

FLFI.04.018 Philosophical Methodology

2015/2016 spring full-time 3 ECTS

Faculty/Department	Department of Philosophy (HVFI01)
Amount of credits (1 ECTS=26 hours)	3 ECTS
Amount of credits (before 31.08.2009)	2 CP
Duration in semesters	1
Final assessment	differentiated (A, B, C, D, E, F, not present)
Syllabus credits	3 ECTS
Lecturers	Uku Tooming (responsible)
Languages of instruction	English
Minimum number of attendants	5
Study levels	master's studies
Target group and/or preconditions for participation	filosoofia MAG
Forms of teaching and learning and no of hours	lectures: 10 seminars: 18 independent work (including e-learning): 50
Web-based learning	No
Study period (in weeks)	25-38

Curricula containing this course

Philosophy (125597)

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2015/2016

2016/2017

2017/2018

2018/2019

Objectives

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to methods of contemporary philosophy and to debates over their status.

Learning outcomes

The student will acquire practical experience in and theoretical knowledge about philosophical methodology. The student will be aware of the scope and limits of the methods and will know under which conditions they can be successfully applied.

Brief description

The course gives an overview of various philosophical methods and asks if there is something that is distinctive about them when compared to scientific methods.

Groups

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Limit of attendants Lecturers

Schedule

lecture - Introductory lecture: philosophy and science
seminar - Quine, "Epistemology naturalized"
seminar - Feldman, "Naturalism in epistemology"
lecture - Philosophical analysis
seminar - Jackson, "The role of conceptual analysis"
seminar - Papineau, "The Poverty of Analysis"
lecture - Thought experiments and intuitions
seminar - Weinberg & Alexander, "Analytic epistemology and experimental philosophy"

seminar - Liao, "A defense of intuitions"
seminar - Fisher, "Pragmatic experimental philosophy"
seminar - Cappelen, Philosophy without Intuitions
seminar - Weinberg, "Cappelen between rock and a hard place"
lecture - Philosophical explanations
lecture - Summary

Lecture materials and course home page

Compulsory study materials

Seminar texts:

Quine, "Epistemology naturalized"

Feldman, "Naturalism in Philosophy"

Jackson, "The Role of Conceptual Analysis"

Papineau, "The Poverty of Analysis"

Alexander & Weinberg, "Analytic epistemology and experimental philosophy"

Liao, "A defense of intuitions"

Fisher, "Pragmatic experimental philosophy"

Cappelen, Philosophy without intuitions, Ch. 8

Weinberg, "Cappelen between rock and a hard place"

Recommended study materials

Chris Daly, An Introduction to Philosophical Methods

List of independent works and their instructions

Assessment methods and criteria

home work	The students will have to write two mini-essays (around 1000 words). The grade will be awarded as follows: A: 91-100 B: 81-90,5 C: 71-80,5 D: 61-70,5 E: 51-60,5 F: 0-50,5
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Requirements to be met for final assessment

Students are expected to attend at least 12 meetings out of 14.

To obtain final grade, the following is required

Seminar participation and two mini-essays.

Options for taking tests/exams at later date

To be arranged individually.