

General Information	
Academic subject	Greek, Arabic and Latin Philosophy
Degree course	Philosophical Sciences (MA)
Curriculum	–
ECTS credits	6
Compulsory attendance	For the attendance obligation please refer to the following regulations: http://www.uniba.it/corsi/filosofia/presentazione-del-corso/regolamento-del-corso
Language	Italian

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ECTS credits details			
Basic teaching activities	6		

Class schedule	
Period	2nd term
Year	II
Type of class	Lectures and seminars

Time management	
Hours	150
In-class study hours	42
Out-of-class study hours	108
Academic calendar	

Class begins	[to be specified by the Office]
Class ends	[to be specified by the Office]

Syllabus	
Prerequisites/requirements	No mandatory requirements. It is however advisable to have taken the BA courses in History of Ancient Philosophy and History of Medieval Philosophy.
Expected learning outcomes (according to Dublin Descriptors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Knowledge and understanding</i>: the course aims to provide students (i) with the ability to orientate themselves easily in the history of Greek, Arabic and Latin thought by carefully distinguishing the elements of continuity rooted in the textual transmission from the elements of discontinuity at the interpretative level; (ii) the ability to relate texts belonging to the different cultures of Antiquity, Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages (Arabic-Islamic, Jewish, Greek-Byzantine and Latin-Christian); (iii) the ability to develop independent research skills both in reading the sources and in the use of secondary literature. • <i>Making informed judgements and choices / Applying knowledge and understanding</i>: the course aims to refine the students' argumentative, critical and synthetic skills and their tools of historical criticism (especially those concerning the Greek, Arabic and Latin philosophical traditions), and to provide them with the ability to undertake further specialization courses in the field of research, teaching and / or other professions related to cultural productions. • <i>Communicating knowledge and understanding</i>: the course aims to provide the students with substantially improved skills in written and verbal communication and with the ability to pursue a project in depth. • <i>Ability to continue learning</i>: the course aims to provide students with methods and tools to analyse critically ancient and medieval sources of different kinds and to update continuously their knowledge in philosophy and history of philosophy.

Contents	<p>Title of the course: «Back to the Future». Determinism and Indeterminism in the Medieval Debates over the Status of Past and Future</p> <p>The course intends to consider the relationship between time and modality in medieval thought, and more particularly the questions concerning the necessity of the past and the indeterminacy of the future with respect to human agency on the one hand, and to Divine omnipotence and omniscience on the other.</p>
Course program	
Bibliography	<p>Texts by Aristotle, Augustine of Hippo, Peter Damian, Peter Lombard, Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, Thomas Aquinas, John Duns Scotus, William of Ockham, Peter Ceffons.</p> <p>The texts will be made available (in Italian translation) by the Professor during the course.</p> <p>Non-attending students are required to supplement the study of the aforementioned texts with that of a volume chosen from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Fedriga / R. Limonta, <i>Metter le brache al mondo. Compatibilismo, conoscenza e libertà</i>, Jaca Book, Milano 2016. • R. Fedriga, <i>La sesta prosa. Discussioni medievali su prescienza, libertà e contingenza</i>, Mimesis, Milano-Udine 2015. • G. Torrenco, <i>I viaggi nel tempo. Una guida filosofica</i>, Laterza, Roma-Bari 2011. <p>The reading of these texts is also recommended (without being part of the examination program) for the attending students.</p>
Notes	<p>For the texts that will constitute the actual examination program, please refer to the final version of the program itself, which will be published at the end of the course on Professor's Porro departmental web page: https://www.uniba.it/docenti/porro-pasquale and more specifically: https://www.uniba.it/docenti/porro-pasquale/attivita-didattica.</p> <p>Further bibliographical references may be provided during the course, and will also be reported in the final</p>

	program.
Teaching methods	Lessons will include (i) a constant insight into the methodological aspects of the study of medieval thought, (ii) analytical reading of and commentary on the texts, and (iii) group discussions of the topics dealt with during the course.
Assessment methods (indicate at least the type written, oral, other)	Assessment for the course 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.
Evaluation criteria (Explain for each expected learning outcome what a student has to know, or is able to do, and how many levels of achievement there are.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the capacity to orientate oneself in a critical way in the study of the Greek, Arabic and Latin philosophical and intellectual history [<i>Knowledge and understanding</i>]; • the capacity to grasp the actual philosophical issues at stake in the study of the ancient and medieval authors and the topics dealt with during the course [<i>Knowledge and understanding / Ability to continue learning</i>]; • the capacity to interpret the texts dealt with during the course [<i>Applying knowledge and understanding</i>]; • the capacity to present in a critical and autonomous way the subjects of the course [<i>Making informed judgements and choices / Communicating knowledge and understanding</i>]; • the ability to form arguments in a precise and coherent way [<i>Communicating knowledge and understanding / Making informed judgements and choices</i>].
Further information	For the Professor's office hours, the calendar of the examination sessions and any further information, please refer to Professor Porro's departmental web page: https://www.uniba.it/docenti/porro-pasquale and more specifically: https://www.uniba.it/docenti/porro-pasquale/attivita-didattica .