Opasraportti

HuTK - Philosophy 2009-2011 (2009 - 2011)

Philosophy

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Admission requirements

All students registered as attending at the University of Oulu are entitled to study Philosophy.

Commencement of studies

At the beginning of each semester, the curriculum of Philosophy is published as part of the curriculum of History Sciences. Details on possible information sessions are posted on the notice board designated for the subject.

Study guidance

Study guidance is provided by the Lecturer of Philosophy, tel. +358-8-553 3311.

Overview of the subject

Philosophy is the oldest of all sciences. It studies methodological problems common to all the fields differentiated from it in the course of time, as well as ideological questions not reducible to those methodological questions, human knowledge, language, argumentation and also questions of ethics and social practice. Central fields of study in philosophy are, for instance, metaphysics, logic, theory of knowledge, philosophy of science, principles of natural and human sciences, philosophy of language, philosophy of art, ethics and social philosophy. The history of philosophy offers a synthetic point of view into the totality of these partial fields. The history of sciences shows that as the sciences evolve, the union between them and philosophy is renewed again and again. Philosophy demonstrates its fruitfulness for the development of sciences as a study of foundational questions, methods and values. Philosophical research of values and ethics contributes to ongoing discussion on society.

Philosophy has been found profitable especially in educating researchers. Therefore it is suited for an optional or additional minor subject in all degree programmes of the Faculty of Humanities, as well as in the fields of natural sciences, technology, medicine, social and educational sciences and cultural studies. Philosophy is also a good support for postgraduate studies in different disciplines.
Lately the demand for Philosophy has increased significantly, since it has become a compulsory subject in Finnish upper secondary school. Hence it is well suited as a minor subject for students aiming to become teachers of different subjects.

**Study packages**

Students can complete two study packages in Philosophy:

- **Basic Studies**, 25 credits, and
- **Intermediate Studies**, 35 credits

Nearly all courses in Philosophy can be completed by means of book examination, excepting course 700604P Logic, which is usually completed as a lecture course, and courses 700606P A Classic and its Interpretation, 700616A Seminar Course on Critical Reading and 700617A A Classic and its Interpretation II, which should be completed as seminar workshops. Students must register for book examinations in WebOodi 10 full days prior to the examination. Book examinations in the Basic and Intermediate Studies are marked by the Lecturer of Philosophy, except for 700604P Logic, which is graded by LPh Markku Mäki upon separate agreement. Book examinations can be taken on the examination days both of the Faculty and of History Sciences. In all cases, it is possible by separate agreement to choose other literature (literature in English, for instance) instead of that mentioned in the course descriptions. In examinations, questions in English can be provided if requested in advance.

Advanced studies in Philosophy can be completed in other universities. Information on these alternatives is provided by the Lecturer of Philosophy.

The teacher responsible for all courses is the Lecturer of Philosophy.

**Courses**

**Basic Studies 25 credits**

- 700600P Introduction to Philosophy 5 credits
- 700601P History of Philosophical Thinking 5 credits
- 700602P Philosophical Ethics 3 credits
- 700603P Social and Political Ideas 3 credits
- 700604P Logic 3 credits
- 700605P Philosophy of Science 3 credits
- 700606P A Classic and its Interpretation 3 credits

**Intermediate Studies 35 credits**

- 700607A Philosophy of Culture in Finland 3 credits
- 700608A Contemporary Philosophy 4 credits
- 700609A Introduction to Analytical Philosophy 3 credits
- 700610A Phenomenology, Hermeneutics and Dialectics 3 credits
- 700611A Philosophy of Values 3 credits
- 700612A Practical Ethics 3 credits
Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomat opintokokonaisuudet ja -jaksot

700606P: A Classic and its Interpretation, 3 op
700617A: A Classic and its Interpretation II, 3 op
700608A: Contemporary Philosophy, 4 op
700613A: Global Ethics, 3 op
700601P: History of Philosophical Thinking, 5 op
700609A: Introduction to Analytical Philosophy, 3 op
700600P: Introduction to Philosophy, 5 op
700604P: Logic, 3 op
700602P: Philosophical Ethics, 3 op
700607A: Philosophy of Culture in Finland, 3 op
700605P: Philosophy of Science, 3 op
700614A: Philosophy of Science II, 3 op
700611A: Philosophy of Values, 3 op
700610A: Phnomeneology, Hermeneutics and Dialectics, 3 op
700612A: Practical Ethics, 3 op
700616A: Seminar Course on Critical Reading, 4 op
700603P: Social and Political Ideas, 3 op
700615A: Special Fields, 3 op

Opintojaksojen kuvaukset

Tutkintorakenteisiin kuulumattomien opintokokonaisuuksien ja -jaksojen kuvaukset

700606P: A Classic and its Interpretation, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
   ay700606P   A Classic and its Interpretation (OPEN UNI)   3.0 op
**ECTS Credits:**
3 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**
The student will be able to read and interpret classic philosophical texts independently, and to prepare a coherent written paper on a theme of the classics of philosophy. The student will learn to discuss philosophical questions in a group.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Seminar workshops, or in exceptional cases book examination or essay.

**Recommended or required reading:**
According to agreement

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Kari Väyrynen

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**700617A: A Classic and its Interpretation II, 3 op**

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:
ay700617A A Classic and its Interpretation II (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voimassa on suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

**ECTS Credits:**
3 credits

**Language of instruction:**
Finnish

**Learning outcomes:**
The student will have an in-depth view of a classic of philosophy, and become familiar with the process of writing a philosophical thesis and philosophical discussion.

**Learning activities and teaching methods:**
Participation in seminar workshops

**Grading:**
0-5

**Person responsible:**
Kari Väyrynen

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**700608A: Contemporary Philosophy, 4 op**

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:
ECTS Credits:
4 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Learning outcomes:
The student will become familiar with the key trends of the philosophy of the 20th and 21st centuries: analytical
philosophy, phenomenology, existentialism, hermeneutics, postmodernism and Marxism.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination

Recommended or required reading:
Niiniluoto - Saarinen: Nykyajan filosofia pp. 1 - 436

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

700613A: Global Ethics, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700613A Global Ethics (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

ECTS Credits:
3 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Learning outcomes:
The student will be capable of critical study of global ethical and political problems in the age of globalization.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination

Recommended or required reading:
Sihvola: Maailmankansalaisen etiikka; Gylling (ed.): Kehityksen etiikka ja filosofia; Attfield: The Ethics of the
Global Environment.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

Other information:
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course. Hence students should choose only one of these separate entities, unless otherwise mentioned.

700601P: History of Philosophical Thinking, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
ECTS Credits: 5 credits

Language of instruction: Finnish

Learning outcomes:
The student will have an understanding of the historical developments of the key questions and tendencies in Philosophy from Antiquity to the 20th century.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination

Recommended or required reading:
Nordin: Filosofian historia

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

700609A: Introduction to Analytical Philosophy, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -

Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies

Laji: Course

Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities

Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail

Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero

Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:
ay700609A Introduction to Analytical Philosophy (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits: 3 credits

Language of instruction: Finnish

Learning outcomes:
The student will have a deeper view of the developments and key problems of analytical philosophy.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination

Recommended or required reading:

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

Other information:
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700600P: Introduction to Philosophy, 5 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:
ay700600P  Introduction to Philosophy (OPEN UNI)  5.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
5 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
The student will have an understanding of the special nature of Philosophy as critical thinking, and an insight into the significance of philosophy for humans in a context of culture.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination.
Recommended or required reading:
Mäki & Väyrynen: Johdatus filosofiseen ajatteluun and Sajama: Arkipäivän filosofiaa (pp. 1-93 and 101-104).
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

700604P: Logic, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish

Leikkaavuudet:
ay700604P  Logic (OPEN UNI)  3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
The student will understand the formal principles of logical deduction, and be able to apply them.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lecture (recommended) or book examination in exceptional cases
Recommended or required reading:
Kakkuri-Knuuttila (ed.): Argumentti ja kritiikki, part II, chapters 3 and 4
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Markku Mäki
700602P: Philosophical Ethics, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuyksikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700602P  Philosophical Ethics (OPEN UNI)  3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
The student will be familiar with the key trends in theoretical ethics.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination.
Recommended or required reading:
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

700607A: Philosophy of Culture in Finland, 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:
ay700607A  Philosophy of Culture in Finland (OPEN UNI)  3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
0-5
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
The student will have an insight into the developments of Finnish philosophy in the 20th century, particularly as regards the philosophy of values, ethics and cultural philosophy.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination
Recommended or required reading:
Salmela: Suomalaisen kulttuurifilosofian vuosisata
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
700605P: Philosophy of Science, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700605P Philosophy of Science (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
The student will be familiar with the basic problems of the general philosophy of science, as well as the special questions in the philosophy of the humanities.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination
Recommended or required reading:
Raatikainen: Ihmistieteet ja filosofia
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

700614A: Philosophy of Science II, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700614A Philosophy of Science II (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
The student will have an all-round view of the topical problems of the philosophy of science in different disciplines, and of science as part of society.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination
Recommended or required reading:
Kiikeri-Ylikoski: Tiede tutkimuskohteena; Meurman-Solin & Pyysiäinen: Ihmistieteet tänään; Massa: Vihreä teoria.
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
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Other information:
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700611A: Philosophy of Values, 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:
ay700611A Philosophy of Values (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
2 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
To introduce the student to the philosophical study of values in the contexts of culture and nature.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination.
Recommended or required reading:
Haapala (ed.): Arvot, tiede, taide and Haapala & Oksanen (eds.): Arvot ja luonnon arvottaminen.
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

700610A: Phnomenology, Hermeneutics and Dialectics, 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:
ay700610A Phnomenology, Hermeneutics and Dialectics (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
The student will have a deeper view of one of the key traditions of so-called continental philosophy.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination

Recommended or required reading:
Himanka: Se ei sittenkään pyöri; Kusch: Ymmärtämisen haaste; Tontti (ed.): Tulkinnasta toiseen; Habermas: Järki ja kommunikaatio and White: The Cambridge Companion to Habermas, pp. 1-166; Lyotard: Tieto postmodernissa yhteiskunnassa and Kotkavirta - Sironen: Moderni/Postmoderni; Haapala: Heidegger - ristiriitojen filosofi; Heinämaa: Ele, tyylj ja sukupuoli; Gadamer: Hermeneutikka; Foucault: Tiedon arkeologia; Adorno & Horkheimer & Marcuse: Järjen kritiikki; Horkheimer & Adorno: Valistuksen dialektiikka.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
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700612A: Practical Ethics, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
  ay700612A  Practical Ethics (OPEN UNI)  3.0 op

Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish

Learning outcomes:
The student will be able to outline some starting points for the philosophical study of the key topical problems in practical ethics.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination

Recommended or required reading:
Airaksinen (ed.): Ammattien ja ansaitsemisen etiikka; Karjalainen (ed.): Tutkijan eettiset valinnat; Launis: Geeniteknologia, arvot ja vastuu.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
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Other information:
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700616A: Seminar Course on Critical Reading, 4 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700616A Seminar Course on Critical Reading (OPEN UNI) 4.0 op
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
4 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
The student will become acquainted with writing a philosophical thesis and with critical discussion through a topical research theme.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Participation in seminar workshops.
Recommended optional programme components:
It is recommendable to have completed at least the Basic Studies and part of the Intermediate Studies before taking this course.
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

700603P: Social and Political Ideas, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Basic Studies
Laji: Course
Vastuuysikkö: Faculty of Humanities
Arvostelu: 1 - 5, pass, fail
Opettajat: Väyrynen, Kari Antero
Opintokohteen kielet: Finnish
Leikkaavuudet:
ay700603P Social and Political Ideas (OPEN UNI) 3.0 op
Voidaan suorittaa useasti: Kyllä

ECTS Credits:
3 credits
Language of instruction:
Finnish
Learning outcomes:
The student will be familiar with the developments of the classic ways of thinking in social philosophy from Antiquity the end of the 20th century.
Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination
Recommended or required reading:
Kanerva (ed.): Poliittisen teorian klassikoita and Niiniluoto-Saarinen: Nykyajan filosofia pp. 437-475.
Grading:
0-5
Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

700615A: Special Fields, 3 op

Voimassaolo: 01.08.2005 -
Opiskelumuoto: Intermediate Studies
Laji: Course
ECTS Credits:
3 credits

Language of instruction:
Finnish

Learning outcomes:
The student will have an in-depth view of a special field in Philosophy in the context of current research.

Learning activities and teaching methods:
Lectures or book examination

Recommended or required reading:
One of the following special fields. Upon agreement, it is also possible to choose other books than the ones mentioned.

a) Metaphysics, Juti: Johdatus metafysiikkaan.
b) Epistemology, Lammenranta: Tietoteoria.
c) Analytical philosophy of science, Niiniluoto: Tieteellinen päättely ja selittäminen; Kuhn: Tieteellisten vallankumousten rakenne.
d) The interrelationships between natural sciences and philosophy, Heisenberg: Fysiikka ja filosofia; Sintonen: Biologian filosofian näkökulmia.
e) Philosophy of language, Hintikka: Kieli ja mieli.
f) Special questions in ethics, Häyry: Mahdollisimman monen onnellisuus; von Wright: Hyvän muunelmia; Taylor: Autenttisuuden etiikka; MacIntyre: Hyvien muunnelmia.
g) Philosophical aesthetics and philosophy of art, Vuorinen: Estetiikan klassikoita; Schusterman: Taide, elämä ja estetiikka.
h) Social philosophy and philosophy of social sciences, Häyry: Ihannevaltio; Ilmonen (ed.): Moderniteetti ja moraali; Winch: Yhteiskuntatieteet ja filosofia.
i) Philosophy of education, Puolimatka: Kasvatus ja filosofia; Siljander (ed.): Kasvatus ja sivistys.
k) Environmental philosophy, Oksanen (ed.): Ympäristöfilosofia; Väyrynen: Ympäristöfilosofian historia maa- ja ilmastotietä Marxin.

Grading:
0-5

Person responsible:
Kari Väyrynen

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