Course Unit Descriptor

**Study Programme: Philosophy** 

**Course Unit Title: Modern Philosophy** 

Course Unit Code: 15ФЛФЛ011

Name of Lecturer(s): Una Popović

Type and Level of Studies: BA

Course Status (compulsory/elective): compulsory

Semester (winter/summer): summer

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 "Modern Philosophy" aims to facilitate students' acquisition of basic knowledge concerning the history of philosophy in the period from Descartes to Enlightement.

## **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 also be able to analyze the differences between religious and secular premises of philosophical thinking. The outcome of the course is in introducing students to specific differences between modern and mediaeval philosophy, especially scholastic philosophy, but also in clarifying the ideas which modern philosophers inherited from their predecessors.

#### **Syllabus:**

Theory lessons

Theory of method; Problem of certainty and foundation of knowledge; Principle of innateness; Dualism/monism; Substance; Idea; Relationship between body and soul; Mechanicistic physics; Affects and free will; Monad; Relationship between reason and experience; Critique of metaphysics; Causality; Determinism and will; Materialism; Programme of Encyclopedia.

Practice classes

Analysis of original texts

# **Required Reading:**

Descartes, Meditations; Descartes, Principles of philosophy; Pascal, Thoughts; Spinoza, Ethics; Locke, Inquiry concerning human understanding; Hobbes, Leviathan; Leibniz, Monadology; Hume, Treatise of human nature; Berkeley, Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonous.

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 obligations	Points	Final exam	Points
Active class participation	30	written exam	-
Practical work	-	oral exam	50
Preliminary exam(s)	-		

Seminar(s)	20		
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The methods of knowledge assessment may differ; the table presents only some of the options: written exam, oral exam, project presentation, seminars, etc.