perspective of teaching the philosophical schools and trends of the Twentieth century philosophy are detached and organised in modules, allowing the student to become acquainted with their leading representatives and their typical theoretical and value positions, to absorb their typical concepts such as duree, intellect and intuition (Bergson), being-in-the-world, being-thrown (Geworfenheit), intentionality of consciousness, phenomenological reduction (Husserl) existence, metanarrative, etc. In general, beyond the variety of schools and trends in modern Philosophy the course highlights the "eternal" philosophical directions - rationalism and irrationalism - and ultimately confirms the role of philosophy as a methodology of theoretical activity. The course provides a system of advanced theoretical knowledge necessary for the proper professional realization of the students, for their proper orientation in public life and their better integration into the modern values and standards of performance and creativity.
Teaching and assessment:
During their training in both semesters the students are required to do four tests and prepare at least two reports. The semesters shall be certified under the condition of regular attendance of the lectures, presentation of at least two reports and an average assessment mark on the test at least 3.00.
The criteria according to which the paper in writing is assessed are: completeness of content, combined with accurate interpretation of the scientific facts, stylistic and terminological precision.
The course ends with final examination in writing according to the syllabus.

PHILOSOPHICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

ECTS credits: 4
Form of exam: written
Semester: IV
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophy
Faculty of Philosophy
Lecturer:
Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Maya Georgieva, Department of Philosophy
E-mail: mail-maia@swu.bg

Annotation:
The course on "Philosophical Anthropology" thematic outlines a situation in European philosophy helped anthropology birth of philosophy, its heyday in the early and mid-twentieth century and its problem in the second half of the twentieth century. Although the program includes a wide range of top-known contemporary philosophers, it should thematic logic "anthropology angle" in their work and thus presents an overall picture of anthropology philosophy.

Course content:
The proposed course covers 11 topics. The course aims to introduce students to the so-called anthropology trend in philosophy.

Teaching and assessment:
Semester exam includes: a paper on theoretical question from a predefined syllabus.
Criteria on which to evaluate the written paper are: the sake of completeness, accuracy in interpreting the scientific facts, stylistic and terminological precision. The course ends with examination syllabus in writing.

PHILOSOPHICAL LOGIC

ECTS credits: 3
Form of exam: written
Semester: IV
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophy

Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Type of exam: written
Faculty of Philosophy

Lecturer:
Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Georgi Donev, Department of Philosophy
E-mail: donev@swu.bg

Annotation:
Introduces the basic concepts and forms of philosophical thought and reveals its development and invariance. The main concepts that students should learn are "philosophical logic", "philosophical language" philosophical concept true transcendental logic.

Course content:
The course aims to learn students with specific forms of philosophical thought and its logical explication and its key concepts: transcendental logic transcendental logic metalogic of consciousness heuristics to reason, logical hierarchy of metaphysical systems of consciousness.

Teaching and assessment:
The teaching includes lectures and seminars accompanied by lectures and discussions. Total number of lecture hours 30 and seminars 30. During the course, each student must make a design on one of the topics set for seminars.

PHENOMENOLOGY

ECTS credits: 7
Form of exam: written
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Type of exam: written
Semester: 1
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophy
Faculty of Philosophy
Lecturer:
Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Maya Georgieva, Department of Philosophy
E-mail: mail-maia@swu.bg

Annotation:
The course aims to learn students with phenomenological method, its basic concepts and applications, and to raise skills to implement.

Course content:
Consistently, in the spirit of Husserl, walked to the steps of the phenomenological reduction to reach phenomenological a priori. The use of phenomenology goes through disclosure of existential, cultural and social forms of experience of human experience and meaning construction of the human world.

Teaching and assessment:
Semester exam includes: a paper on theoretical question from a predefined syllabus. Criteria on which to evaluate the written paper are: the sake of completeness, accuracy in interpreting the scientific facts, stylistic and terminological precision. The course ends with examination syllabus in writing
PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

ECTS credits: 5
Form of knowledge test: examination
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Type of examination: written
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
Faculty of Philosophy
Semester:
Lecturer:
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antoaneta Nikolova, Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
E-mail: anikolova@swu.bg
Annotation:
The main aim of the course of Philosophy of religion is to introduce the students into the basic philosophical approaches to the religions and to outline the range of the problems which religion and religious thinking pose to the philosophy.
Course content:
The course is based on a comparative analysis between ideas of European and non-European philosophical and religious thinking. The main part of the course deals with philosophical understanding of God and arguments of God’s being. The accent is on the positive and negative ways to God and their interpretations in different cultures. The course presents the variety of problems which philosophy of religion raises and the number of possible answers which it gives.
Teaching and assessment:
The exam is written theoretical elaboration of a question from a preliminary given questionnaire.
The criteria of evaluation are: completeness, accurate interpretation of the scientific facts, stylistic and terminological precision.

PHILOSOPHICAL DISCOURSE

ECTS credits: 5
Form of exam: written
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Type of exam: written
Semester: II
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophy
Faculty of Philosophy
Lecturer:
Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Maya Georgieva, Department of Philosophy
E-mail: mail-maia@swu.bg
Annotation:
The program aims to prepare students to understand and responsibility for their future profession and to challenge them in the mission of philosophizing today's globalizing world.
Course content:
The "philosophical discourse" introduces students to the development of ideas about the purpose and nature of philosophical knowledge. Philosophy / Metaphysics / is one of the defining moments of European cultural - historical development and changes in the discourse of philosophizing big mark in the "spirit" and "life" of European society

Teaching and assessment:
Semester exam includes: a paper on theoretical question from a predefined syllabus. Criteria on which to evaluate the written paper are: the sake of completeness, accuracy in interpreting the scientific facts, stylistic and terminological precision. The course ends with examination syllabus in writing.

PSYCHOANALYSIS
ECTS credits: 6
Form of exam: written
Semester: III
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophy
Faculty of Philosophy
Lecturer:
Assoc. Prof.D.Sc. Vyara Nikolova, Department of Philosophy
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Annotation:
The course provides knowledge of the basic tenets of psychoanalysis in its classic form and postclassical terms of philosophical meaning. The aim is to deepen students' knowledge in one area of the modern West and neglected for many years in Bulgaria, enabling them to analyze in an extraordinary way many philosophical texts, historical events and literary characters.

Course content:
The lectures concern the most common problems of psychoanalysis, the Oedipus complex, defense mechanisms, forms of manifestation of the unconscious. An emphasis is put on postclassical theories, especially the theory of dissonance and theory of empathy.

Teaching and assessment:
Semester exam includes: a paper on theoretical question from a predefined syllabus - is determined by the student pulled Examination ticket; criteria according to which estimated the written paper are: the sake of completeness, accuracy in the interpretation of scientific facts, stylistic and terminological precision.

HERMENEUTICS
ECTS credits: 4
Form of knowledge test: examination
Semester: VI
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophy
Annotation:
The course is designed for students in the Master's degree course in "Philosophy", who have graduated in other disciplines. The course is included in the optional program. It is closely related to the main Readings in Epistemology, History of Philosophy, Anthropology and contemporary Philosophy. Hermeneutics can successfully be treated philosophically historical and thematically.

Course content:
This course is an attempt to combine both approaches. For leading home philosophically historical is selected as the conceptualization of hermeneutic problems is thematized by highlighting its leading ideas in a historical perspective. The art of interpretation has a long history - beginning put in Greek philosophy, but the real hermeneutics itself begins with the interpretation of biblical texts. Then the legal hermeneutics was born. Methodization of hermeneutics as, the art of interpretation leads to its purely philosophical formation. Powerful stimulus for the development of hermeneutic approach is the boom of philology in the XVIII and XIX centuries. Later on the so-called sciences of the spirit are differentiated, which become an adequate basis of thematic and methodological deployment of hermeneutics. In modern philosophy, hermeneutics is presented not only as a leading heading, but as a relatively self-fully philosophizing as well. On its basis the whole philosophical issues as type of knowledge and communication, and existence type are rethoughted. Here is included experience, perception, historicizing, asking existence, wide field of discourses, intentionality and pre-understanding. Hermeneutic circle was formed as an extra-theoretical methodization type, based on which the maximized completeness of meaning to be found. This includes a series of contexts and horizons whose use has not closing but opening potential.

Teaching and assessment:
Lectures are based on an ancient tradition of university ex cathedra. Extracurricular employment includes self-study with texts, preparing for conferences, publications and student exam. It requires creative development and preparation of independent author’s texts. Organization for evaluation has been developed, including the written examination styling and interview (only if necessary), complex evaluation criteria, ways to raise credits, conditions for admission to examination, opportunity for the exam remission, grading system for assessment.

PHILOSOPHICAL AND SCIENTIFIC RATIONALITY

ECTS credits: 4
Form of exam: written
Semester: IV
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophy
Faculty of Philosophy
Lecturer:
Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Georgi Donev, Department of Philosophy
Annotation:
The course aims to learn students with the forms of philosophical and scientific rationality and their attitude.

Course content:
The course explicates the genesis of the logical structure of scientific thinking and their interpretations - models. The main thesis is that the philosophical rationality and scientific rationality determines its polivariant.

Teaching and assessment:
Semester exam includes: a paper on theoretical question from a predefined syllabus - is determined by the student pulled Examination ticket; criteria according to which estimated the written paper are: the sake of completeness, accuracy in the interpretation of scientific facts, stylistic and terminological precision.

EASTERN PHILOSOPHY

ECTS credits: 7
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Form of knowledge test: examination
Type of examination: written
Semester: 1
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
Faculty of Philosophy

Lecturer:
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Annotation:
The course presents the main characteristics of the philosophical ideas of Ancient China and Ancient India. The main accent of the course is on the twofold comparison: comparison between the two main traditions in Eastern Philosophy, Chinese and Indian, and comparison between Eastern and Western kind of thinking, including philosophy and science. The course aims to reveal the importance of the mental technique and the achievement of an altered state of consciousness in Eastern philosophy. A special attention is paid to the specific of Eastern Philosophical language and the connections between Eastern Philosophy and art.

Course content:
The course is composed of two main parts: philosophy of India and philosophy of China. It explains characteristics and context of some basic philosophical concepts / Dao, De, yin, yang, Atman, Brahman, Void, Tathata etc. / Among the many schools those which express most clearly the specific ideas of unity, non-duality and dynamic nature of the world, as well as the specific ways of knowledge of the this unity, are chosen.

Teaching and assessment:
The exam is written elaboration of a question from a preliminary given questionnaire.
The criteria of evaluation are: completeness, accurate interpretation of the scientific facts, stylistic and terminological precision.

CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

ECTS credits: 4
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Form of knowledge test: examination
Type of examination: written
Semester: IV
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
Faculty of Philosophy
Lecturers:
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kamen Lozev, Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
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Annotation:
The course tracks and presents the most important and well-established philosophical schools and trends of the Twentieth century philosophy, which determine the diversity of the contemporary philosophical life.

Course content:
From the perspective of teaching the philosophical schools and trends of the Twentieth century philosophy are detached and organised in modules, allowing the student to become acquainted with their leading representatives and their typical theoretical and value positions, to absorb their typical concepts such as durée, intellect and intuition (Bergson), being-in-the-world, being-thrown (Geworfenheit), intentionality of consciousness, phenomenological reduction (Husserl) existence, metanarrative, etc. In general, beyond the variety of schools and trends in modern Philosophy the course highlights the " eternal" philosophical directions - rationalism and irrationalism - and ultimately confirms the role of philosophy as a methodology of theoretical activity. The course provides a system of advanced theoretical knowledge necessary for the proper professional realization of the students, for their proper orientation in public life and their better integration into the modern values and standards of performance and creativity.

Teaching and assessment:
During their training in both semesters the students are required to do four tests and prepare at least two reports. The semesters shall be certified under the condition of regular attendance of the lectures, presentation of at least two reports and an average assessment mark on the test at least 3.00.

The criteria according to which the paper in writing is assessed are: completeness of content, combined with accurate interpretation of the scientific facts, stylistic and terminological precision.

The course ends with final examination in writing according to the syllabus.
SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY

ECTS credits: 6
Form of Assessment: continuous assessment
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Type of examination: written
Semester: III
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
Faculty of Philosophy
Lecturers:
Assoc. Prof. Lazar Koprinarov DSc., Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
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Seminars: Chief Assistant, Ph.D. Gergana Popova, Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences

Annotation:
The course consists of three modules. The first explores the social and philosophical ideas of thinkers from antiquity to modern times. The second module includes authors from the XX century. In the third module are analyzed some of the fundamental categories of social philosophy - society, utopia, social space, social time, freedom, globalization etc.

Preliminary conditions:
The students successfully completed the course are expected to have competence and skills for professional interpretation of contemporary social situations.

Teaching and assessment:
The course consists of lectures and seminars on topics of the syllabus and controlled by individual work. The course is in traditional form, but also includes interactive and multimedia methods. The seminars are held on a broader methodological basis - lectures, discussions, debate, associative method, artwork discussion, individually and collectively work on the material. Students develop five papers during the course. The final assessment mark is based on both the tests, the papers and a written exam.

EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY

ECTS credits: 5
Form of Assessment: continuous assessment
Weekly classes: 2 lectures + 2 seminars
Type of examination: written
Semester: II
Departments involved:
Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
Faculty of Philosophy
Lecturers:
Assoc. Prof. Lazar Koprinarov DSc., Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kamen Lozev, Department of Philosophical and Political Sciences
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Annotation:
The course concentrates on the European Philosophy from the transition period between the Renaissance and the Enlightenment. The doctrines of the leading philosophers of the time from Descartes to Kant are presented and discussed.

**Preliminary conditions:**

Students are expected to be familiar with the basic facts and events of the political and social history of the period considered as well as with the main thinkers and ideas of the time. They should be able to work with the classical philosophical texts of this period and discuss and interpret the predominant then philosophical doctrines both in the context of their own time and from a contemporary point of view.

**Teaching and assessment:**

The students will acquire knowledge on the main philosophical trends of the Early Modern Philosophy. At the end of the course it is expected that they will be able to successfully interpret, comment and draw comparisons between the main philosophical works of the period