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Foundations of Philosophy

Academic Year: (2020 / 2021) Review date: 30-05-2018

Department assigned to the subject:

Coordinating teacher: GOMEZ RAMOS, ANTONIO

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 3.0

Year: 1 Semester: 2

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

- Knowledge of the main philosophical problems, and the cultural and scientific context in which they emerge.
- Acquaintance with the basic philosophical vocabulary.
- Skill in philosophical reasoning.
- Oral and written expression of philosophical arguments.
- Reading of basic, classical texts of philosophy.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- Knowing. An introduction to how we deal with the world.
- Truth an error. What can we know about reality?
- Reality, language and concepts.

Knowing yourself. An introduction to the examined life.

- Who am I? About oneself.
- Freedom, mind and body.

Agency. An introduction to Ethics and Politics.

- Good and evil. Ethics and the good life.
- Living together. Justice and Politics.

Does it all mean anything at all?

- Beauty, experience and wisdom.
- Death and ultimate questions.

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Carlos Thiebaut Invitación a la filosofía. Un modo de pensar el mundo y la vida., Siglo del hombre editores.
- Ernst Nagel What does it all mean. A very short introduction to Philosophy, OUP.
- Fernando Savater The Questions of Life. An Invitation to Philosophy, London, Polity.
- Jostein Gaardner Sophie¿s World. A Novel about the History of Philosophy, London, Farrar, Strouss and Giroux.