

25506 - Epistemology of Human Sciences

Syllabus Information

Academic Year: 2019/20

Subject: 25506 - Epistemology of Human Sciences

Faculty / School: 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

Degree: 269 - Degree in Philosophy
587 - Degree in Philosophy

ECTS: 6.0

Year: 1

Semester: First semester

Subject Type: Basic Education

Module: ---

1.General information

1.1.Aims of the course

1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

1.3.Recommendations to take this course

2.Learning goals

2.1.Competences

2.2.Learning goals

2.3.Importance of learning goals

3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

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

4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

4.1.Methodological overview

The methodology followed in this course is oriented towards achievement of the learning objectives. A wide range of teaching and learning tasks are implemented, such as:

- Explanation by the teacher.
- Discussion and dialogue between students, and with the teacher, particularly in sessions of texts.
- Reading and research by students.

4.2.Learning tasks

This is a 6 ETCS course organized as follows:

- Lectures. Explanation by the teacher.
- Additional activities. Courses, viewing movies and other activities of artistic and cultural interest.

4.3.Syllabus

Part I. The epistemological problematic

- Topic 1. How to order an unstable world

- Topic 2. The method and the force of truth
- Topic 3. Truth as power

Part II. Understanding our world

- Topic 4. Scientific method and human sciences: Hermeneutics and positivism
- Topic 5. Nature, history and human action: Marx and Weber
- Topic 6. Sociology, suicide and primitive classifications: Durkheim and Mauss
- Topic 7. The logic of scientific research: Popper
- Topic 8. Scientific revolutions and neopragmatism
- Topic 9. Science and Ideology: Althusser and the French critics of May 68

Part III. The birth of the human sciences and the social order

- Topic 10. Criminal theories and institutions
- Topic 11. Psychiatry
- Topic 12. Economics

4.4.Course planning and calendar

Further information concerning the timetable, classroom, office hours, assessment dates and other details regarding this course, will be provided on the first day of class or please refer to the 'Facultad de Filosofía' website (academic calendar <http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>; timetable: <https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases>; assessment dates <https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context=>)

4.5.Bibliography and recommended resources