

Title and Code of Course: **ERP-BAAA 0010 History of Philosophy**

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Credit Point Value:

6

Number of Lessons
per Week: **2**

Type of Course:

Seminar

Lecture

Method of Evaluation:

Oral Examination

In-Class Presentation

Other

Course Description:

The course wants to make the students acquainted with the bases of philosophical thinking by presenting a brief history of western philosophy

Students are invited to participate in the courses, and possibly to read in advance the relevant texts required for each class.

There will be a verbal exam, where the emphasis will be on the students' capability to reproduce and understand the most important trains of thoughts.

Bibliography:

Readings will be given to each class. Some of the more important ones are:

- *Parmenides: Fragments 1-8 (possibly translation of John Burnet)*
- *Plato: The Republic, (end of Book 6 and beginning of Book 7): 507a-511e, 513a-521b*
- *St Augustine: Confessions, Book 9/Chapter 10; Book 10/Chapter 24-2*
- *Anselm: Proslogion, Chapter 1-5*
- *Descartes: Meditations on the first philosophy, Preface and 1st Meditation*
[\(<http://www.classicallibrary.org/descartes/meditations/3.htm>\)](http://www.classicallibrary.org/descartes/meditations/3.htm)
- *Locke: Treatise concerning human understanding, 2nd Part I/1-10; Fourth Part 17/1-3,14-17; Fourth Part 18.*
- *Critique of the pure reason, Introduction to the second edition*
[\(<http://hume.ucdavis.edu/mattey/phi022/KantPrefaceSecond.pdf>\)](http://hume.ucdavis.edu/mattey/phi022/KantPrefaceSecond.pdf)
- *Nietzsche: Thus spoke Zarathustra, Prologue 1-5*
- *Gottlob Frege: On sense and reference (in: Geach-Black: Translations from the philosophical writings of Gottlob Frege, 1960 (2nd ed.) Oxford, pages 56-79*

From the secondary literature best for use is:

-*Anthony Kenny: A brief history of western philosophy (several editions, also under the title: An illustrated brief history of western philosophy*