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Admission requirements
Study of Practical Ethics and World Views is available as a minor subject to all attending students of the University of Oulu.

Study guidance
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Overview of the Subject
Study of Practical Ethics and World Views is a subject taught in Finnish schools, taken by pupils who do not belong to any religious denomination or who are not provided with religious education in their own religion. It is a multidisciplinary school subject that is based on philosophy as well as on social and cultural sciences. With regard to the subject, human beings are considered agents who create and recreate their culture, experiencing and creating meanings in their interaction. World views, human practices and related meanings are seen as results of the interaction between individuals, communities and our cultural heritage. Study of Practical Ethics and World Views emphasizes the human rational ability to observe one's world and actively manage one's own life.

The aim of the teaching in the school subject Study of Practical Ethics and World Views is to provide the pupil with the ability and skills to grow up to be an independent, tolerant, responsible and mature member of his/her community. The teaching is designed to support the pupil's growth into a democratic citizen, which, in our globalizing and rapidly changing world, requires the development of ethical thinking and practice, related extensive knowledge and skills, as well as to increase general knowledge on issues related to culture and ideologies. The teaching provided in Study of Practical Ethics and World Views is based on and inspired by the idea of one's opportunity to grow into a free, equal and critical subject with the ability to make life better.

Corresponding studies at the University of Oulu provide students with the qualification to teach Study of Practical Ethics and World Views as a second teaching subject. This requires the completion of the Basic and Intermediate Studies (60 ECTS credits).

Courses at different levels

Basic Studies 25 credits

1. 700660P Introduction to the Study of Practical Ethics and World Views 2 credits
2. 700095P Sciences and the Evolution of World Views 3 credits
3. 700672P The Gender Perspective 3 credits
4. 700096P History of Political and Social Ideas 3 credits
5. 700662P Philosophical Ethics 2 credits
6. 700673P History of Sexual Minorities 3 credits
7. 700613P Global Ethics 3 credits
8. 700663P Global Problems 3 credits
9. 700202P Global Approach to the History of Ideas 3 credits

Intermediate Studies 35 credits
Learning Objectives

After completing the Basic Studies, students will have the knowledge, skills and conceptual abilities to study the world they live in rationally and take active control of their lives. They will understand that different world views, human practises and their meanings are results of the interplay among individuals, communities and cultural heritage.

After completing the Intermediate Studies, students will have the qualifications to teach Ethics as a second subject. They will have a comprehensive understanding of the various philosophies of life. In addition, they will be able to apply their philosophical, cultural and historical abilities to improving their ethical thinking and acting.
Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

700667A: Cultural Philosophy, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -  
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies  
Laji: Course  
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities  
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail  
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero  
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish  
Leikkaavuudet:  
ay700667A Cultural Philosophy (OPEN UNI) 4.0 op  
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:  
4 credits  
Language of instruction:  
Finnish  
Learning outcomes:  
Upon completing the course, the student will have an understanding of the development of Finnish philosophy in the 20th century, in particular with regard to Axiology, Ethics and Cultural Philosophy.  
Contents:  
History of Finnish Cultural Philosophy in the 20th century.  
Learning activities and teaching methods:  
Lectures or book exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences  
Recommended or required reading:  
Salmela: Suomalaisen kulttuurifilosofian vuosisata  
Assessment methods and criteria:  
Written exam  
Grading:  
0-5  
Person responsible:  
Kari Väyrynen

700670A: Environmental Philosophy, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -  
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies  
Laji: Course  
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities  
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail  
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero  
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish  
Leikkaavuudet:  
ay700670A Environmental Philosophy (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op  
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:  
3 credits  
Language of instruction:  
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to describe various issues of Environmental Philosophy in the framework of current research.

Contents:
Lectures or book exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences

Learning activities and teaching methods:
History and key research questions of Environmental Philosophy

Recommended or required reading:
Oksanen (toim.): Ympäristöfilosofia, or Väyrynen: Ympäristöfilosofian historia maaäitimyyttistä Marxin

Assessment methods and criteria:
Written exam
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

700664A: Fundamental Ethical Questions, 6 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
   ay700664A  Fundamental Ethical Questions (OPEN UNI)  6.0 op
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
6 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to examine values philosophically in the contexts of culture and nature. He/she will also be able to philosophically analyze various topical issues in Practical Ethics.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences

Recommended or required reading:
Three of the following:
Haapala (ed.) Arvot, tiede, taide; Haapala & Oksanen (eds.): Arvot ja luonnon arvottominen; Reiners & Seppä (eds.): Etiikka ja estetilkkä; Airaksinen (ed.): Ammattien ja ansaitsemisen etiikka; Karjalainen (ed.): Tutkijan eettiset valinnat; Mäntylä: Journalistin etiikka; Launis: Geeniteknologia, arvot ja vastuu; Spicker - Engelhardt (eds.): Philosophical Medical Ethics: Its Nature and Significance; Velasquez: Business Ethics.

Assessment methods and criteria:
Written exam
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

700202P: Global Approach to the History of Ideas, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 - 31.07.2015
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities
**ECTS Credits:**
3 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to recognize the basic features of the Asian, American and African History of Ideas.

**Contents:**
Asian, American and African History of Ideas

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures or literature exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences

**Recommended or required reading:**
Mohammad Fazlhashemi (ed.): Vidgade vyer.

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Written exam

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Niina Timosaari
700663P: Global Problems, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
   ay700663P  Global Problems (OPEN UNI)  3.0 op
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to address certain key global problems.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences

Recommended or required reading:

Assessment methods and criteria:
Written exam
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Niina Timosaari

700675A: History of Atheism, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2009 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
   ay700675A  History of Atheism (OPEN UNI)  3.0 op
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will be familiar with the main developments in the history of European atheism and critique of religions.

Contents:
History of European atheism and critique of religions

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences

Recommended or required reading:
Dawkins: Jumalharha

Assessment methods and criteria:
Written exam
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Jarmo Pulkkinen

700666A: History of Philosophy, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Kallinen, Maija Sinikka
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700666A History of Philosophy (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
5 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to describe the main trends and classics of philosophical thought.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences
Recommended or required reading:
Nordin: Filosofian historia
Assessment methods and criteria:
Written exam
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

700096P: History of Political and Social Ideas, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Jarmo Pulkkinen
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700096P History of Political and Social Ideas (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to describe the key developments in thinking about society, the state, politics and social movements, from Antiquity to the present.

Contents:
History of political and social ideas from Antiquity to the present.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or literature exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences.

Recommended or required reading:
Sven-Erik Liedman: Från Platon till kommunismens fall

Assessment methods and criteria:
Written exam
Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Jarmo Pulkkinen

700673P: History of Sexual Minorities, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2009 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700673P History of Sexual Minorities (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

ECTS Credits:
3 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Learning outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will have an understanding of the history and status of sexual minorities in society.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences

Recommended or required reading:
Mustola & Pakkanen (eds.): Sateenkaari-Suomi

Assessment methods and criteria:
Written examination
Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Niina Timosaari

700660P: Introduction to the Study of practical Ethics and World views, 2 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700660P Introduction to the Study of practical Ethics and World views (OPEN UNI) 2.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä
ECTS Credits: 2 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Learning outcomes: Upon completing the course, the student will understand the nature of the Study of Practical Ethics and World Views as a school subject.
Learning activities and teaching methods: Series of lectures or book examination on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences
Recommended or required reading: Kamppinen Matti (ed.): Elämänkatsomustieto.
Assessment methods and criteria: Written examination
Grading: 0-5
Person responsible: Niina Timosaari

700674A: Minorities in Finland, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2009 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet: ay700674A Minorities in Finland (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits: 3 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Learning outcomes: Upon completing the course, the student will have an idea of the history, culture and customs of the traditional ethnical minorities in Finland.
Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures or book exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences
Recommended or required reading: Pulma: Suljetut ovet; Pentikäinen: Saamelaiset: pohjoisen kansan mytologia
Assessment methods and criteria: Written exam
Grading: 0-5
Person responsible: Jarmo Pulkkinen

700669A: Multiculturalism, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ECTS Credits: 3 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Learning outcomes: Upon completing the course, the student will be able to understand and analyze various problems related to the interaction between various cultures in Finland.
Contents: Issues related to the interaction between various cultures in Finland
Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures or book exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences
Recommended or required reading: Näkökulmia monikulttuuriseen Suomeen, and Lehtonen & Löytty & Ruuska: Suomi toisin sanoen.
Assessment methods and criteria: Written exam
Grading: 0-5
Person responsible: Jarmo Pulkkinen

700671A: Mythologies, 3 op

ECTS Credits: 3 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Learning outcomes: Upon completing the course, the student will be familiar with the mythological heritage of Western culture.
Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures or book exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences
Recommended or required reading: Kaimio (ed.): Antiikin myytit ja uskonnot, and Leikola Anto: Seireenejä, kentaureja ja merihirviöitä
Assessment methods and criteria: Written exam
Grading: 0-5
Person responsible: Jarmo Pulkkinen

700662P: Philosophical Ethics, 2 op

ECTS Credits: 3 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Learning outcomes: Upon completing the course, the student will be familiar with the mythological heritage of Western culture.
Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures or book exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences
Recommended or required reading: Kaimio (ed.): Antiikin myytit ja uskonnot, and Leikola Anto: Seireenejä, kentaureja ja merihirviöitä
Assessment methods and criteria: Written exam
Grading: 0-5
Person responsible: Jarmo Pulkkinen
Philosophical Ethics (OPEN UNI)

ECTS Credits: 2 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Learning outcomes: Upon completing the course, the student will have an understanding of the main trends in philosophical ethics as well as related critique.
Learning activities and teaching methods: Lectures or book examination on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences
Recommended or required reading: Pietarinen & Poutanen: Etiikan teorioita.
Assessment methods and criteria: Written examination
Grading: 0-5
Person responsible: Kari Väyrynen

Sciences and the Evolution of World Views (OPEN UNI)

ECTS Credits: 3 credits
Language of instruction: Finnish
Learning outcomes: Upon completing the course, the student will be able to describe the key developments in scientific thinking from Antiquity to the present. He/she will be familiar with the greatest revolutions in scientific thinking, understanding their importance from the viewpoint of world views. The student will also be able to pinpoint various social conditions for science, changes in man's relationship to nature and the concept of scientific rationality.
Contents: History of scientific thinking from Antiquity to the present
Learning activities and teaching methods: Web course (limited participation) or literature exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences
Recommended or required reading: Peter Whitfield: Landmarks in Western Science
Assessment methods and criteria: Written exam
Grading:
**700672P: The Gender Perspective, 3 op**

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2009 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:

ay700672P  The Gender Perspective (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**
3 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**
Upon completing the course, the student will have an understanding of how masculinity and femininity are constructed and how sexual identities and sexuality have changed in European history.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Series of lectures or book examination on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences

**Recommended or required reading:**
Timms & Sanborn: Gender, Sex and the Shaping of Modern Europe

**Assessment methods and criteria:**
Written examination

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Niina Timosaari

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**700676A: World Religions, 5 op**

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2009 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:

ay700676A  World Religions (OPEN UNI) 5.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**
5 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to analyze different religions and discuss various philosophical problems related to religions.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Lectures or book exam on the examination day of the Faculty or History Sciences

**Recommended or required reading:**
Pentikäinen: Uskonnot maailmassa, and Pyysiäinen: Jumalten keinu

Assessment methods and criteria:
Written exam
Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Jarmo Pulkkinen