Course Unit Descriptor

Study Programme: Philosophy

Course Unit Title: Philosophy of Religion

Course Unit Code: 15FLFL055

Name of Lecturer(s): Ass. Prof. Stanko Vlaški, PhD

Type and Level of Studies: Bachelor

Course Status (compulsory/elective): elective

Semester (winter/summer): summer

Language of instruction: Serbian

Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): face-to-face

Number of ECTS Allocated: 3

Prerequisites: Knowledge of the Serbian language (B2 level)

Course Aims:

Philosophy of Religion is a systematic unity of philosophical reflection of the totality of the phenomena of faith, religion, religiosity and divine being. Philosophy and religion are the two forms of the spirit, which have the same thought object (absolute principle of everything), but the different types of relation to that object. Philosophy is based on the conceptual, religion is based on representational thinking. Because of that, philosophy can take religion as its thought object. As the elective course in sixth semester of BA studies in philosophy, Philosophy of Religion should enable students thorough study of the relation between philosophy and religion – in the first place, through the understanding of philosophical reflection of the concept of God and the representation of God (divine beings in general), essence of religion and particular aspects of religious phenomenon.

Learning Outcomes:

The course should enable students the philosophical understanding of the essence of religion and provide an insight into the basic theological doctrines and great world religions' concepts.

Syllabus:

Theory

Concept of God in philosophy; Faith and religious faith; Faith and knowledge; Concept of religiosity; Concept of religion (Forms of religious consciousness; Form of sensuality; Contemplation and representation; Immediate knowledge; Cult); Philosophy and theology (natural and rational); Philosophical concept of religion; Problem of foundation of philosophy of religion; Relation of philosophy of religion to positive religion; Relation of philosophy of religion to sociology of religion and science of religion; Philosophy of religion as the critique of religion; Basics directions of the development of philosophy of religion; Natural religion and revealed religion; Proofs of the existence of God; Ontological and ethical meaning of the idea of immortality of soul; Concept of the freedom of religion; Concept and problem of secularization (Origins; Secularization as the political-legal concept; Secularization in the 19th century; Secularization dispute in the 20th century; Secularization as the theological-political concept; Dialectical theology.

Practice

Seminars: analysis of philosophical-religious texts

Required Reading:

Spinoza, B., Teološko-politički traktat, Kultura, Beograd 1957., str. 3-17, 71-108.

Lesing, G. E., Vaspitanje ljudskog roda.

Kant, I., Religija unutar granica čistog uma, BIGZ, Beograd 1990., str. 5-14, 53-82, 93-111.

Šlajermaher, F. D. E., O religiji, Naklada Breza, Zagreb 2011., str. 25-64.

Šeling, F. V. J., "Filozofija i religija", u O bitstvu slobode, CEKADE, Zagreb 1985., str. 155-193

Hegel, G. V. F., *Predavanja o filozofiji religije I*, Naklada Breza, Zagreb 2009., str. 23-79.

Fojerbah, L., Predavanja o suštini religije, BIGZ, Beograd 1974., str. 3-39.

Niče, F., Vesela nauka, Grafos, Beograd 1984., str. 133-161.

Hajdeger, M., Ničeove reči "Bog je mrtav", u Šumski putevi, Plato, Beograd 2000., str. 163-208.

Habermas, J./Racinger J., Dijalektika sekularizacije, Dosije, Beograd 2007.

Krešić, A., Filozofija religije, IP Filip Višnjić, Beograd 2006.

Weekly Contact Hours: 45		Lectures: 15		Practical work: 30 (Seminars)		
Teaching Methods: lecturing, dialogical method, method of textual analysis.						
Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):						
Pre-exam obligations	points		Final exam		points	
Active class	10		written exam			
participation						
Practical work			oral exam		60	
Preliminary exam(s)						
Seminar(s)	30					