



COURSE DATA

Data Subject

Code	33281
Name	Metaphysics II
Cycle	Grade
ECTS Credits	6.0
Academic year	2023 - 2024

Study (s)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1004 - Degree in Philosophy	Faculty of Philosophy and Educational Sciences	4	Second term
1012 - Degree in Philosophy	Faculty of Philosophy and Educational Sciences	4	Second term

Subject-matter

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1004 - Degree in Philosophy	21 - Metaphysics	Obligatory
1012 - Degree in Philosophy	20 - Metaphysics	Obligatory

Coordination

Name	Department
RYCHTER MIRAS, PABLO	359 - Philosophy
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SUMMARY

This course offers a systematic and critical presentation of some essential problems in metaphysics, taking into account its historical development. The items stated above, as well as the selected readings, are offered here for orientation purposes, allowing the professor in charge of each group to introduce her own perspective in the presentation of the syllabus and to select the relevant material.



PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Relationship to other subjects of the same degree

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

Other requirements

This course constitutes the second part of the Metaphysics subject and therefore it should be taken after Metafísica I.

COMPETENCES (RD 1393/2007) // LEARNING OUTCOMES (RD 822/2021)

1004 - Degree in Philosophy

- Be able to communicate professionally both orally and in writing in the Universitat de València's native languages.
- Be able to communicate in a foreign language.
- Be able to obtain information from different primary and secondary sources.
- Be able to analyse, synthesise and interpret relevant cultural, social, political, ethical or scientific data, and to make reflective judgements about them from a non-androcentric perspective.
- Be able to organise and plan work times.
- Acquire the capacity to pose and solve problems, as well as to make decisions, in a limited time.
- Be able to convey information, ideas, problems and solutions to others (experts or not).
- Have critical and self-critical capacity.
- Know how to work in a team avoiding gender discrimination.
- Be respectful of difference and plurality and avoid gender discrimination.
- Be able to learn autonomously.
- Develop innovation and creativity.
- Be competent in the philosophical study of particular areas of research and human praxis, such as mind, knowledge, language, technology, science, society, culture, ethics, politics, law, religion, literature, arts and aesthetics, avoiding androcentric biases.
- Acquire a basic knowledge of the problems, texts and methods that philosophy has developed throughout its history and recognise possible androcentric biases.
- Be familiar with the ideas and arguments of the main philosophers and thinkers, extracted from their texts, and with the investigation of their traditions and schools, identifying the possible androcentric biases.
- Use and rigorously analyse specialised philosophical terminology.



- Identify the fundamental issues that underlie any type of debate.
- Relate problems, ideas, schools and traditions.
- Be able to apply the knowledge acquired to clarify or solve certain problems outside one's own field of knowledge.
- Accurately describe the results of the analysis of controversial and complex problems.
- Identify and evaluate clearly and rigorously the arguments presented either in texts or orally.
- Be agile and efficient managing various sources of information: bibliographical, electronic and others.
- Acquire the learning skills needed to undertake further studies with an increasing degree of autonomy.
- Work with an increasing degree of self-motivation and self-demand.
- Appreciate autonomy and independence of judgement.
- View original and creative thinking positively.

LEARNING OUTCOMES (RD 1393/2007) // NO CONTENT (RD 822/2021)

It is expected that students make some progress in the acquisition of the aforementioned competences.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. Necessity and possibility
5. Causality



6.

WORKLOAD

ACTIVITY	Hours	% To be attended
Theory classes	30,00	100
Seminars	15,00	100
Tutorials	5,00	100
Development of individual work	20,00	0
Readings supplementary material	20,00	0
Preparation of evaluation activities	40,00	0
Preparation of practical classes and problem	20,00	0
TOTAL	150,00	

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

LECTURES: 2 hours of thoretically-oriented lectures and 1 hour of practically-oriented lectures.

PREPARATION FOR THEORETICALLY-ORIENTED LECTURES: students will have to attend the lectures having read the material assigned for each session

PREPARATION OF ESSAYS: throughout the course, students will have to prepare an essay under the supervision of the professor.

TUTORIALS: We will have two kind of tutorials: those devoted to the supervision of the essay, and those devoted to different sorts of queries .

EVALUATION***First call***

The evaluation will be done through a final written test that can be attended or not, and to which a series of continuous evaluation activities can be added (written work, presentations and classroom exercises) that will be carried out during the course. The final written test and the activities proposed in the theoretical classes will determine 70% of the final mark, while the activities proposed in the practical classes will determine the remaining 30%. In order to pass the course, it is necessary to obtain a grade of 5 or more in the final written test.

**Second call**

The evaluation will be done through a final written test on the whole syllabus that will determine 100% of the final grade.

Fraudulent performance in the of evaluation tests and plagiarism in any evaluation work will be considered in accordance with the ACGUV 108/2017 and ACGUV 123/2020 regulation. The use of technologies (including AI), which is not previously authorised by the teaching staff, to create assessment materials will mean that these will not be considered as self-authored and will be treated according to current regulations.

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