

COURSE DETAIL

EPISTEMOLOGY

Country

Italy

Host Institution

University of Bologna

Program(s)

University of Bologna

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

162

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

EPISTEMOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

EPISTEMOLOGY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale degree program and is intended for advanced level students. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor. At the end of the course, the student has a clear understanding of the main problems of contemporary epistemology and a detailed knowledge of some of the views that shape current debates on the structure of epistemic justification, the skeptical paradoxes and the interplay between evidential and pragmatic factors in ascriptions of knowledge. The student will have built up an ability to reconstruct and critically evaluate the arguments offered in support of competing epistemological views.

This course introduces three kinds of genealogical arguments – neutral, vindictory, and debunking – acquiring a clear understanding of the logical structure and epistemic force of each of them. The first series of lectures addresses the 'state of nature' theory by which Edward Craig attempts to illuminate some key concepts and problems of epistemology. The second series of lectures covers Bernard Williams' vindictory genealogy of the intrinsic value of the virtues associated with truth, namely, sincerity and accuracy. And the third series of lectures tackles the genealogical arguments by which Nietzsche and other philosophers attempt to debunk our moral concepts and beliefs.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

90066,B8931

Host Institution Course Title

EPISTEMOLOGY (1) (LM)

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

BOLOGNA

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

LM in PHILOSOPHICAL SCIENCES

Host Institution Department

Philosophy

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