

25511 - Theory of knowledge

Información del Plan Docente

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Faculty / School	103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras
Degree	269 - Degree in Philosophy
ECTS	6.0
Year	2
Semester	First semester
Subject Type	Compulsory
Module	---

1.General information

1.1.Introduction

1.2.Recommendations to take this course

1.3.Context and importance of this course in the degree

1.4.Activities and key dates

2.Learning goals

2.1.Learning goals

2.2.Importance of learning goals

3.Aims of the course and competences

3.1.Aims of the course

3.2.Competences

4.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

4.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

5.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

5.1.Methodological overview

See "Learning activities " and "Program".

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5.2.Learning tasks

- Theoretical lectures.

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- Practical lectures.
- Individual work.
- Personal study.
- Assessment activities.

5.3.Syllabus

PART 1. THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE: KEY CONCEPTS

1.1. Knowledge: Issues of discipline. Brief history of the Theory of Knowledge. The crisis of the theory of knowledge. First approach to the standard theory. Knowledge as justified true belief. The concept of belief. The concept of truth. The concept of justification.

1.2. Belief: Belief as propositional attitude. Belief and representation. Belief as disposition. Belief as biological function. Eliminativism. The indeterminacy of belief, according to Quine. Instrumentalism of belief. Externalism and internalism. Atomism and holism. Theories of probability. The problem of voluntarism.

1.3. Epistemic Justification: Fundamentalism or foundationalism. Theories of non-inferential justification. Theories of (valid) inference. Criticisms of Fundamentalism. Coherentism. Arguments for coherentism. Criticisms of coherentism. Foundherentism.

1.4. Truth: The problem of truth. Adequationist Views. Coherentist Views. Pragmatist views. Deflationary views.

MODULE 2. PRAGMATIST THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

2.1. Introduction.

2.2. History.

2.3. Theory of meaning.

2.4. Judgment.

2.5. Belief.

2.6. Truth.

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2.7. Perception

2.8. A priori.

2.9. Analytic-synthetic.

2.10. Facts and values.

5.4. Course planning and calendar

See the academic calendar of the University of Zaragoza (<http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>) and the website of the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts (*Schedule of classes* : <https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases> ; Examination schedule: <https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context> =)

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5.5. Bibliography and recommended resources

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