



Universiteit Leiden

Course and Examination Regulations

valid as of 1 September 2015

Programme-specific section:

Master's Programme: Philosophy (60 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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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 philosophy;
2. to enable students to develop the following academic and professional 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:

- History and Philosophy of the Sciences
- Ethics and Politics
- Philosophical Anthropology and Philosophy of Culture
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Article 2.3 Achievement Levels

Graduates of the programme will have reached the following achievement levels:

1. Knowledge, understanding and their applications
 - a. knowledge and understanding in the field of systematic philosophy and its history as well as of developments in contemporary philosophy that are based on the bachelor's programme, surpass the level of the latter and form the basis of the independent development and application of original ideas, understanding and analyses;
 - b. awareness of recent discussions in the field of their specialisation in philosophy and the ability to make their own contribution here;
 - c. the ability, on the basis of the knowledge and understanding of philosophy they have acquired, to make their own contribution to current discussions within the discipline of philosophy and within new and complex contexts related to philosophy.
2. Judgement
 - a. the ability, on the basis of the deepened knowledge of philosophy acquired during the programme, to deal with complex philosophical problems and to formulate judgments based on information from different kinds of sources, even when this information is incomplete or uncertain;
 - b. a realistic view of the reliability of their own conclusions;
 - c. the ability to integrate different approaches to philosophical questions and/or compare them with each other.
3. Communication
 - a. the ability to give a clear explanation of philosophical problems, ideas, theories, interpretations and arguments. This is for both specialist and non-specialist audiences, in English as well as, for Dutch-speaking students, in Dutch;

b. the ability to write philosophical papers that show the potential to approach the level of articles in national and international academic journals in the field of philosophy.

4. Learning skills

the possession of learning skills that allow graduates to continue their study of philosophy more or less independently within a research context as well as to draw up a research proposal for a PhD.

Article 2.5 Study Load

The programme has a study load of 60 credits.

Article 2.8 Language of Instruction

In compliance with the Code of Conduct regarding Language of Instruction [*Gedragscode voertaal*¹] the languages of instruction and examination of the programme are English and Dutch. Courses taught in Dutch are optional. Students are expected to have an adequate command of the languages of instruction of the programme.

Article 3.1 Compulsory Components

3.1.1 The programme includes compulsory components totalling a study load of 60 credits. These compulsory components include the optional courses [*keuzevakken*] from which a student is obliged to choose.

Article 4.2 Obligatory Order

Not applicable.

Article 4.3 Examination Formats

4.3.7 The final part of the completion and assessment of the MA thesis is the MA examination, consisting of an interview with the candidate by a graduation committee of three examiners, to be appointed by the Board of Examiners. The candidate's thesis supervisor will in any event be a member of the graduation committee and generally the second reviewer will also be a member of the committee. The interview relates to the subject of the MA thesis and possibly a selection of other subjects. For the determination of the final grade of the thesis the candidate's responses during the interview will be taken into account.

Article 5.2 Admission to the academic year 2015-2016

5.2.1 Without prejudice to the stipulations of Article 5.1.1 regarding maximum capacity, persons who are in possession of (one of) the following degree(s) are granted direct admission to the programme:

<i>Specialisation master</i>	<i>Admission on the basis of bachelor programme, with specialisation</i>
History and Philosophy of the Sciences	Philosophy (Leiden University)
Ethics and Politics	Philosophy (Leiden University) Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges with specialisation Human Interaction (Leiden University)
Philosophical Anthropology and Philosophy of Culture	Philosophy (Leiden University)
Philosophy, Politics and Economics	Philosophy (Leiden University)

¹ The Code of Conduct on the Language of Instruction and Examination [*Gedragscode voertaal*] was adopted by the Executive Board on 28 May 2013 and can be found on the following website: [media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/language of instruction.pdf](http://media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/language%20of%20instruction.pdf).

	Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges with specialisation Human Interaction (Leiden University) Political Science (Leiden University)
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5.2.2 Without prejudice to the stipulations in Article 5.1.1 regarding maximum capacity, persons who do not meet the entry requirements set in 5.2.1 will be granted admission to the programme, if they:

- have earned the degree of bachelor at a university not being a university of professional education, equivalent to the level of a Dutch academic bachelor’s degree, or demonstrate to meet the requirements for such a degree, including the General Academic Skills listed in Appendix C; and
- are sufficiently proficient in the language of instruction, to be assessed by the Faculty Board (English IELTS 7.0, TOEFL 100 (internet-based) or Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)); and
- possess knowledge, understanding and skills comparable to those acquired upon graduation from the bachelor’s programme in Philosophy referred to in article 5.2.1; specifically applicants should:
 - be able to formulate a clear philosophical research question;
 - be able to formulate their own critical philosophical positions and argue for these coherently.

5.2.3 In addition to the requirements set out in 5.2.2, the following additional entry requirements apply to the following specialisations:

- History and Philosophy of the Sciences:
 - substantive knowledge of systematic philosophy and its history;
- Ethics and Politics:
 - substantive knowledge of ethics and political philosophy and their history;
- Philosophical Anthropology and Philosophy of Culture:
 - substantive knowledge of philosophical anthropology and philosophy of culture and their history;
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics:
 - substantive knowledge of ethics, political philosophy and/or of political science.

Applicants who are in possession of a bachelor’s degree in International Studies from Leiden University or in Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges from Leiden University and who completed courses in philosophy with a total course load of at least 35 credits are considered to have fulfilled all entry requirements for this specialisation.

Article 5.3 Admission to the academic year 2016-2017

5.3.1 Without prejudice to the stipulations of Article 5.1.1 regarding maximum capacity, persons who are in possession of (one of) the following degree(s) are granted direct admission to the programme:

<i>Specialisation master</i>	<i>Admission on the basis of bachelor programme, with specialisation</i>
History and Philosophy of the Sciences	Philosophy (Leiden University)
Ethics and Politics	Philosophy (Leiden University) Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges with specialisation Human Interaction (Leiden University)

Philosophical Anthropology and Philosophy of Culture	Philosophy (Leiden University)
Philosophy, Politics and Economics	Philosophy (Leiden University) Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges with specialisation Human Interaction (Leiden University) Political Science (Leiden University)

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- have earned the degree of bachelor at a university, equivalent to the level of a Dutch academic bachelor's degree, or demonstrate to meet the requirements for such a degree, including the General Academic Skills listed in Appendix C; and
- are sufficiently proficient in the language of instruction, to be assessed by the Faculty Board (English IELTS 7.0, TOEFL 100 (internet-based) or Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)); and
- possess knowledge, understanding and skills comparable to those acquired upon graduation from the bachelor's programme in Philosophy referred to in article 5.3.1; specifically applicants should:
 - be able to formulate a clear philosophical research question;
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- History and Philosophy of the Sciences:
 - substantive knowledge of systematic philosophy and its history;
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 - substantive knowledge of ethics and political philosophy and their history;
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 - substantive knowledge of philosophical anthropology and philosophy of culture and their history;
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics:
 - substantive knowledge of ethics, political philosophy and/or of political science.

Applicants who are in possession of a bachelor's degree in International Studies from Leiden University or in Liberal Arts and Sciences: Global Challenges from Leiden University and who completed courses in philosophy with a total course load of at least 35 credits are considered to have fulfilled all entry requirements for this specialisation.

Article 5.5 **Bridging Programmes (Premasters)**

Not applicable.

Appendix D - Curriculum

Master's programme 2015-2016

Philosophy (60 EC)

Specialisation History and Philosophy of the Sciences

Year	Semester	Block	Course title	Mode(s) of instruction	Level	EC	Status	Number of examinations	Assessment methods	Achievement levels applied	Specialisations		
											PhHS	EthPol	PhAPhC
			Research Seminar*										
MA 1	I	1-2	Research Seminar History and Philosophy of the Sciences	sem	500	10	C	5	as,as,wp,as,wp	1,2,3,4	X		
			Electives*			30	C						
			Electives History and Philosophy of the Sciences (choose at least 10 EC)										
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Rationalism Incarnate: Frege's Philosophy of Logic and Language</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4	X		
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>The Scientific Revolution, 1550-1700</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	op, wp	1,2,3,4	X		
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Questioning Life and Death</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	as, wp, pa	1,2,3,4	X		X
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Philosophy of Mathematics</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4	X		
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>De anima 2.0: Aristotelian Psychology in the Hands of Alexander of Aphrodisias 200 AD</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4	X		X
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Nietzschean and Post-Nietzschean Aesthetics</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, op, pa, as	1,2,3,4	X		X
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Seminar Ancient Philosophy/Latin: Lucretius: Poet and Philosopher</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	we, wp, op	1,2,3,4	X		
			Electives outside the chosen specialisation										
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Freedom or Equality? (PP1)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	wp, we	1,2,3,4		X	
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Cosmopolitics (IT1)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, wp, pa	1,2,3,4		X	
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Virtue, Vice and Depravity: Buddhist and Contemporary Accounts</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, op, pa, as	1,2,3,4		X	X
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Body and Embodiment</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	op, wp	1,2,3,4			X
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Politics and Nature</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	wp, we	1,2,3,4		X	
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Global Democracy and the Nation State (PP2)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4		X	
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Global Distributive Justice and Political Economy (EP2)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, as, op, as	1,2,3,4		X	

MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Philosophical Anthropology & Philosophy of Culture</i>	<i>sem</i>	500	-10	O	2	<i>op, wp</i>	1,2,3,4			X
MA 1	I/II	1-4	<i>Internship (Philosophy)**</i>	<i>is</i>		-10	O						
			MA Thesis*										
MA 1	I/II	1-4	MA Thesis (Philosophy)	<i>ss</i>	500	20	C	1	<i>wp</i>	1,2,3,4			
						20							

Notes

* Students follow one mandatory research seminar and three electives, and they conclude their programme with the writing of an MA Thesis. The research seminar, at least one of the three electives, and the subject of the master's thesis belong to the chosen specialisation (History and Philosophy of the Sciences). **Please note that students can choose electives only from the specialisation(s) to which they have been admitted.** Students who have obtained a BA degree in Philosophy have access to all electives. Not more than two of the four courses can have the same instructor.

** Only one of the electives (10 EC) can be filled in with an internship.

Part-time programme

Part-time students follow in their first and second semester a research seminar and three electives, and write their MA Thesis in their third semester.

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Master's programme 2015-2016

Philosophy (60 EC)

Specialisation Ethics and Politics

Year	Semester	Block	Course title	Mode(s) of instruction	Level	EC	Status	Number of examinations	Assessment methods	Achievement levels applied	Specialisations		
											PhHS	EthPol	PhAPhC
			Research Seminar*										
MA 1	I	1-2	Research Seminar Ethics and Politics	sem	500	10	C	5	as,as,wp,as,wp	1,2,3,4		X	
			Electives*			30	C						
			Electives Ethics and Politics (choose at least 10 EC)										
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Freedom or Equality? (PP1)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	wp, we	1,2,3,4		X	
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Cosmopolitics (IT1)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, wp, pa	1,2,3,4		X	
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Virtue, Vice and Depravity: Buddhist and Contemporary Accounts</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, op, pa, as	1,2,3,4		X	X
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Politics and Nature</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	wp, we	1,2,3,4		X	
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Global Democracy and the Nation State (PP2)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4		X	
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Global Distributive Justice and Political Economy (EP2)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, as, op, as	1,2,3,4		X	
			Electives outside the chosen specialisation										
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Body and Embodiment</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	op, wp	1,2,3,4			X
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Questioning Life and Death</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	as, wp, pa	1,2,3,4	X		X
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Rationalism Incarnate: Frege's Philosophy of Logic and Language</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4	X		
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>The Scientific Revolution, 1550-1700</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	op, wp	1,2,3,4	X		
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Philosophical Anthropology & Philosophy of Culture</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	op, wp	1,2,3,4			X
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>De anima 2.0: Aristotelian Psychology in the Hands of Alexander of Aphrodisias 200 AD</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4	X		X
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Nietzschean and Post-Nietzschean Aesthetics</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, op, pa, as	1,2,3,4	X		X
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Philosophy of Mathematics</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4	X		
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Seminar Ancient Philosophy/Latin: Lucretius: Poet and Philosopher</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	we, wp, op	1,2,3,4	X		
MA 1	I/II	1-4	<i>Internship (Philosophy)**</i>	is		-10	O						

			MA Thesis*										
MA 1	I/II	1-4	MA Thesis (Philosophy)	ss	500	20	C	1	wp	1,2,3,4			
						20							

Notes

* Students follow one mandatory research seminar and three electives, and they conclude their programme with the writing of an MA Thesis. The research seminar, at least one of the three electives, and the subject of the master's thesis belong to the chosen specialisation (Ethics and Politics). **Please note that students can choose electives only from the specialisation(s) to which they have been admitted.** Students who have obtained a BA degree in Philosophy have access to all electives. Not more than two of the four courses can have the same instructor

** Only one of the electives (10 EC) can be filled in with an internship.

Part-time programme

Part-time students follow in their first and second semester a research seminar and three electives, and write their MA Thesis in their third semester.

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Philosophy (60 EC)

Specialisation Philosophical Anthropology and Philosophy of Culture

Year	Semester	Block	Course title	Mode(s) of instruction	Level	EC	Status	Number of examinations	Assessment methods	Achievement levels applied	Specialisations		
											PhHS	EthPol	PhAPhC
			Research Seminar*										
MA 1	I	1-2	Research Seminar Philosophical Anthropology and Philosophy of Culture	sem	500	10	C	5	as,as,wp,as,wp	1,2,3,4			X
			Electives*			30	C						
			Electives Philosophical Anthropology and Philosophy of Culture (choose at least 10 EC)										
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Body and Embodiment</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	op, wp	1,2,3,4			X
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Virtue, Vice and Depravity: Buddhist and Contemporary Accounts</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, op, pa, as	1,2,3,4		X	X
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Questioning Life and Death</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	as, wp, pa	1,2,3,4	X		X
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Philosophical Anthropology & Philosophy of Culture</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	op, wp	1,2,3,4			X
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>De anima 2.0: Aristotelian Psychology in the Hands of Alexander of Aphrodisias 200 AD</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4	X		X
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Nietzschean and Post-Nietzschean Aesthetics</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, op, pa, as	1,2,3,4	X		X
			Electives outside the chosen specialisation										
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Rationalism Incarnate: Frege's Philosophy of Logic and Language</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4	X		
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>The Scientific Revolution, 1550-1700</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	op, wp	1,2,3,4	X		
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Freedom or Equality? (PP1)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	wp, we	1,2,3,4		X	
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Cosmopolitics (IT1)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, wp, pa	1,2,3,4		X	
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Philosophy of Mathematics</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4	X		
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Seminar Ancient Philosophy/Latin: Lucretius: Poet and Philosopher</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	wp, we	1,2,3,4	X		
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Politics and Nature</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4		X	
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Global Democracy and the Nation State (PP2)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, as, op,	1,2,3,4		X	

MA 1	II	3-4	Global Distributive Justice and Political Economy (EP2)	sem	500	-10	O	3	we, wp, op	1,2,3,4		X	
MA 1	I/II	1-4	Internship (Philosophy)**	is		-10	O						
			MA Thesis*										
MA 1	I/II	1-4	MA Thesis (Philosophy)	ss	500	20	C	1	wp	1,2,3,4			
						20							

Notes

* Students follow one mandatory research seminar and three electives, and they conclude their programme with the writing of an MA Thesis. The research seminar, at least one of the three electives, and the subject of the master's thesis belong to the chosen specialisation (Philosophical Anthropology and Philosophy of Culture). **Please note that students can choose electives only from the specialisation(s) to which they have been admitted.** Students who have obtained a BA degree in Philosophy have access to all electives. Not more than two of the four courses can have the same instructor.

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Part-time programme

Part-time students follow in their first and second semester a research seminar and three electives, and write their MA Thesis in their third semester.

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Philosophy (60 EC)

Specialisation Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

Year	Semester	Block	Course title	Mode(s) of instruction	Level	EC	Status	Number of examinations	Assessment methods	Achievement levels applied
			Core Seminar 1							
MA 1	I	1-2	PPE - The State of the Art	sem	500	10	C	3	wp, we, op	1,2,3,4
			Optional courses: select two of the following electives:			20	C			
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Freedom or Equality? (PP1)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	2	wp, we	1,2,3,4
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>World Capitalism and its Critics (EP1)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	as, wp, we	1,2,3,4
MA 1	I	1-2	<i>Cosmopolitics (IT1)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	wp, wp, pa	1,2,3,4
						30				
			Optional course: select one of the following electives:			10	C			
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Global Democracy and the Nation State (PP2)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, wp, op, pa	1,2,3,4
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Global Distributive Justice and Political Economy (EP2)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	4	wp, as, op, as	1,2,3,4
MA 1	II	3-4	<i>Activism and New Political Agency (IT2)</i>	sem	500	-10	O	3	as, wp, we	1,2,3,4
			Core Seminar 2							
MA 1	II	3-4	Research Seminar: PPE in Practice	sem	500	10	C	4	wp, wp, as, pa	1,2,3,4

			MA Thesis							
MA 1	II	3-4	MA Thesis (PPE)	ss	500	10	C	1	wp	1,2,3,4
						30				

Students starting their programme in February follow in their first semester two optional courses and core seminar 2. In their second semester they follow core seminar 1 and one of the optional courses, and write their MA thesis.

Abbreviations

Mode(s) of instruction:

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

Level:

400	level of education according to the Leiden 100-600 structure
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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

Retake:

R	(retake) if students who have not been successful in the first attempt can take a second examination for the course; see art. 4.1 of the general section of the Course and Examination Regulations
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Methods of assessment:

w	written examination
wm	written examination with multiple choice questions
we	written examination with essay questions
wth	take home examination
wp	paper, essay, thesis
oe	oral examination
op	oral presentation
tr	translation
pa	participation
as	(weekly) assignments
pro	protocol

Achievement levels applied:

According to the numeration of achievement levels in art. 2.3 of the programme section of the Course and Examination Regulations