

## 25514 - History of mediaeval philosophy

### Syllabus Information

**Academic year:** 2024/25

**Subject:** 25514 - History of mediaeval philosophy

**Faculty / School:** 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras

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

**ECTS:** 6.0

**Year:** 2

**Semester:** Second semester

**Subject type:** Compulsory

**Module:**

### 1. General information

The "Middle Ages" constitutes a mediation between Greece and modernity. This subject aims to show the originality of specifically medieval philosophical problems, as well as the continuity and/or continuity with modern and late-modern philosophical problems. We will try to focus not only to the philosophical questions proper to Christianity, but also on the impact of Arab philosophy in the Latin West.

These approaches and objectives are aligned with the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations Agenda 2030 (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/es/>), in such a way that the acquisition of the learning results of the subject provides training and competence to contribute to some extent to their achievement: Goals 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 16.

### 2. Learning results

**The student, in order to pass this subject, must demonstrate the following results...**

- Knows the main philosophies and philosophical systems of the Middle Ages (competency 1).
- Is able to make a critical and informed reflection on such philosophies and systems (competence 3).
- Is able to relate these philosophies and systems in their respective theological, political, aesthetic, sociological, etc. contexts (competence 2),
- Is able to relate the medieval perspective with the Greek, modern and contemporary perspectives (competence 4).
- Is able to competently handle primary and secondary sources of medieval philosophy (competence 5).
- Is able to understand and analyse the values of the medieval society with an open mind and without prejudices (competence 6).
- Is able to write reasoned philosophical texts on problems of medieval philosophy (competence 7).
- Is able to form their own opinion in relation to the great problems of medieval philosophy (competence 8).
- Has acquired greater ability to participate in philosophical dialogues and debates (competence 9).
- Is able to collect and interpret relevant data to form an adequate judgment in relation to the main problems of medieval philosophy (competence 10)

### 3. Syllabus

1. Introduction: Christian philosophy as a notion and a problem
2. The creator and the creatures: necessity of Being, contingency of beings
3. Christian optimism: divine glory and providence
4. Christian anthropology: personalism and self-knowledge
5. The knowledge of things: divine illumination
6. Free will and Christian freedom: from sin to grace
7. Christian law and morality: intention, conscience and obligation
8. Conclusion: the medieval roots of modern philosophy

### 4. Academic activities

The contents of the subject will be presented during the lectures. It is recommended that the student prepares the reading of the fundamental texts in advance. Special attention will be given to the presentation and commentary of these texts in their original language.

## **5. Assessment system**

### **First call**

Global assessment test (to be taken on the date set by the faculty).

The assessment will be global and will consist of two parts:

1. a written paper related to a required reading book (25% of the final grade);
2. a final exam (75% of the final grade)

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:**

Argumentative ability and rigor will be taken into account, as well as clarity, conciseness and precision in expression.

### **Second call**

Global assessment test (to be held on a date set by the Faculty) identical to the previous one.

## **6. Sustainable Development Goals**

- 4 - Quality Education
- 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities
- 12 - Responsible Production and Consumption