

General Information	
Academic subject	Arabic and Jewish Philosophy
Degree course	Philosophical Sciences (MA)
Curriculum	Humanities
ECTS credits	6
Compulsory attendance	No
Language	Italian

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ECTS credits details			
Basic teaching activities	6CFU		

Class schedule	
Period	First semester
Year	2020-21
Type of class	Lecture- workshops

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

Academic calendar	
Class begins	28 september 2020
Class ends	11 december 2020

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
Expected learning outcomes (according to Dublin Descriptors) (it is recommended that they are congruent with the learning outcomes contained in A4a, A4b, A4c tables of the SUA-CdS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding: the course aims to provide students (i) with the ability to orientate themselves easily in the history of Greek, Arabic and Jewish 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 the Middle Ages (Arabic-Islamic and Jewish); (iii) the ability to develop independent research skills both in reading the sources and in the use of secondary literature. • Making informed judgements and choices / Applying knowledge and understanding: the course aims to refine the students' argumentative, critical and synthetic skills and their tools of historical criticism (especially those concerning the Arabic and Jewish philosophical traditions), and to provide them with the ability to undertake further specialization courses in the field of research.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating knowledge and understanding: 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. • Ability to continue learning: the course aims to provide students with methods and tools to analyse critically different sources of the Arabic and Jewish Middle Ages and to update continuously their knowledge in history of philosophy.
Contents	<p>“Legitimising philosophy through the art of concealment. The Guide of the perplexed Maimonides between orthodoxy and dissimulation”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting from Leo Strauss' idea of a 'writing of reticence', the course intends to investigate the methods used by Maimonides in his 'Guide for the perplexed' to keep philosophy out of the masses: in the controversial questions of the creation of the universe, prophecy and providence, the philosophical solution is offered, for the few prepared, only in watermark.
Course program	
Bibliography	Mosè Maimonide, 'Guida dei perplessi', a cura di M. Zonta, Utet, Milano 2005.
Notes	
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 text, and (iii) group discussions of the topics dealt with during the course.
Assessment methods (indicate at least the type written, oral, other)	<p>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-ecommissioni-desame</p> <p>To register for the exam it is mandatory to use the Esse3 system.</p>
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.	<p>Evaluation criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the capacity to orientate oneself in a critical way in the study of the Arabic and Jewish philosophical and intellectual history [Knowledge and understanding]; • the capacity to grasp the actual philosophical issues at stake in the study of the authors and the topics dealt with during the course [Knowledge and understanding / Ability to continue learning]; • the capacity to interpret the texts dealt with during the course [Applying knowledge and understanding]; • the capacity to present in a critical and autonomous way

	<p>the subjects of the course [Making informed judgements and choices / Communicating knowledge and understanding];</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the ability to form arguments in a precise and coherent way [Communicating knowledge and understanding / Making informed judgements and choices].
Further information	<p>For the Professor's office hours, please refer to Professor Benedetto's departmental web page: https://www.uniba.it/docenti/benedetto-marienza</p>