



Philosophical Sciences
2023-2024
Arabic and Jewish Philosophy

General information	
Year of the course	<i>I</i>
Academic calendar (starting and ending date)	<i>I semester</i>
Credits (CFU/ETCS):	6
SSD	<i>M-Fil/08 – History of Medieval Philosophy</i>
Language	<i>Italian</i>
Mode of attendance	<i>Optional</i>

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Work schedule			
Hours			
Total	Lectures	Hands-on (laboratory, workshops, working groups, seminars, field trips)	Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
<i>150</i>	<i>42</i>		<i>108</i>
CFU/ETCS			
<i>6</i>			

Learning Objectives	Ability to easily orient oneself in the history of medieval Arabic and Jewish thought. Development of autonomous research perspectives in both the reading of sources and the use of secondary literature. Refinement of argumentative skills.
Course prerequisites	No mandatory requirements. It is however advisable to have taken the BA courses in History of Ancient Philosophy and History of Medieval Philosophy

Teaching strategie	Lessons will include (i) constant insight into the methodological aspects of the study of Arabic and Jewish medieval thought, (ii) analytical reading of and commentary on the text, and (iii) group discussions of the topics dealt with during the course.
Expected learning outcomes in terms of	
Knowledge and understanding on:	As for knowledge and understanding, the course aims to provide students with (i) the ability to easily orient themselves in the history of



	<p>medieval Arabic and Jewish thought, carefully distinguishing the elements of continuity rooted in the transmission of texts from the points of discontinuity at the level of interpretive elaborations;</p> <p>(ii) the ability to relate texts belonging to the different cultures of the Middle Ages (Arabic and Jewish);</p> <p>(iii) the ability to develop autonomous research perspectives in both the reading of sources and the use of secondary literature.</p>
Applying knowledge and understanding on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The course aims to provide students with the skills to pursue further specialization paths, in research, education and/or professions related to cultural productions.
Soft skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regard to informed judgments, the course aims to sharpen students' argumentative skills and tools of historical criticism (particularly with regard to the Arabic and Jewish philosophical traditions). • As for communicating knowledge and understanding, the course aims to consolidate the ability to argue in written and verbal communication, and to be able to produce autonomous scholarly papers. • s for capacities to continue learning, the course aims to provide students with methods and tools to critically analyze diverse sources from the Arabic and Jewish Middle Ages and to continuously update their historical-philosophical skills.
Syllabus	
Content knowledge	<p>'Discussing God in the Arabic and Jewish Middle Ages. A Possible Enterprise?' The course aims to explore the main theories formulated in Arabic and Jewish circles on the possibility of proving the existence of God as well as preaching something in reference to Him.</p>
Texts and readings	<p>Reference texts (Avicenna, Maimonides and Gersonides) will be made available to students (in Italian translation) during the course.</p>
Notes, additional materials	<p><i>M. Benedetto, Oltre la Legge, Pagina, Bari 2023, pp. 89-120.</i></p>
Repository	

Assessment	
Assessment methods	<p>Assessment is by means of an oral examination, in which the student's comprehension, independent judgment, communication skills, and ability to learn are evaluated.</p>
Assessment criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Knowledge and understanding</i> The student should demonstrate a sufficient knowledge of the history of Arabic and Jewish medieval philosophy. • <i>Applying knowledge and understanding</i> The student must demonstrate an adequate understanding of the proposed philosophical texts. • <i>Autonomy of judgment</i> The student should demonstrate a good ability to critically evaluate fundamental philosophical problems.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Communicating knowledge and understanding</i> The student should be able to correctly elaborate and present the topics of the course.• <i>Communication skills</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The student should demonstrate critical and accurate mastery of the topics investigated in the course.• <i>Capacities to continue learning</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ the students should reinforce their ability to continue learning in the specific field of Arabic and Jewish intellectual history.
Final exam and grading criteria	Assessment is through an oral examination on the contents of the program actually carried out. The examination sessions are published on Esse3 and on the CdS website at this link: https://manageweb.ict.uniba.it/corsi/filosofia/appelli-e-commissioni-desame To register for the exam it is mandatory to use the Esse3 system.
Further information	
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