Course Unit Descriptor

Study Programme: Philosophy

Course Unit Title: Medieval Philosophy

Course Unit Code: 15ФЛФЛ007

Name of Lecturer(s): Una Popović

Type and Level of Studies: BA

Course Status (compulsory/elective): compulsory

Semester (winter/summer): winter

Language of instruction: english

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

Number of ECTS Allocated: 9

Prerequisites: English language B2

Course Aims:

The course "Mediaeval Philosophy" aims to present the development of philosophical thought from St. Augustine to Thomas Aquinas and Bacon. Students will examine the influence of ancient philosophy on Christian philosophical tradition, as well as the impact of this tradition on formation of later Renaissance and Modern philosophy. It's goal is to facilitate students' acquisition of basic knowledge concerning history of philosophy.

Learning Outcomes:

Introducing students to beginnings of modern philosophical and scientific thought. The outcome of this introduction consists of acquiring insight in epoch changes to which ancient and mediaeval ideas were subjected during the period of renaissance and early modern thought. Students will be enabled to consider the systematical changes which transformed philosophy in turning of the ancient polytheism to Christianity. Students will also be able to analyze the differences between religious and secular premises of philosophical thinking.

Syllabus:

Theory lessons

- a) Mediaeval philosophy
- 1. Relationship between philosophy and theology. 2. Conflict/reconciliation of faith and knowledge. 3. Mediaeval logic. 4. Reality and knowledge: the problem of universals. 5. Proofs of existence of God. 6. Relationship between body and soul.
- 7. Will and free acting. 8. Mediaeval university.
- b) Renaissance philosophy
- 1. Relationship towards tradition. 2. Logic and grammar. 3. Rhetoric and poetics. 4. Scepticism. 5. Idea of new science. 6. New philosophy of nature. 7. Humanistic understanding of human being. 8. Humanistic university.

Practice classes

Analysis of original texts

Required Reading:

St Augustine, Confessions; St Augustine, On Free Will; Boethius, Consolations of Philosophy; Eriugena, The Division of Nature; Averroes, The Incoherence of the Incoherence; Aquinas, On Being and Essence; Aquinas, Summa Theologica; Marsilio Ficino, Platonic theology; Erasmus, The Praise of Folly; Giordano Bruno, Concerning Cause, Principle, and Unity;

Fransis Bacon, New Organon.

Weekly Contact Hours: 4 Lectures: 2 Practical work: 2

Teaching Methods:

Theoretical lecture with analysis of philosophical texts.

Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):

Pre-exam obligationsPointsFinal examPoints

Active class	30	written exam	_
participation		written exam	
Practical work	-	oral exam	50
Preliminary exam(s)	-		
Seminar(s)	20		

The methods of knowledge assessment may differ; the table presents only some of the options: written exam, oral exam, project presentation, seminars, etc.