University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	Modern Philosophy - Selected Issues, PG_00176781		
Field of study	Philosophy		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject	2026/2027
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery	at the university
Year of study	1	Language of instruction	Polish
Semester of study	2	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	exam
Conducting unit	Division of History of Classical, Medieval and Modern Philosophy -> Institute of Philosophy -> Faculty of Social Sciences -> Rector		
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Iwona Krupecka	
	Teachers		

Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						

Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan	Participation in consultation hours	Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30	0.0	20.0	50

Subject objectives	An in-depth enhancement of knowledge of early modern philosophy in the context of one of its principal paradigms—namely naturalism—considered from methodological, metaphysical, and anthropological perspectives.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
[FILOZMU2_U04] Analyses complex philosophical arguments, including from the perspective of various positions, identifies the theses and assumptions that comprise them, establishes logical and argumentative relationships between theses, and examines their logical correctness.	The student is able to distinguish between different naturalistic positions and to identify their respective theses and arguments.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[FILOZMU2_W10] The graduate knows and understands in depth the views of a selected leading philosophical author or the current state of research on a selected philosophical issue.	The student has an advanced knowledge and understanding of the principal ideas, authors, and texts of the naturalistic current in early modern philosophy.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[FILOZMU2_W12] The graduate has a deepened knowledge and understanding of the relationship between the development of philosophical ideas and changes in culture and society, including in the context of the dilemmas of contemporary civilization.	The student understands the specific challenges posed by the naturalistic paradigm.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[FILOZMU2_U06] Detects complex interdependencies between the formation of philosophical ideas and social and cultural processes and determines the relationships between these interdependencies.	The student understands the relationship between early modern social and economic processes (including the development of capitalism, technological advancement, and transformations in socio-political organization) and the emergence of naturalistic ideas in early modern Europe.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU4] test/exam - oral or written
[FILOZMU2_W11] The graduate knows at an in-depth level the historical development of many leading philosophical ideas at a level which enables specialization within philosophy or social sciences.	The student is able to reconstruct the process of emergence, development and collapse of the main modern ideas.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[FILOZMU2_W05] The graduate has in-depth knowledge of norms constituting and regulating social structures and institutions as well as of sources of these norms, their nature, changes, and ways of influencing human behaviour.	The student becomes acquainted with the normative philosophical discourses fundamental to European modernity in relation to human being and socio-political orders (e.g. individual-society tension).	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
[FILOZMU2_W02] The graduate knows and understands in depth the place and importance of philosophy in relation to other sciences and the subject-matter and methodological specificity of philosophy.	The student notices the relationship between modern philosophy and the development of humanities and mathematics and natural sciences.	[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion
[FILOZMU2_K07] The graduate has deepened awareness of the importance of humanistic reflection for the formation of social bonds.	The student understands the relationships between various forms of understanding human being and the approaches to the socio-political order in the modern era.	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion

Subject contents

- Naturalism: The Revival of an Idea in the Renaissance (Models of Naturalism and Pathways of Reception)
- Tentative Beginnings: The Naturalization of Aristotelianism and the Gradual Reception of Epicureanism (Pomponazzi, Machiavelli, Montaigne, Bruno)
- The Embodied Soul: Montaigne, Juan Huarte, and Early Modern Physicians
- The Mind in the Clockwork: The Descartes–Regius Controversy
- *Deus sive Natura*: Emotions as Natural Springs of Human Action

Prerequisites and co-requisites

The student has basic knowledge of the history of European philosophy.

Assessment methods and criteria

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
an exam essay	50.0%	90.0%
active presence in classes	50.0%	10.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	P. Pomponazzi, O nieśmiertelności duszy, PWN 1980. M. de Montaigne, Próby, dowolne wydanie Descartes, Listy do Regiusa. Uwagi o pewnym pisemku, PWN 1996. F. Copleston, Historia filozofii, t. 3, 4, 5, 6.
	Supplementary literature	T. Stegliński, Cogito jako ekspresja cielesności, Łódź 2020. Empiryczne podstawy i obrzeża filozofii XVII wieku, Toruń 2014. Medicina antiqua, medievalis et moderna. Historia - filozofia - religia, Kielce 2025.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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