



Universiteit Leiden

Course and Examination Regulations

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Programme-specific section

Master's Programme: Philosophy (120 EC)

These course and examination regulations have been drawn up in accordance with Section 7.13 of the Higher Education and Research Act [*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*] (WHW) (henceforth the Act) and additional quality marks as set out in the framework document Leiden University Register of Study Programmes [*Leids universitair register opleidingen*].

Pursuant to Section 7.14 of the Act the Faculty Board regularly evaluates the course and examination regulations and assesses, for the purpose of monitoring and, if necessary, adjusting the study load, the time it takes students to comply with the regulations. In conformity with Section 9.18 of the Act, the department teaching committee is assigned the task of annually assessing how the course and examination regulations are implemented.

These course and examination regulations consist of two sections: a general section that is the same for all programmes and a section that contains information that is specific to a particular programme. This programme-specific section forms a whole with the general section, and only contains the articles with content that is specific to a particular programme.

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Appendix D – Curriculum

Article 2.1 Objectives of the Programme

The programme has the following objectives:

1. to enable students to acquire academic knowledge, understanding and skills and train them in the use of scientific methods in the field of the philosophy of a discipline;
2. to enable students to develop the following academic skills:
 - independent academic reasoning and conduct,
 - the ability to analyse complex problems,
 - academic reporting;
3. to prepare students for an academic career and further education;
4. to prepare students for a career outside academia.

Article 2.2 Specialisations

The programme has the following specialisations:

- Philosophy of Humanities
- Philosophy of Law
- Philosophy of Medical Sciences
- Philosophy of Natural Sciences
- Philosophy of Political Science
- Philosophy of Psychology

Article 2.3 Achievement Levels

Graduates of the programme have attained the following achievement levels:

1. With regard to knowledge, understanding and their application, graduates
 - a. possess knowledge and understanding in the field of the history, foundations, methodology and/or ethics of the discipline that are based on but surpass the level of the bachelor's degree in philosophy of a certain discipline;
 - b. possess knowledge and understanding with regard to the social and cultural meaning of philosophy in general and the philosophy of the discipline in particular;
 - c. possess knowledge and understanding of the main elements of philosophy of the discipline and the problems, methods and key terms of these elements. This knowledge and understanding surpasses in level that acquired on a bachelor's programme in philosophy of a particular discipline and forms the basis of the independent development and application of original ideas, understanding and analyses;
 - d. are aware of the most recent discussion in the field of their philosophical specialisation and be able to make their own contribution;
 - e. based on the acquired knowledge and understanding, are able to make a contribution to the current discussion within the field of philosophy of the discipline and within new and complex contexts related to philosophy;
 - f. on the basis of knowledge and understanding of philosophy, are able to contribute to the current social-philosophical debates.

2. With regard to making judgements, graduates
 - a. on the basis of the deep knowledge of philosophy acquired on the programme, are able to deal with complex philosophical problems and formulate judgments based on information from different kinds of source even if this information is incomplete or uncertain;
 - b. have a realistic view of the reliability of their own conclusions;
 - c. are able to integrate different approaches to philosophical questions and/or compare them with each other.

3. With regard to communication, graduates
 - a. are trained in giving a clear explanation of philosophical problems, ideas, theories, interpretations and arguments. This is for both a specialist and non-specialist audience and in English as well as, for Dutch-speaking students, in Dutch;
 - b. are capable of writing philosophical papers that show the potential to approximate the level of articles in national and international academic journals in the field of philosophy.

4. With regard to learning skills, graduates

have developed learning skills that allow them to continue their study of philosophy largely independently within a research context and draw up a research proposal for a PhD.

Article 2.5 Study Load

The programme has a study load of 120 ECTS credits.

Article 2.8 Language of Instruction

In compliance with the Code of Conduct regarding Foreign Languages [*Gedragscode voertaal*], the languages of instruction and examination of the programme are English and Dutch.¹ MA courses taught in Dutch are optional. Students are expected to have an adequate command of the language(s) of instruction of the programme.

Article 3.1 Compulsory Components

3.1.1 The programme includes compulsory components of a total study load of 120 ECTS credits. These compulsory components include the optional courses [*keuzevakken*] from which a student is obliged to choose. The compulsory components are listed in Appendix D. The study load (in credits) and the level is listed per course.

Article 3.4 Participation in Courses

3.4.2 Participation in the following courses is only permitted to students once they have passed the examination of the preceding course specified below:

Not applicable.

Article 4.2 Obligatory Order

Examinations of the following courses can only be taken by students once they have passed the examination of the preceding course specified below:

Not applicable.

1. The Code of Conduct regarding Foreign Languages [*Gedragscode voertaal*] was adopted by the Executive Board on 11 July 2002 and can be found at on the following website: [media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/language of instruction.pdf](http://media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/language%20of%20instruction.pdf).

Article 5.1 Direct Admission

Not applicable.

Article 5.3 Entry Requirements

Without prejudice to the provision in paragraph 5.2.1 regarding the capacity, those applicants will be admitted to the programme who:

- have earned the degree of Bachelor at a university not being a university of professional education, or demonstrate to meet the requirements for such a degree, including the General Academic Skills listed in Appendix C;
- have earned a bachelor's degree that is of an equal level to a Dutch bachelor's degree in a discipline relevant to the chosen specialisation and have completed the bridging programme in philosophy as described in art. 5.5, or who have earned a bachelor's degree in a programme that is of an equal level to a Dutch bachelor's degree in a programme in which philosophy is combined with the chosen discipline;
- possess knowledge, understanding and skills comparable to those acquired upon completion of the bridging programme in philosophy as described in art. 5.5. In particular, applicants are able to formulate a clear philosophical research question, and to formulate their own critical philosophical positions and argue for these coherently.
- are sufficiently proficient in the language of instruction, to be assessed by the faculty board (English TOEFL 600/250/100 or IELTS 7.0).

Article 5.5 Bridging Programme

5.5.1 The department has set up programmes to remove deficiencies for students with a bachelor's degree from a research university in a subject other than Philosophy, which prepares them for the chosen specialisation. Such a bridging programme has a study load of 60 ECTS credits and comprises a selection of components from the bachelor's programme in Philosophy (standard programme). The choice of components depends on the chosen specialisation in the master's programme in Philosophy (120 EC).

Semester	Course unit title	Prospectus number	Mode of instruction	Level	EC	Status						
	6 compulsory introductory courses			100-200	30	C						
	2 optional courses each worth 5 ECTS credits (level 100-300)			100-300	10	O						
	2 optional BA3-courses from a selected list			300-400	20	O						
					60							
	Compulsory courses (depending on the chosen master's specialisation):				30		HUM	LAW	NATSc	POLSc	PSYCH	
I	Ancient philosophy	5011VAWY	lc/sem	100	5	C	X	X				
I	Logic I	5011VL1Y	lc/sem	200	5	C			X	X		
I	Ethics	5011VETY	lc/sem	100	5	C	X	X		X		
I	History of Modern Philosophy	5011VM1Y	lc	200	5	C	X	X	X	X		
I	Metaphysics	5011VMFY	lc	100	5	C	X		X		X	
I	Cultural Philosophy	5011VCFY	lc	100	5	C	X					
I	Philosophy of Language	5012VTFY	lc	200	5	C					X	
I	Philosophy of Science ee	5012VWFY	lc	200	5	C			X		X	
I	Political Philosophy	5012VPFY	lc/sem	200	5	C		X		X		
I	Philosophy of Mind	5012VPMY	lc/sem	200	5	C					X	
II	Epistemology	5011VEPY	lc	200	5	C		X	X	X	X	
II	Philosophical Anthropology I	5011VWAY	lc/sem	200	5	C	X				X	
II	Logic II	5011VL2Y	lc/sem	200	5	C			X			
II	History of Modern Political Philosophy	5011VM2Y	lc	200	5	C		X		X		

	Optional courses: a selection from the courses below and above (insofar as the student has not already followed them as a compulsory course) of a total of 10 ECTS credits.				10							
II	Medieval Philosophy	5011VMWY	lc/sem	100	5	O						
II	Classical Texts: Frege's Grundlagen der Arthmetik	5010VK3Y	lc/sem	200	5	O						
	Students choose 2 BA3 courses each worth 10 ECTS credits from the selected list of courses available for their chosen specialisation:				20			HUM	LAW	NATS	POLS	PSY
I	Darwin, Darwinism, and the Philosophy of Mind	5013KTG11Y	lc/sem	400	10	O				X		X
I	Pragmatism	5013KTG12Y	sem	400	10	O				X		X
I	The Philosophy of Michael Dummett	5013KT12Y	sem	400	10	O				X		X
I	The Adaptive Unconscious, Free Will and Morality	5013KTE2Y	lc/sem	400	10	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
I	Kant's Political Philosophy	5013KEG6Y	lc/sem	400	10	O	X	X			X	
I	Political Judgement	5013KE20Y	sem	400	10	O	X	X			X	
I	Van 'de iure belli ac pacis' tot hedendaagse debatten over oorlog	5013KEG5Y	lc/sem	300	10	O	X	X			X	
I	Modern French Philosophy	5013KC16Y	lc/sem	400	10	O	X					
I	Wijsgerige antropologie 3: Filosofie van taal en tekens	5013KC17Y	lc/sem	400	10	O	X					
I	Levinas en Rosenzweig over taal en liefde	5013KC18Y	lc/sem	400	10	O	X					X
II	Theoretical Philosophy 2 (title TBA)	5013KT13Y	lc/sem	400	10	O				X		X
II	Emotion, Cognition, and Rationality	5013KT14Y	lc/sem	400	10	O				X		X
II	Fairness to the Future: Generations, Sustainability and Procreation	5013KE21Y	lc/sem	300	10	O	X	X			X	
II	Political Philosophy 3 (titel TBA)	5013KE22Y	lc/sem	400	10	O	X	X			X	
II	Metaethics	5013KE23Y	sem	400	10	O	X	X			X	
II	Plato's Timaeus: Science, Politics and Morality	5013KEG7Y	sem	400	10	O	X	X			X	
II	Het mysterie van de ziel - Eckhart en Nietzsche	5013KC20Y	lc/sem	300	10	O	X					
II	Wijsgerige antropologie 4: Filosofie van taal en tekens	5013KC21Y	lc/sem	400	10	O	X					
II	Nietzsche and Freud: Modernity and the Philosophical Subject	5013KCG4Y	lc/sem	400	10	O	X					X
II	Wikisofie	5013KC19Y	lc/sem	300	10	O	X					
II	The Turn to the Body in Modern Philosophy: Descartes, Spinoza, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche	5013KCG6Y	lc/sem	400	10	O	X					X

5.5.2 Information regarding the bridging programmes can be requested from the coordinator of studies of the Philosophy department.

Master's programme 2013-2014

Philosophy (120 credits)

Year	Semester	Course title	Prospectus number	Mode of instruction	Level	EC	Status	Number of examinations	Retake	Assessment methods	Achievement levels applied						
MA 1	I/II	Courses in the chosen non-philosophical discipline			500	30	C										
MA 1		<i>Students take one specialist course of the chosen discipline:</i>				10	C										
MA 1	I	Philosophy of Political Science: The Politics of Modernity	5014VSS5Y	sem	500	-10	C	5	R	as;pa;wp;wp;wp	1/2/3/4						
MA 1	I	Philosophy of Law: Political Obligation	5014VSL6Y	sem	500	-10	O/C	3	R	wth;op;wp	1/2/3/4						
MA 1	I	Philosophy of Medical Sciences	5014VSM2Y	tut	500	-10	C	2	R	wp	1a-c;2;3;4						
MA 1	II	Philosophy of Law (title TBA)	5014VSL7Y	sem	500	-10	O/C	2	R	wp	1a-c;2;3;4						
MA 1	II	Philosophy of Humanities: Nietzsche and Antiquity	5014VSH4Y	sem	500	-10	O/C	2	R	op;wp	1a-c/2/3/4						
MA 1	II	Philosophy of Humanities: Waarheid bij Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger en Gadamer	5014VSH5Y	sem	500	-10	O/C	2	R	wth;wp/oe	1a-c/2/3/4						
MA 1	II	Philosophy of Natural Sciences	5014VSN5Y	tut	500	-10	C	2	R	wp	1a-c;2;3;4						
MA 1	II	Philosophy of Psychology: Philosophy of Mind	5014VSP5Y	tut	500	-10	C	4	R	wpwp;op;pa	1a-c;2;3;4						
MA 1		<i>Students choose two MA courses in Philosophy selected for their specialisation.</i>				20											
MA 1	I	Darwin, Darwinism, and the Philosophy of Mind	5014KS18Y	lc/sem	500	-10	O	4	R	as/op;pa;wp;wp	1a-c/2/3/4					X	
MA 1	I	Pragmatism	5014KS19Y	sem	500	-10	O	1	R	wp	1a-c/2/3/4					X	X
MA 1	I	The Philosophy of Michael Dummett	5014KS20Y	sem	500	-10	O	3	R	as/op;pa;wp	1a-c/2/3/4					X	
MA 1	I	The Adaptive Unconscious, Free Will and Morality	5014KE16Y	lc/sem	500	-10	O	2	R	as;wp/op	1/2/3/4				X		X
MA 1	I	Political Judgement	5014KE14Y	sem	500	-10	O	3	R	pa/op;wp;wp	1/2/3/4				X		X
MA 1	I	Political Obligation	5014VSL6Y	sem	500	-10	O	3	R	wth;op;wp	1/2/3/4						X
MA 1	I	Modern French Philosophy	5014KA15Y	lc/sem	400	-10	O	3	R	as;pa;wp	1/2/3/4		X				
MA 1	I	Levinas en Rosenzweig over taal en liefde	5014KA17Y	lc/sem	500	-10	O	3	R	as;wp;wp/op	1a-c/2/3/4		X				X
MA 1	I	De leegte van de kruik: het ding bij Heidegger, Ponge en Braque	5014KA19Y	sem	500	-10	O	2	R	wth;wp/oe	1a-c/2/3/4		X				
MA 1	I	Wijzgerige antropologie 3: Filosofie van taal en tekens	5014KA16Y	lc/sem	500	-10	O	4	R	wth;wth;pa;pro	1a-c/2/3/4				X		
MA 1	II	Thought and its Object	5014KS22Y	sem	500	-10	O	1	R	wp	1a-c/2/3/4					X	
MA 1	II	Emotion, Cognition, and Rationality	5014KS21Y	lc/sem	500	-10	O	2	R	op;wp	1/2/3/4				X	X	X
MA 1	II	Plato's Timaeus: Science, Politics and Morality	5014KSE3Y	sem	500	-10	O	3	R	op;pa;wp	1a-c/2/3/4		X	X			X
MA 1	II	Political Philosophy 3 (title TBA)	5014KE17Y	sem	500	-10	O	2	R	wp	1/2/3/4				X		X
MA 1	II	Metaethics	5014KE18Y	sem	500	-10	O	3	R	as;wp;wp	1/2/3/4			X	X		X

Year	Semester	Course title	Prospectus number	Mode of instruction	Level	EC	Status	Number of examinations	Retake	Assessment methods	Achievement levels applied						
MA 2	I/II	Courses in the chosen non-philosophical discipline			500	10	O										
MA 2		<i>Students take one specialist course of the chosen discipline:</i>				10	C										
MA 2	I	Philosophy of Political Science: The Politics of Modernity	5014VSS5Y	sem	500	-10	C	5	R	as;pa;wp;wp;wp	1/2/3/4						
MA 2	I	Philosophy of Law: Political Obligation	5014VSL6Y	sem	500	-10	O/C	3	R	wth;op;wp	1/2/3/4						
MA 2	I	Philosophy of Medical Sciences	5014VSM2Y	tut	500	-10	C	2	R	wp	1a-c;2;3;4						
MA 2	II	Philosophy of Law (title TBA)	5014VSL7Y	sem	500	-10	O/C	2	R	wp	1a-c;2;3;4						
MA 2	II	Philosophy of Humanities: Nietzsche and Antiquity	5014VSH4Y	sem	500	-10	O/C	2	R	op;wp	1a-c/2/3/4						
MA 2	II	Philosophy of Humanities: Waarheid bij Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger en Gadamer	5014VSH5Y	sem	500	-10	O/C	2	R	wth;wp/oe	1a-c/2/3/4						
MA 2	II	Philosophy of Natural Sciences	5014VSN5Y	tut	500	-10	C	2	R	wp	1a-c;2;3;4						
MA 2	II	Philosophy of Psychology: Philosophy of Mind	5014VSP5Y	tut	500	-10	C	4	R	wpwp;op;pa	1a-c;2;3;4						
						10											
MA 2		<i>Students choose two MA courses in Philosophy selected for their specialisation.</i>				20											
												Hum	Law	MedSc	NatSc	PolSc	Psych
MA 2	I	Darwin, Darwinism, and the Philosophy of Mind	5014KS18Y	lc/sem	500	-10	O	4	R	as/op;pa;wp;wp	1a-c/2/3/4				X		
MA 2	I	Pragmatism	5014KS19Y	sem	500	-10	O	1	R	wp	1a-c/2/3/4				X		X
MA 2	I	The Philosophy of Michael Dummett	5014KS20Y	sem	500	-10	O	3	R	as/op;pa;wp	1a-c/2/3/4				X		
MA 2	I	The Adaptive Unconscious, Free Will and Morality	5014KE16Y	lc/sem	500	-10	O	2	R	as;wp/op	1/2/3/4			X			X
MA 2	I	Political Judgement	5014KE14Y	sem	500	-10	O	3	R	pa/op;wp;wp	1/2/3/4		X			X	
MA 2	I	Political Obligation	5014VSL6Y	sem	500	-10	O	3	R	wth;op;wp	1/2/3/4					X	
MA 2	I	Modern French Philosophy	5014KA15Y	lc/sem	400	-10	O	3	R	as;pa;wp	1/2/3/4	X					
MA 2	I	Levinas en Rosenzweig over taal en liefde	5014KA17Y	hc/wc	500	-10	O	3	R	as;wp;wp/op	1a-c/2/3/4	X					X
MA 2	I	De leegte van de kruik: het ding bij Heidegger, Ponge en Braque	5014KA19Y	sem	500	-10	O	2	R	wth;wp/oe	1a-c/2/3/4	X					
MA 2	I	Wijzgerige antropologie 3: Filosofie van taal en tekens	5014KA16Y	lc/sem	500	-10	O	4	R	wth;wth;pa;pro	1a-c/2/3/4			X			
MA 2	II	Thought and its Object	5014KS22Y	sem	500	-10	O	1	R	wp	1a-c/2/3/4				X		
MA 2	II	Emotion, Cognition, and Rationality	5014KS21Y	lc/sem	500	-10	O	2	R	op;wp	1/2/3/4			X	X		X
MA 2	II	Plato's Timaeus: Science, Politics and Morality	5014KSE3Y	sem	500	-10	O	3	R	op;pa;wp	1a-c/2/3/4	X	X			X	
MA 2	II	Political Philosophy 3 (title TBA)	5014KE17Y	sem	500	-10	O	2	R	wp	1/2/3/4		X			X	
MA 2	II	Metaethics	5014KE18Y	sem	500	-10	O	3	R	as;wp;wp	1/2/3/4		X	X		X	
MA 2	II	Nietzsche and Freud: Modernity and the Philosophical Subject	5014KAS2Y	lc/sem	500	-10	O	3	R	wth;op;wp	1a-c/2/3/4	X					X

Year	Semester	Course title	Prospectus number	Mode of instruction	Level	EC	Status	Number of examinations	Retake	Assessment methods	Achievement levels applied							
MA 2	II	The Turn to the Body in Modern Philosophy: Descartes, Spinoza, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche	5014KA21Y	lc/sem	500	-10	O	3	R	as/pa/op/wp	1a-c/2/3/4	X			X			X
MA 2	I/II	Internship (Philosophy)*	5014KSTAGY	is		-10	O											
MA 2	I/II	MA Thesis (Philosophy 120 EC)	5014VMTSY	ss	500	20	C			wp	1a-c(d)/2/3/4							
						60												

* For students who wish to include an internship in their programme the internship will replace one of the four 10 EC courses in Philosophy.

Abbreviations

Mode(s) of instruction:

lc lectures
sem seminars
tut tutorials
ss self-study
exc excursion
is internship

Level:

500 level of education according to the Leiden 100-600 structure.
(see art. 4.1 of the general section of the Course and Examination Regulations)

Status of the course:

C (compulsory) if the course is a compulsory component for all students of the programme/specialisation/track
O (optional) if the course is an optional component of the programme

Method(s) of assessment:

w written examination
wm written examination with multiple choice questions
we written examination with essay questions
wth take home examination

