



# Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit

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## Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

The International Office is responsible for course approval and course registration for exchange students. For details about course registration, requirements, credits, semesters and so on, please [visit the exchange programmes webpages](#).

# Modern Philosophy

Course Code	W_BA_MOEN
Credits	6.00
Period	P4
Course Level	200
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculteit der Geesteswetenschappen
Course Coordinator	dr. C. Ierna MSc
Examiner	dr. C. Ierna MSc
Teaching Staff	dr. C. Ierna MSc
Teaching method(s)	Lecture

## Course Objective

The student:

- 1 - Has acquired factual knowledge about the history of modern philosophy, including but not limited to Descartes, Van Schurman, Leibniz, Amo, Du Châtelet, Kant, Fichte, Hegel, Marx, Paulsen, and Brentano
- 2 - Has acquired conceptual knowledge about the main arguments and theories relevant for the period, i.a. rationalism, empiricism, skepticism, idealism, realism, etc. as well as a critical understanding of periodizations such as modernity, enlightenment, renaissance, etc.
- 3 - Has acquired metacognitive knowledge about studying the history of philosophy and how it relates to their present as well as (the history of) other philosophical, humanistic, and scientific disciplines.

## Course Content

- Introduction to the philosophers and theories of the modern period through the Reverse Engineering approach
- study of primary texts, individually and in groups;
- the historical context in which the philosophers and theories developed;
- the meaning and relevance of the history of philosophy;
- reading and understanding the original sources.

## Additional Information Teaching Methods

Lectures

## Method of Assessment

The final grade will be determined by weekly on-line assignments (annotations and group discussion of the primary texts on Perusall) as well as a final written examination with open questions about the texts.

\* Weekly assignments (20%, objectives 1-2)

\* Final exam (80%, objectives 1-3)

## Literature

A selection of primary texts will be made available through Canvas.

## Additional Information Target Audience

BA1-students Philosophy

## Explanation Canvas

Canvas will be used to disseminate the slides, texts, and announcements.

## Recommended background knowledge

Courses in the history of ancient and medieval philosophy