

COURSE DESCRIPTION 2017-2018

YEAR ONE

Introduction to Philosophy [OFS01]

The course is introductory and basic, is offered to those who have no previous studies in philosophy, both to those who already have studied the history of philosophy benefit from further possibility of deepening of philosophical issues particularly related to their specific university studies. It is to introduce students to the question of fundamental philosophy, recalling the main stages of its development in the context of Western thought and culture, and providing adequate epistemological philosophy with respect to various scientific disciplines (with a particular attention to so-called "human and social sciences") and with respect to theology. At the end of the course students will be able to: - know the milestones and the main topics of Western philosophical thought, putting them in dialogue with other traditions wisdom and emerging issues of contemporary society; Know how to argue and provide a definition of philosophy as a science, and the reason for its individual and particular nature. Know how to relate the philosophical knowledge with the various forms of scientific rationality and theology; Know the main topics of philosophy and contemporary disciplines in relation to these issues mainly from the world of education and communication.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. The Supreme Pontiff John Paul II, *Encyclical Letter: Fides et Ratio, on the relationship between Faith and Reason*. Citta' del Vaticano, LEV, 1998.
3. ABBAGNANO N.-FORNERO G. (a cura), *Dizionario di Filosofia* (Torino, UTET 1998).
4. MANTOVANI M., *Là dove osa il pensiero. Introduzione alla filosofia* (Dispensa, UPS, Roma, 2015).
5. MANTOVANI M.- AMERISE M. (a cura), *Fede, cultura e scienza. Discipline in dialogo* (Città del Vaticano, LEV 2008).
6. BERTRAND RUSSELL, *A History of Western Philosophy*. Routledge Classics, 2008.

7. ANGELES, PETER A. *A Dictionary of Philosophy*. London: Harper and Row, 1981.
8. BLACKBURN, SIMON. *The Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy*. New York: Oxford, 1994.
9. DURANT, W. *The Story of Philosophy*. London: Pocket Books, 1976.
10. EDWARDS, PAUL (ed.). *A Dictionary of Philosophy*. 8 vols. New York: Macmillan, 1967.
11. MAGILL, N. FRANK (ed.). *Masterpieces of World Philosophy in Summary Form*. London: George Allen, 1963.

Introduction to Liturgy [OS12]

Derivation and etymology of the term 'Liturgy'; Review of the main stages of the history of the liturgy: Liturgy in the ancient world, in the Old Testament world and in the New Testament world; Liturgical Books; Various elements of Liturgy; *Lex Orandi Lex credendi*, Encounter with God; Rite: Purpose and Value; *Mysterion - Sacramentum*; Liturgical Signs, Symbols and Laws; Liturgical In-culturation; Outline the basic structures of the Christian liturgy, especially as they emerge from the liturgical reform desired by Vatican II. Reading and commenting on the main issues of the conciliar Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. Particular attention will be devoted to the following topics: the assembly and liturgical participation; the Word of God in the liturgy; the liturgical language (the main verbal codes and non-verbal); hermeneutics of ritual book.

Proposed Bibliography:

Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.

1. Ratzinger, Joseph. *The Spirit of the Liturgy*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2000.
2. Flannery, Austin. Edited by. Vatican Council II: The Conciliar and Post-conciliar Documents.
3. Constitution on the Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*). Dublin: Talbot Press, 1975.
4. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. 1066-1209.
5. Bibliography: Baumstark, Anton, trans. Fritz West, *On the Historical Development of the Liturgy*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2011.

Methodology of Scientific Research [OCS01]

Introductory issues: academic study (factors, constraints, strategies); scientific work, science and scientific research, general characteristics of scientific work; method and methodology, different method, types of scientific work. Subsidies for research libraries, archives, documentation centers, information services: databases and the Internet. Stages in the preparation of scientific work: choosing the topic, bibliographic preliminary search (sources, targets of the first literature search, means of collecting bibliography), project staff work, collection of documentation, organization of material, processing of documentation. Preparation and presentation of a scientific monograph: parts of a scientific paper, the first draft to the final draft global, final verification, printing and publishing. Use of computers in scientific work: computer and written work (concrete possibilities, design and research initial bibliographical planning work, a first draft revision of the text, layout and final printing). Scientific work in different areas of research: research in theoretical, historical, theological, methodological-educational, psychological, sociological, catechetical, social communication. Some particular types of scientific work: academic seminar as a method of study and research, literature review and report and criticism. Technical and formal aspects. Exercises of application.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. PRELLEZO J.M.-GARCÍA J.M., *Invito alla ricerca. Metodologia e tecniche del lavoro scientifico* (Roma, LAS 42007); PRELLEZO J.M.-GARCÍA J.M., *Investigar. Metodología y técnicas del trabajo científico* (Madrid, CCS 2003);
3. VELLONE E.-ALVARO R. (a cura), *Manuale di pubblicazione dell'American Psychological Association* (Napoli, EdiSES 2010);
4. JOY KAIPAN SDB, *Scientific Methodology. Guidelines for the Writing of Assignments and Theses for the Students of Philosophy and Theology*. 3 Ed. Krishtu Jyoti Publications, Bengaluru, 2012.
5. EVANS D.-GRUBA P.-ZOBEL J., *How to Write a Better Thesis* (New York, Springer 2014);
6. SANTORO M., *Lezioni di bibliografia* (Milano, Ed. Bibliografica 2012);
7. CHACKALACKAL, SAJU. *Research Methodology*. Bangalore: Dharmaram Publications, 2004.
8. FARINA, RAFFAELLO. *Methodologia* (3rd ed.). Rome: Libreria Ateneo Salesiano, 1978.

Philosophy of Education [OS03]

A. Introduction. 1. The way of philosophical education: object, point of views, tasks, methods, disciplinary organization. 2. Pedagogy, educational sciences and educational culture. 3. Core of philosophy of education. 4. The new social contexts. 5. The general trends of education in the early twenty-first century. B. The search for fundamentals and horizons of education: 1. The search for meaning of life and activity and education. 2. The personal educational responsibility and community responsibility. 3. Anthropological foundation of education. C. The key points of education: 1. The dynamism of growth and training. 2. The education of the training activities. 3. The relationship between educational research and contradictions of the authority. 4. The educational communication. 5. The educational intervention.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. NANNI C., *Introduzione alla filosofia dell'educazione* (Roma, LAS, 2007);
3. NANNI C., *Corresponsabili. Crescere ed educarsi insieme* (Roma, UPS, 2013).
4. NEL NODDINGS, *Philosophy of Education*. Stanford university. Westview Press, LLC. 1998.

History of Ancient Western Philosophy [OFS10]

1. Basic training activities *Paideia*: the speech of Pericles, the myth of the Cave, the theory of the four causes. 2. Introduction to Ancient Philosophy: a view of Aristotle and the mythological wisdom. 3. Overview. 4. Naturalistic Period: Ionic, Pythagoreans, Eleatics, Physical pluralists. 5. Classical Period: the anthropological turn with the Sophists and Socrates. 6. Plato. 7. Aristotle. 8. Hellenistic Schools: Epicureans, Stoics, Sceptics. 9. Roman Period: Philo of Alexandria, Medioplatonici, Neoplatonici. 10. Neoplatonists: Plotinus, Porphyry and Iamblichus, Proclus, Christian Neoplatonists. 11. Research: Brief analysis of a Platonic dialogue according to the theme and the methodological guidance provided by Professor.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. REALE G., *La storia della filosofia greca e romana, 10 voll., specialmente il vol. 1 sui Presocratici, il 3 su Platone e il 4 su Aristotele* (Milano, Bompiani 2004) [R];
3. ANTHONY KENNY, *Ancient Philosophy: A New History of Western Philosophy, Volume I*. 1st Edition. Oxford University Press, 2006.
4. MASCIA, CARMIN. *History of Philosophy*. New Jersey: St. Anthony Guild Press, 1957.
5. RUSSELL BERTRAND. *History of Western Philosophy*. London: Routledge, 1996.
6. STACE, W. T. *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy*. London: Macmillan & Co. 1964.

7. VELLILAMTHADAM, THOMAS. *Greek Wisdom: Its Growth from Thales to Aristotle*. Kottayam: Oriental Institute Publications, 1981.

Latin I [OS26]

General Introduction to Latin.

PART I. The pronunciation of Latin: alphabet, sounds of the letters, letters, syllables, quantity, accent, how to read Latin, liturgical Latin.

PART II. Latin for beginners, Chapter I-XV.

VII-VIII. FIRST OR *Ā*-DECLENSION—*Gender, Agreement of Adjectives, Word Order*

IX-X. SECOND OR *O*-DECLENSION—GENERAL RULES FOR DECLENSION—*Predicate Noun, Apposition*—DIALOGUE

XI. ADJECTIVES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND DECLENSIONS

XII. NOUNS IN **-ius** AND **-ium**—GERMĀNIA

XIII. SECOND DECLENSION (*Continued*)—Nouns in **-er** and **-ir**—ITALIA—DIALOGUE

XIV. POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVE PRONOUNS

XV. ABLATIVE DENOTING WITH—*Cause, Means, Accompaniment, Manner*—THE ROMANS
PREPARE FOR WAR

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. Benjamin L. D'Ooge, *Latin for Beginners*. Public domain in the USA. 2006.

English II – FCE B2 [OS21]

Cambridge First Certificate in English (CFC). Level B2.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. ANNETTE CAPEL & WENDY SHARP, *Cambridge English Objective First, Student's Book*. 4 Ed. Cambridge University Press, 2015.
2. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.

Logic [OFS08]

1. Introduction: the logic in the context of philosophical sciences. Elements of semiotics. Logic and formal logic. From formal logic to symbolic logic as rigorous formal logic. 2. The stoic logic from modern point of view. Tautologies, inferences, patterns and rules of inference. The hypothetical syllogisms. 3. The Aristotelian logic. Topical by the arrangement of the *Organon* by Andronicus of Rhodes (1st century BC., Cr.). 3.1. Logic of the concept. Concept and abstraction. Singularity and universality of the concepts of things. Predicates and predicable. The tree of Porfirio and its developments. 3.2. Logic of the proposition. The stoic logical square, outlined by Bochenski OP (1882-1995), in the Aristotelian, known since *Peri Hermeneias Apuleius* (2nd c.). 3.3. Logical reasoning. The categorical syllogisms. Syllogistic terms of Aristotelian, post Aristotelian, and modern. Syllogistic as strict but infinitesimal fragment of predicate logic and first order and logic classes. Elements of predicate logic first order and logic of relations. The logic of relations as essential link in the whole philosophical problematic: St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*. Th., I, 13, 7. 4. Propedeutica: philosophy of language and logic; language and meta-language; semiotics: pragmatics, semantics, syntax; non symbolic language and symbolic language; the *suppositio*: *autonomia*, use and mention; statements, propositions, statements; variables, constants, operators; from formal logic to symbolic logic as rigorous formal logic. 5. The logic of statements: statements atomic and molecular statements; the truth tables; *interdefinibilità* of the connective; tautologies, format and rules of inference; axiomatic systems and natural deduction. The logic of Galen and connective *poliadici* 3. The first-order logic: the Aristotelian syllogistic logic predicate mono argumentation; interpretation and interpretation object replacement of quantifiers; quantification and multiple predicate logic.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. IRVING M. COPI & CARL COHEN, *Introduction to Logic*. 9 Ed. University of Michigan. Pearson Higher Education, New Jersey, 2000.
3. BITTLE, CELESTINE N. *The Science of Correct Thinking*. Milwaukee: The Bruce Publishing Company, 1948.
4. COPI, IRVING M. & Cohen M. *Introduction to Logic*, 11th Edition. Pearson Education Inc., 2002
5. CREIGHTON, JAMES EDWIN, *Introductory Logic*. New York: Macmillan Company, 1923.
6. JOSEPH, H. W. B. *An Introduction to Logic* (2nd ed.). Great Britain: Oxford, 1970.
7. STRAWSON, P.F. *Introduction to Logical Theory*. London: Methuen and Co., 1952.

Introduction to the Study of Salesian Sources - (Salesian Studies) [OS14]

Why this course? What are salesian sources? Why to study the salesian sources? The mandate of the GC 26 in 2008 and GC 27 in 2014. The publication and translation of a collection of the principal salesian Sources (GC 26, Acts, 12). General Introduction to the I st Volume. Short presentation of the Rector Major Emeritus, Fr. Pascual Chavez. Introduction of 50 pages by 3 curators of the I st Volume. Writings of Don Bosco arranged in 4 parts:

- i) Writings and documents for the history of Don Bosco and of the salesian work.
- ii) Writings and testimonies of Don Bosco about education and the school.
- iii) Writings and testimonies of Don Bosco concerning the spiritual life.
- iv) Biographical and autobiographical writings. General Index.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. ISTITUTO STORICO SALESIANO, *Fonti Salesiane. Don Bosco e la sua Opera. Racolta Ontologica*. LAS, Roma2014.

Philosophy of Being – Metaphysics/Theoretical I [OFS02]

1. Introduction: the metaphysical wisdom, utopia or reality? 2. Essential outline and methodological discourse on being. 3. Ontological fundamental research to the scrutiny of the positions: Cartesian metaphysics, Kant and Heidegger. 4. The analog value of the concept of being and the tension between the univocal and equivocal. 5. The problem of multiplicity, contingency and finiteness of existence, its solutions, and the historical relationship between the act of being and essence. 6. Becoming “exists”, its interpretations of history and the need for further structuring metaphysical entity. 7. The transcendental properties of being: unity and uniqueness, intelligibility and ontological value of existing. 8. Laws of transcendental being: the principles of identity and non-contradiction; the principles of causality and purpose.
9. Conclusion. Guided reading of philosophical essays: Thomas Aquinas, <*Summa Theologica*>, I pars, Prologus; I, q . 5 , a. 1-4 ; I, q . 16 , a. 1-8 ; I, q . 17 , a. 1-4 ; I, q . 48 , a. 1-4 ; I, q . 49 , a. 1-3 .

Research seminar: the correlation between the good, the true and the “being” according to some questions of the <*Summa Theologica*>, and <*De Veritate*>.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. ALESSI A., *Sui Sentieri dell'Essere. Introduzione alla metafisica* (Roma, LAS 2004).
3. GILSON È, *Costanti Filosofiche dell'Essere* (Milano, Massimo 1993).
4. OWENS J., *An elementary Christian Metaphysics* (Houston, Center for Thomistic Studies 1985).
5. AUNE, BRUCE. *Metaphysics: The Elements*. Minnesota: University of Minnesota Press, 1985

6. BERNARDETE, JOSE A. *Metaphysics: The Logical Approach*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1989.
7. CORETH, EMERICH. *Metaphysics* (English edition by Joseph Donceel). New York: Herder & Herder, 1968.
8. WALLACE, WILLIAM A. *The Elements of Philosophy*. New York: Alba House, 1977.

Philosophy of Knowledge [OFS09]

1. Introduction: a) The crisis in culture and its epistemological assumptions; b) The reasons militating against the man's ability to take the path of the truth; c) The tenacity of reason. 2. Outlines constituent of the philosophy of knowledge: a) The scope and purpose of the epistemological research; b) The method of the philosophy of knowledge; c) Definition, originality and articulation of philosophical knowledge. 3. Truthful fundamental Experience: a) The statement of incontrovertible truth; b) The nature and content of the original experience of the truth; c) The problem of the error. 4. Truth, evidence and certainty: a) The problem of the essence of truth; b) The criteria for discernment of truth; c) The certainty of subjective reflection give evidence; 5. The sense knowledge: a) Historical positions; b) truth value of the original and sensitive knowledge derived; c) structural conditions of sensitive knowledge. 6. Value and structure of rational knowledge: a) the originality of the noetic rational knowledge; b) truth value of rational knowledge; c) structural conditions of rational knowledge. 7. Methods, processes and areas of rational knowledge: a) the essential functions of intelligence; b) the basic acts of rational knowledge: concept, judgment and reasoning (inductive and deductive); c) areas "quidditative" attainable by rational knowledge. 8. Conclusion: the incontrovertibility of knowledge open and perfectible knowledge.

The term "method". The epistemological obstacles and the method of rationalism applied. Rudolf Carnap: The method of constitution. Bertrand Russell: The construction method. Henri Bergson: The method of intuition. Mbog Bassong: The meiuotic method. Hans Albert: The critical method. Paul Karl Feyerabend: Against the Method. Concluding Remarks

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. ALESSI A., *Sui sentieri della verità. Introduzione alla filosofia della conoscenza* (Roma, LAS 2004).
3. BITTLE, N. CELESTINE. *Reality and the Mind: Epistemology*. Milwaukee: The Bruce Publishing Company, 1953.
4. CHISHOLM, R. *Theory of Knowledge*. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1989.
5. HOSPERS, J. *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd., 1982.
6. LEHRER, K. *Theory of Knowledge*. Boulder: Westview Press, 1990.
7. LONERGAN, B. *Insight: A Study of Human Understanding*. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1978.
8. LUPER, S. *Essential Knowledge: Readings in Epistemology*. New York and Oxford: Pearson Longman, 2004.
9. MOSER, K. P. *Theory of Knowledge: A Thematic Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.
10. PHILLIPS, R.P. *Modern Thomistic Philosophy: An Explanation for Students*. Westminster: The Newman Press, 1957.
11. POPPER, K. *Objective Knowledge*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1972.
12. RUSSEL, B. *Human Knowledge: Its Scope and Limits*. New York: Humanities Press, 1966.

History of Religion: Buddhist Philosophy[OS09]

What the Buddha taught? The Buddha. The Buddhist attitude of mind. The Four Noble Truths. The First Noble Truth: “*Dukkha*”. The Second Noble Truth: “*Samudaya*” (The arising of *Dukkha*). The Third Noble Truth: “*Niroda*” (The cessation of *Dukka*). The Fourth Noble Truth: “*Magga*” (The Path). The Doctrine of No Soul: “*Anatta*”. Meditation of mental culture: “*Bhavana*”. Instruction for life.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. NARADA, *The Buddha and His Teachings*, Buddhist Missionary Society, Malaysia, 1988.
3. PETER HARVEY, *An Introduction to Buddhism. Teachings, History and Practices*. Foundation Books Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, 2005.
4. JACK KORNFIELD, *Modern Buddhist Masters*. Buddhist Publication Society, Kandy, 2007.
5. ANURADHA SENEVIRATHNA, *King Asoka and Buddhism. Historical and literary studies*. Buddhist Publication Society, Kandy, 2007.

History of Medieval Philosophy [OFS11]

1. Introduction. 2. St. Augustine. 3. The monasteries and the court (the "*Corpus Dionysianum*", Boethius, monasteries and encyclopedias, the Carolingian Renaissance, John Scotus Eriugena, the monks and the dialectic, Anselm of Canterbury). 4. Twelfth Century and various schools (the problem of universals, Abelardo, the school of Chartres, John of Salisbury, St. Bernard, the school of San Vittore) . 5. The Arab world, the return of Aristotle and universities (Avicenna, Averroes, Maimonides). 6. The Franciscans and the spread of Aristotelian philosophy (St. Bonaventure, Robert Grosseteste, Roger Bacon, Raymond Lully). 7. Albert the Great, Thomas Aquinas and Aristotelianism. 8. The transformations of school (the controversy around the Thomism, Duns Scotus, the renewal of political thought, William of Ockham, the masters of Paris and Oxford, the speculative mysticism). 10. Conclusion. Sense knowledge and the theory of abstraction according to Thomas Aquinas, <Summa Theologica> , I, qq . 84-87. Outline of method in history and historiography of medieval philosophy. The transmission of knowledge and writings in the Middle Ages. The philosophy of the thirteenth century: critical interpretations. Analysis of some problems typical of medieval thought through the examination of some texts.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. GILSON E., *La filosofia nel Medioevo. Dalle origini patristiche alla fine del XIV secolo* (Firenze, La Nuova Italia 1973);
3. REALE G.-ANTISERI D., *Il pensiero occidentale dalle origini ad oggi*, vol. I (Brescia, La Scuola 1983);
4. TOMMASO D'AQUINO, *Summa Theologiae*, I, qq. 84-87. Leonean Edition with Latin Text. Fathers of the English Dominican Province.
5. FREDERICK C. COPLESTON, *A History of Medieval Philosophy*. University of Notre Dame Press, 1990.
6. JOHN MARENBNON, *Medieval Philosophy. An Historical and Philosophical Introduction*. Rutledge, New York, 2007.
7. BOSLEY RICHARD & MARTIN TWEEDALE. *Basic Issues in Medieval Philosophy*. Peterborough: Broadview Press. 1997.
8. CHADWICK, HENRY. *Augustine*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996.
9. COPLESTON FREDERICK. *A History of Medieval Philosophy*.
10. GILSON ETIENNE. *The Spirit of Mediaeval Philosophy*. New York: Scribner's, 1940.
- 11.----- . *History of Christian Philosophy in the middle Ages*. New York: Random House, 1955.
12. KENNY, ANTHONY. *The Oxford Illustrated History of Western Philosophy*. London: Oxford University Press, 1994.
13. KNOWLES, DAVID. *The Evolution of Medieval Thought*. London: Longman Publishing Group, 1988.
14. THILLY, FRANK. *A History of Philosophy*. Allahabad: Central Publishing House, 1985.

Relation between Philosophy and Theology (*Fides et Ratio*) [OCS02]

What do you mean by "faith". The different types of "rationality". Brief references to the epistemological status of philosophy, consideration of what theology, and analysis of major historical and theoretical models of their relationship. Themes and content of the encyclical *Fides et Ratio* of Pope John Paul II and of various interventions of the *Magisterium* of Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. Some significant texts on the relationship between faith and reason, and between faith and art). (Notes on the concept of theology and direct approach to the texts of some significant authors: Thomas Aquinas, Francisco de Vitoria, Melchior Cano, John Henry Newman, Edith Stein, Karl Rahner, Hans Urs von Balthasar).

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. The Supreme Pontiff John Paul II, *Encyclical Letter: Fides et Ratio, on the relationship between Faith and Reason*. Citta' del Vaticano, LEV, 1998.

History of the Salesian Congregation I (1815-1888) - (Salesian Studies) [OS16]

Introduction. The birth of Don Bosco. Political Restoration. Cultural Restoration. The Industrial Revolution. Catholic Associations. The Years of Formation. Priestly Ordination. First Years of Oratory. The decisive setting up of the salesian work while the Italian unity is achieved. Expansion. Missions. Foundations. Don Bosco during the final unification of Italy. Final Years and Death.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. MORAND WIRTH, *Da Don Bosco ai Nostri Giorni*. LAS. Roma, 2000.

Philosophical Anthropology [OFS05]

Introduction: Complexity and urgency. 1. Anthropology, anthropology and method. 2. The physicality between experience and language. 3. The man and the search for truth. 4. The self-consciousness, a center, a hub. 5. Inner freedom and the range of extrinsic freedom. 6. Axiology and essential reference of free will. 7. The social dimension as. 7. The feeling, attitude radical next to reason and will. 8. Love as the culmination of for - others. 9. The person: the point of con- centration. 10. Sexuality and person. 11. The bad: check and mystery. 11. Check and supreme mystery: death. 12. The hope, the structure of being. Conclusion. Educational activity characterizing Man between questions and needs. The perennial question of the contemporary milieu and original - anthropology, anthropology and method - History of the conceptions of man in Western philosophy - An analysis of the constitution of existence: the in-itself, the for-itself, the for-others - Corporeity between experience and language - phenomenological approach to human life - knowledge as a base, appearance and sensory and meta-sensitive - Plurality, historical, hermeneutical - Self-consciousness, a center, a joint - Inner freedom and the range of freedom extrinsic - Axiology and essential reference of free will - Sociability in its forms of co-being, pro-be in-be - originality and originality of the face and the relationship I-Thou to us a broader - sentiment, radical attitude next to reason and will - as the culmination of Love for-others - Analysis of the concentration existential inwardness, self-transcendence and person - Man as a spirit and uni-totality - Ratio between mind and brain - Analysis of the existential condition : worldliness, sexuality, historical, operational, mortality - Man as a paradox - Anthropology and Humanism

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. PALUMBIERI S., L'uomo questa meraviglia. Antropologia filosofica I. Trattato sulla costituzione antropologica (Città del Vaticano, Urbaniana University Press 1999).

3. PALUMBIERI S., L'uomo questo paradosso. Antropologia filosofica II. Trattato sulla con-centrazione e condizione antropologica (Città del Vaticano, Urbaniana University Press 2000).
4. BORDIGNON B., Persona é relazione (Soveria-Mannelli, Rubettino 2013).
5. BITTLE, CELESTINE N. *The Whole Man*. Milwaukee: The Bruce Publishing Company, 1944.
6. BOGLIOLO, LOUIS. *Philosophical Anthropology*. Vols I & II. Shillong: Sacred Heart Theological College, 1984.
7. DONCEEL, J. F. *Philosophical Psychology*. New York: Sheed & Ward, 1967.
8. KLUBERTANZ, GEORGE P. *The Philosophy of Human Nature*. New York: Appleton Century-Croft, 1951.
9. KOREN, HENRY J. *An Introduction the Philosophy of Animate Nature*. London: Herder Book Co., 1955.

Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church [OS13]

An integral and solidary humanism. Gods plan of love for humanity. The Church's mission and social doctrine. The human person and human rights. The principles of the Church's social doctrine. The family, the vital cell of the society. Human work. Economic life. The political community. The International Community. Safeguarding the environment. The promotion of peace. Social doctrine and ecclesial action. For a civilization of love.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE. *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Libreria Editrice Vaticana. 2005.

YEAR TWO

Introduction to the Old & New Testaments [OS11]

The Bible as a living book; Nature of the Word of God; Praying the Word of God & *Lectio Divina*; Uniqueness of the Bible: Revelation, Inspiration, Inerrancy and Canon; Formation of the Bible; Outline of Biblical History; Introduction to the Old Testament: Pentateuch, Historical Books, Prophetic Books and Wisdom Books & Psalms; Introduction to the New Testament; Gospel and Gospels; Socio-cultural and Historical Background to the New Testament: Greek ambient, Roman ambient, Jewish ambient; The formation of the Gospel; The Synoptic Gospels; General survey of New Testament books;

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. MATTAM, ZACHARIAS, *Meeting Christ in the Scriptures*, Bangalore: Kristu Jyoti Publications, 2009.
3. IGLESIAS, YOLANDA & SALVATORE PUTZU, *The Promise: An Introduction to the Old Testament*, Manila: Word & Life Publications, 1996.
4. ACHEMEIER, PAUL & OTHERS, *Introducing the New Testament: Its Literature and Theology*, Grand Rapids: 2001.
5. BROWN, RAYMOND E., *An Introduction to the New Testament*, Bangalore: Theological Publications in India, 2000.

Preparatory Course on Comprehensive Written and Oral Exams [FEX01]

The course discusses: Basic guidelines for final comprehensive oral and written exams. *Lectio Coram*. Development of significant philosophical thesis in major branches of thought. Development of areas of research and synthesis for the final dissertation. Clarification of methodological and scientific formalities in paper work.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.

Moral Philosophy [OFS06]

Basic Training activities. 1. For a moral philosophy as a practical philosophy of human conduct. 2. Theory of human conduct: the subject as capable of self-determination as an individual and passionate. 3. The sense of the distinction between good and evil in human conduct. 4. The good and happy life, aim of human conduct. 5. The practical reason as a rule of human conduct; discussion of some theories of practical rationality; The *ordo rationis* purposes virtuous and moral standards specifications. 6. Configuration of the good life according to practical reason: the good life of individuals and society in the world. 7. The function of the virtues in the good life: virtue and duty; virtue and conduct; virtues and good life; virtue and practical wisdom; the practice of virtue. 8. Corruption of the agent and of his conduct: the evil and vices. 9. Extra-individual principles of human conduct: the family, society, God. 10. Moral education and moral growth. Educational activity characterizing guided reading of philosophical essays: Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, I a Objection. Research seminar: The virtuous life as life imperfectly blessed according to St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, I a Objection qq. 1-5.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. ABBÀ G., Felicità, vita buona e virtù. Saggio di filosofia morale (Roma, LAS 1995).
3. RHONEIMER M., La prospettiva della morale. Fondamenti dell'etica filosofica (Roma, Armando 1994).
4. THOMAS AQUINAS, *Summa Theologiae*, Ia-IIae.
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Theoretical Philosophy – II [OFS03]

Epistemological setting of philosophical theology (TF) and notes on its history. Legitimacy and necessity of the TF. The theoretical reasons, anthropological and axiological of the rejection of God. Nativism and religious intuitionism. The so-called "ontological argument" and its critical evaluation. The topics "*ex veritate*" and "*ex moralitate*" and their critical evaluation. The approach of the phenomenological perspective and mysticism to the question of the existence of God. There is a "Way of Beauty", and what features would it have? The arguments "to back": the way metaphysics. The theme of the ineffability of the divine being and the concept of mystery: the analogical knowledge of God. God as the fullness of being and subsisting as simplicity, unity, intelligibility and absolute goodness. The dynamic immutability, eternity and the divine immensity. God as creative love and providential: the intelligence, the will and the divine omnipotence. God and evil. The reality transcendent and personal God. Philosophy of being and philosophy of love. Guided reading of philosophical essays: The demonstrability of God's existence . The text of q . The Pars 2 of the *Summa Theologica* of Thomas Aquinas , with essays on the content , sources , commentary , criticism and defense of the " five-way " in the history of Thomism and of Western thought , and comparison with the content of the q . 12 (*Quomodo Deus in nobis cognoscatur*) of the Pars . Relationship between the topics covered in the " five-way " and some elements of contemporary atheism .

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English II – FCE B2 [OS21]

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The Memoirs of the Oratory - (Salesian Studies) [OS19]

General Introduction to the text. Specific characteristics of the autobiography. Distribution of the chapters. Careful analysis of each chapter. Critical apparatus of the text. Synthesis and conclusions.

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History of Modern Western Philosophy [OFS12]

Characteristics of Renaissance. Pacifism and utopia: Cusano, Campanella, More, Erasmus. The scientific revolution from Copernicus to Newton. The birth of modern philosophy: Descartes. The occasionalism. Pascal and the mystery of man. Pantheism of Spinoza. The corporeismo and political absolutism of Hobbes. Leibniz and metaphysics monadologica. Empiricism Locke to Hume. The Immaterialism Berkeley. Vico and history as a new science. Rousseau and the critique of society. The enlightenments. Kant and transcendental philosophy. Romanticism. Fichte and the crisis of Kantianism. Schelling 's philosophy and identity. The absolute idealism of Hegel.

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Latin II [OS27]

- XVI. THE NINE IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES
- XVII. THE DEMONSTRATIVE **is, ea, id**—DIALOGUE
- XVIII. CONJUGATION—Present, Imperfect, and Future of **sum**—DIALOGUE
- XIX. PRESENT ACTIVE INDICATIVE OF **amō** AND **moneō**
- XX. IMPERFECT ACTIVE INDICATIVE OF **amō** AND **moneō**—*Meaning of the Imperfect*—NIOBE AND HER CHILDREN
- XXI. FUTURE ACTIVE INDICATIVE OF **amō** AND **moneō**—NIOBE AND HER CHILDREN (*Concluded*)
- XXII. REVIEW OF VERBS—*The Dative with Adjectives*—CORNELIA AND HER JEWELS
- XXIII. ixPRESENT ACTIVE INDICATIVE OF **regō** AND **audiō**—CORNELIA AND HER JEWELS (*Concluded*)
- XXIV. IMPERFECT ACTIVE INDICATIVE OF **regō** AND **audiō**—*The Dative with Special Intransitive Verbs*
- XXV. FUTURE ACTIVE INDICATIVE OF **regō** AND **audiō**
- XXVI. VERBS IN **-iō**—Present, Imperfect, and Future Active Indicative of **capiō**—*The Imperative*
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History of Religion: Hinduism [OS09]

Hinduism is the predominant religion of the Indian subcontinent. Hinduism is often referred to as *Sanātana Dharma*, a Sanskrit phrase meaning “the eternal law,” by its practitioners. Hindu beliefs vary widely, with concepts of God and/or gods ranging from Panentheism, pantheism, monotheism, polytheism, and atheism with Vishnu and Shiva being the most popular deities. Other notable characteristics include a belief in reincarnation and karma, as well as personal duty, or dharma. Among its roots is the historical Vedic religion of Iron Age India, and as such Hinduism is often stated to be the “oldest religious tradition” or “oldest living major tradition.” It is formed of diverse traditions and types and has no single founder. Hinduism is the world's third largest religion after Christianity and Islam, with approximately a billion adherents, of whom about 905 million live in India. Other countries with large Hindu populations can be found across southern Asia.

Hinduism's vast body of scriptures are divided into *Śruti* (“revealed”) and *Smṛiti* (“remembered”). These scriptures discuss theology, philosophy and mythology, and provide information on the practice of dharma (religious living). Among these texts, the *Vedas* and the *Upanishads* are the foremost in authority, importance and antiquity. Other major scriptures include the *Tantras*, the *Agama*, the *Purānas* and the epics *Mahābhārata* and *Rāmāyana*. The *Bhagavad Gītā*, a treatise from the *Mahābhārata*, spoken by Krishna, is sometimes called a summary of the spiritual teachings of the *Vedas*.

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10. Sircar, Mahendranath. Hindu Mysticism According to the Upanishads. New Delhi: Oriental Books Reprint Corporation, 1934.
11. Staal Frits. Exploring Mysticism: A Methodological Essay. California: University of California Press, 1975.

Philosophy of Science – Cosmology [OFS04]

Introduction: some big questions on our 'existing in-world'.

2. The primordial sense of wonder (*thaumazein*): the common cradle of philosophy and science: the ability to wonder as true impression of the philosopher, look at the universe in view of wonder, the wonder to critical knowledge.
3. The growing concern for today's ecological crisis and the need for a philosophical reflection on the nature: some authoritative warnings from the scientific community, the various manifestation of the ecological crisis.
4. Scientific Knowledge of the physical world: the originality of scientific knowledge, the characteristics of the scientific method, deduction and induction, falsification and the process of conjectures and refutations (Popper), the role of the 'paradigm' in the revolutions science (Kuhn), strengths and limitations of science.
5. The microscopic universe - the internal structure of matter: the Greek conception: the theory of Aristotle *hylomorphic* - matter and form, the revolution and the Galilean-Cartesian mechanistic view of nature, the neo-atomism and the world of determinism, the quantum physics and dual nature (particle/wave) of the material.
6. The macroscopic universe - concepts of space, time and movement: the ancient conceptions (Greek) of space, time and motion, the problem of absolute space and time, the Michaelson-Morley experiment (1887), the first theory of relativity (relativity) of Einstein, the various cosmological models: Copernicus, Galileo, Newton and Einstein's general theory of relativity.
7. The universe - origin, structure, evolution and end: the theory of the Big Bang, the galaxies, the stars, the solar system, the Earth, the end of the universe: various theories / speculation.
8. The origin and evolution of life on Earth and the population of the planet Earth as the 'womb' of life, the explosion of life on Earth, the population of the common home of the Earth .
9. The ultimate cause of the universe: efficient and final causality, the 'objective' within the physical world.
10. Conclusion: The cosmos, the man and the Divine: towards a 'cosmo-theandrica' vision of reality, the relationship between science and faith.

Texts:

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2. ALESSI A., Sui sentieri della materia. Introduzione alla cosmologia filosofica (Roma, LAS 2014);
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16. LAIRD, J. *Theism and Cosmology*. Freeport: Libraries Press, 1969.
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General Psychology [OS07]

The course aims to introduce participants to the fundamental knowledge of the psychology and, in particular, of the dynamic processes that go into determining human behavior. After outlining the main reference coordinates of contemporary psychology, the next part of the course will be deepened the reasons that influence human behavior. Outlining a kind of everyday psychology will shed light on the dynamics of basic behaviors that contribute to determine everyday; then talking about motivation and emotions we ask what are the causes that make us sick or, conversely, how to protect their health and wellbeing; They will be considered the factors that affect aging, personality development or construction of personal identity.

Finally, we will present the main theoretical models to explain the intent dynamic processes underlying the behavior.

- I. What is psychology: 1. What is studying psychology. 2. The origins of psychology. 3. The theoretical approaches in psychology. 4. The fields of psychology. 5. The situation of complexity in the current psychology. 6. The methods of the research in psychology. 7. The experimental method. 8. The descriptive method. 9. The co relational method. 10. The clinical method. 11. The method of research intervention. 12. The method of systematic relational. 13. Towards a circularity.
- II. Dynamic Processes: 1. Dynamic Psychology. 2. The subjectivity of motivation. 3. The proactive size. 4. The strength of expectations. 5. The emotions, affective reason. 6. Emotions, dispositional states. 7. The unawareness of the reasons. 8. The pre-reflected conduct. 9. The weight of the decisions.
- III. Motivational systems: 1. Between nature and culture. 2. The classification of motivation. 3. Three essential motivational systems. 4. Hunger. An example of a physiological reason. 5. The pro-social reasons. 6. The reasons for self development.
- IV. The emotional process: 1. Complexity of emotions. 2. The theory of peripheral and central theory of emotions. 3. The activation theory and the theory of cognitive activation. 4. The theory of the appraisal. 5. The theory psycho-evolutionist. 6. The emotional process according to the model of Scherer. 7. The evaluation of the situation. 8. The activation of the organism. 9. The expression of emotions.
- V. The fragility of the mind: 1. The ability to adapt. 2. Models of conflict. 3. The role conflicts. 4. The tasks. 5. Anxiety. 6. The "basic defect". 7. Frustration. 8. The concept of normality. 9. The distinction between distress and disorder. 10. Why do we get sick? 11. One way to recovery.
Psychotherapies. YOU. To the mental well-being: 1. The new concept of health. 2. The stock of the situation. Between normality and pathology. 3. The wellbeing. Stay within their means. 4. Some positive indicators of health. 5. The knowledge and self-acceptance. 6. The ability to solve problems. 7. The ability to relate. 8. The emotional control. 9. Self-esteem and self-image. 10. The defenses. 11. The sublimation. 12. rationalize-tion.

13. The projection. 14. Moving. 15. The reaction formation. 16. The identification and interjection. 17. The regression and fixation.
- VI. The personality: 1. For a definition. 2. From a structural point of view. 3. From a dynamic point of view. 4. Determining Factors. 5. The maturation. 6. Adolescence, identity and personality. 7. The stages of personal growth.
- VII. Theoretic models in dynamic-psychology: 1. Is Freud still relevant? 2. The origins of psychoanalysis. 3. The removal and discovery of neurosis. 4. Sexual desire. 5. The unconscious and the other psychic dimensions. 6. The psychoanalytic method. 7. Developments psychoanalysis. 8. The analytical psychology of Jung. 9. Ego psychology. 10. The object relations theory. 11. The interpersonal model. 12. The Psychology of Self. 13. The systemic relational model.

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3. Hayes, Nicky. *Foundations of Psychology*. London: Routledge, 1994.
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Political Philosophy [OFS07]

Political philosophy is the application of philosophical thinking to ideas about society and the state. It is in other words a speculative inquiry into the assumptions of the practical activity of politics. It is concerned with normative thinking rather than empirical thought and hence is dealing with matters of evaluation. Philosophy differs from science because while science seeks explanation, philosophy seeks justifications. It means that its objective is to look for rational or justifying grounds in order to accept or reject a belief.

Course Outline:

01. INTRODUCTION: Chief Functions, Main Sources

02. THE STATE: Constituents, Origin, Purpose

03. THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS: The Need of the World Community, UNO, NAM, SAARC

04. TYPES OF GOVERNMENTS: Democracy, Socialism, Liberalism, Welfarism

05. WESTERN POLITICAL THINKERS

06. EASTERN POLITICAL THINKERS

Selected Bibliography: (*denotes the availability of the book in DBCIPH Library)

- * *Early Greek Political Thought From Homer to the Sophists*. Edited by Michael Gagarin and Paul Woodruff. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1995.
- * *The Political Philosophy of Cosmopolitanism*. Edited by Gillian Brock and Harry Brighouse. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- * Russell, Bertrand. *Political Ideas*. Boston: Unwin Paperback, 1985.
- * Iyer, Raghavan Narasimhan. *The Moral and Political Thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.

- * *Interpreting Modern Political Philosophy: From Machiavelli to Marx*. Edited by Alistair Edwards and Jules Townshend. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2002.
- * *Essays in Social and Political Philosophy*. Edited by Krishna Roy Chanda Gupta. New Delhi: Indian Council of Philosophical Research in Association with Allied Publishers, 1989.
- * Raphael, D.D. *Problems of Political Philosophy*. Hampshire: Macmillan Education, 1990.
- * Haworth, Alan. *Understanding Political Philosophers from Ancient to Modern Times*. London: Routledge, 2004.
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- Gurusamy, S. *Peasant Politics in South India: A Socio-Political Analysis of a Pressure Group*. Delhi: Kanishka Publication, 1993.
- Kuruvachira, George J. *The Common Good and Political Philosophy*. Bangalore: Kristu Jyothi Publications, 1999.
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History of Contemporary Philosophy [OFS13]

1. Reaction against metaphysical idealism: the right and left Hegelian transformation of idealism (A. Schopenhauer, Friedrich Nietzsche, S. Kierkegaard, Karl Marx).
2. The positivism of Auguste Comte.
3. The phenomenology (Husserl, M. Scheler, M. Heidegger).
4. Existentialism (K. Jaspers, JP Sartre, G. Marcel).
5. The logical atomism (B. Russell, L. Wittgenstein).
6. The philosophy of language.
7. Pragmatism (C. Pierce, W. James).
8. Structuralism;
9. The philosophy of contemporary and contemporary Islam. FA0642. Advanced module: educational activity characterizing Guided reading of philosophical essays: MARCEL G. Mystery of Being; M. Heidegger, Being and Time; ID., What is Metaphysics ?; S. Kierkegaard, aut-aut; ID., Fear and Trembling; L. WITTGENSTEIN, Tractatus Logico-philosophicus; ID., Philosophical Investigations. Research seminar: 1. The problem of God in the writings of the existentialist philosophers.

Texts:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. COPLESTON F., A History of Philosophy, voll. 8-9 (London, Burns & Oates 1964);
3. ID., Contemporary Philosophy (London, Search Press Limited 1979);
4. REALE G.-ANTISERI D., Il pensiero occidentale dalle origini ad oggi, vol. 3 (Brescia, La Scuola 1983); VANNI ROVIGHI S., Storia della filosofia contemporanea. Dall'ottocento ai giorni nostri (Brescia, La Scuola 1980).
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6. Castell, Albure. *An Introduction to Modern Philosophy*. New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1905.
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8. Marias, Julien. *History of Philosophy*. New York: Dover Publications, 1967.
9. Mascia, Carmin. *History of Philosophy*. New Jersey: St. Anthony Guild Press, 1957.
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Economy, Ethics and Finance [OS01]

The course aims to provide students with the theoretical and cultural orientation to the current debate on ethics and economics. The basic content of the encyclical of Benedict XVI *Caritas in Veritate*, will be examined. The key moments of the history of economic thought in relation to its mindset and ethics. A specific study will consist of an analysis of the steps of the most salient economic doctrine of the encyclical, in the light of the major contributions made by leading economists to the history of economic thought. It will also be presented the perspective known as "Civil Economy", which is characterized by a personalist and relational system, taking into account the following issues: the idea of person, rational and well-being in the contemporary economic theory; Responsibilities, the new name of the economy; Economic, market and business in the Anglo-Saxon tradition of modern economics; The civil tradition; The enterprise and civil cooperation; The market and its ethos: fraternity and gratuity; Organizations in ideal motive.

Texts:

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3. BRUNI L., *L'impresa Civile* (Milano, Università Bocconi Editore-EGEA 2009);
4. CARLOTTI P., *Carità, Persona e Sviluppo. La novità della Caritas in Veritate* (Roma, LAS 2011);
5. FAUCCI R. *Breve storia dell'economia politica* (Giappichelli 2006); FAZIO A., *Globalizzazione. Politica economica e Dottrina sociale* (Todi, Tau 2008);
6. MANTOVANI M.-PESSA A.-RIGGI O. (a cura), *Oltre la crisi: prospettive per un nuovo modello di sviluppo. Il contributo del pensiero realistico dinamico di Tommaso Demaria* (Roma, LAS 2011); RONCAGLIA A., *La ricchezza delle idee. Storia del pensiero economico* (Laterza 2001);
7. TOSO M., *Verso quale società? La dottrina sociale della Chiesa per una nuova progettualità* (Roma, LAS 2000)

History of the Salesian Congregation II (1888-2000) **(Salesian Studies) [OS17]**

Introduction.

The main periods of salesian history: 1888-2015.

The Salesian presence in Europe under Fr. Rua.

The expansion of the salesian presence in America.

The rectorship of Fr. Albera 1910-1921.

The time of Bl. Philip Rinaldi 1922-1931.

The era of maximum development under Ricaldone and Ziggiotti 1932-1965.

Formation.

Missions.

Persecutions and martyrdom.

The institute of the FMA 1888-1965.

Salesian Cooperators.

Don Bosco Past Pupils.

History of Salesian congregation 1965-2015.

Texts:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. Morand Wirth, *Don Bosco and His Salesians*. Part II.

Philosophy of Language [OS04]

The Word and words. Language structure to be in the context of an integrated anthropology. Language expression of being. Origin and dynamism of language. Word conceived and expressed. The event of the word and the inner experience. Objectives and methodologies of the philosophy of language. Ontology of the word in Plato, Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, Martin Heidegger, HG Gadamer, P.Ricoeur. Language and the mystery of God and religious communication between ineffability. Humanism of the word: a delivery, a hope. Language as listening.

Texts:

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3. Floisted, Guttam. *Contemporary Philosophy: A New Survey*. Dordrech: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1986.
4. Hacking, Ian. *Why Does Language Matter to Philosophy?* London: Cambridge University Press, 1975.
5. Lavine, T. Z. *From Socrates to Sartre the Philosophic Quest*. New York: Bantam Books, 1989.
6. Manyozo, Linje. *Media, Communication and Development: Three Approaches*. New Delhi: Sage Publications India Pvt Ltd, 2012.

History of Religion: Islam [OS09]

Islam studies in its historical, philosophical, religious, and political dimensions and assists in the understanding of its contemporary vitality and attraction as a faith, a culture and a way of life. The course introduces the history, faith, beliefs, philosophy, theology, ethics and practices of Islam with an emphasis on diverse manifestations of Islamic culture in different ethnic and social contexts and provide overview of essential rituals of Islamic life, mystical practices of Sufis, certain popular forms of religious practice, sources and application of Islamic law, and distinctive Islamic artistic and literary forms. At the completion of the course, the student will be able to examine the theology, philosophy, history, and main social and legal institutions of Islam. Specifically, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a broad knowledge of the history of Islam.
- Describe the basic doctrines of Islamic religion, distinguishing its internal diversities and summarizing its overall unifying elements.
- Identify key characteristics of the Qur'an, the Prophet, and Islamic law and Ethics
- Explain major elements of Islamic religious practice, rituals, sects, mysticism and popular traditions.
- Describe the ethnic, geographical and linguistic spread of Muslims around the globe with special reference to Sri Lanka.

Major Topics to be Included:

Critical attention will be given to the following topics:

- Historical and cultural background for the development and expansion of Islam.
- Theological aspects of Islam including the importance of the life of the Prophet Muhammad, the Qur'an, and the Five Pillars of Islam.
- Various SECTS in Islam: The Sunnis, the Shias, other schools/ interpretations of the Sharia laws (the radical/fundamentalist and the moderate groups). Why there's such a variety of Muslims!
- Centrality of law and Ethics in the Islamic religious system.
- Theological principles and ritual practices of Sunni and Shi'a Islam.
- Revival and reform in Islam.
- Examination of Islam in the world today: Today, unfortunately, Islam is no more perceived as a religion of peace due to the politics played by Muslims in the world, and the terrorism associated with the Muslims...as it's so evident in the media. A lot of prejudice against Islam exists in the minds of non-Muslims!! The Professor can throw necessary light on these areas and bring forth proper understanding.

YEAR THREE

Advanced Module Theoretical Philosophy – I [OFS02.2]

Etienne Gilson, *Methodical Realism: A Handbook for Beginning Realists*.

CONTENTS:

1. Methodical Realism.
2. Realism and Method.
3. The Specific Nature of the Philosophic Order.
4. The Realist Method.
5. A Handbook for Beginning Realists.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. Etienne Gilson, *Methodical Realism: A Handbook for Beginning Realists*, Christendom Press, Front Royal, Virginia 1990.
3. Thommaso d'Aquino, *Unita' dell'intelletto*. A cura di Alessandro Ghisalberti. Bompiani Testi a fronte. R.C.S libri, Milano 2008.
4. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.

Advance Module Theoretical Philosophy – II [OFS03.2]

VV., *Creation and Complexity. Interdisciplinary Issues in Science and Religion*.

Introduction

Part One: A Complex World: a primer on complexity, definitions, theories and theological perspectives, models of invisible realities, the common thread in science and theology.

Part Two: Evolutionary Biology: interpretations of complexity in nature, a world made to flourish, the cloning of human cell, a process based model for an ontology of activity.

Part Three: Cosmology: the absence of God or a surer path to God?, the origin of the universe in science and theology, time and eternity as scientific and theological problem, the end of it all.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. Christine Ledger & Stephen Pickard (Ed.), *Creation and Complexity. Interdisciplinary Issues in Science and Religion*. ATF Press, Adelaide, 2004.

Advance Module History of Ancient Philosophy – II [OFS10.2]

St. Augustine, *De Doctrina Christiana*.

1. A short introduce of the life of St. Augustine.
2. Historical back ground to the book of *Doctrina Christiana* .
3. An introduction to the separate four books.

Book one - Fundamentals of Christian Doctrine, Platonic Notion of Things and signs. Argument of book one.

Book two – interpretation required by ignorance, the meaning of signs. Argument of book two.

Book three - Interpretation required by the ambiguity of signs. Argument of book three.

Book four – The Christian Orator. Argument of book four.

4. Specialty of Book fourth book

Three tasks of Christian teachers and Preachers.

1. To discover the truth in the contest of the scriptures.
2. To teach the truth from the scriptures.
3. To defend scriptural truth when it was attacked.

5. Agustin's different teachings.

Advance Module History of Contemporary Philosophy – II [OFS13.2]

Aloysius Pieris, *Love Meets Wisdom: A Christian Experience of Buddhism.*

Aloysius Pieris, SJ is a Sri Lanka Jesuit scholar who has dedicated his whole academic career for dialogue with Buddhism. Being himself a Buddhologist, he has taught Buddhism and has written many books, articles; addressed distinguished audiences on related topics. In a review in *New Theology Review*, William McConville says, “Attempts to sort out the connections among liberation, inculturation and dialogue has been at the centre of energetic, indeed fierce, conversation among third-world theologians. In the midst of this ongoing debate, the work of the Sri Lanka Jesuit theologian Aloysius Pieris has provided, over the last twenty years, a fascinating attempt to integrate these three dimensions of contemporary theology within a distinctively Asian context. It is the challenge of Aloysius Pieris that he seeks to trace the search for grace in Asian flesh and to articulate it in an Asian idiom. His voice deserves to be heard. His message pondered”. The book is divided into three sections:

I - Theological framework.

II – Understanding Buddhism in praxis.

III – Dialogue with Buddhism.

The course presupposes certain basic knowledge of Buddhism. This course is meant to go further into the subject particular its applications to interreligious dialogue. It will be a taught course except the Chapters 5 entitled, spirituality of the Buddhist monk and Chapter 6 entitled, Buddhist political vision both of the Chapter 8 entitled, monastic poverty in Asian context and Chapter 9 entitled, doctrinal, legal and cultural factors in Buddhist-Christian mixed marriages of which deal with more practical issues will have to be studied by students by themselves in groups and make presentations during class. The other chapters will be done by the teacher himself.

Applied Psychology [OS07]

The syllabus of the General Psychology was covered to its entirety and all of the topics would be retouched during the course with extra stress on psychological researching. Furthermore, the students will be given practical guidelines to enable them to experientially understand the practical application of psychology in general and the psychological well being in particular. Students will be offered work placements for counseling practice both in individual counseling and group therapy. This process is expected to strengthen their counseling techniques and different therapeutic processes to make them confident counselors. Each student is expected to prepare reports on their counseling practice and a case study. They would be examined on their counseling capability in reference to Emotional adjustment, Motivating young people, Empowerment of human psyche, Personality Adjustment leading to happy and productive social living.

Suggested Bibliography:

1. Barkley R. et al, (2008) Your Defiant Teen: Ten Steps to Resolve Conflict and Rebuild Your Relationship, Guilford Publications, New York.
2. Berger K.S., (2005) The Developing Person (sixth Edition), Worth Publishers, New York.
3. Damon William, (2008) The path to purpose – How young people find their calling in life. Free Press, New York.
4. Kundanis R.M., (2003) Children, Teens, Families, and Mass Media: The Millennial Generation, Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Mahwah, NJ.
5. Santrock John W., 2010 Adolescence (13th International Edition)
6. Pieper M., (2004) The Smart Love Parent – The Compassionate Alternative to Discipline, Innova Publishing, New York.
7. Stern S., (2004) Expressions of identity online: prominent features and gender differences in adolescents' World Wide Web home page, June, 2004. Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic medial.
http://goliath.ecnext.com/coms2/summary_0_9936422_ITM
8. Sen S., (2006) Adolescence: a period of stress and strain. Mental health

Reviews, Accessed from

<http://www.psyplexus.com/mhr/adolescence_stress.html>

Further Readings:

1. Atkinson, R. L., Atkinson, R. C., Smith, E. E., Bem, D. J. & Hilgard, E. R. (1990). *Introduction to Psychology*. New York: H. B. J. Inc.
2. Ciccarelli, S. K., Meyer, G. E. & Misra, G. (2010). *Psychology: South Asian Edition*. New Delhi: Pearson Education.
3. Sternberg, R. J. (2010). *Cognitive Psychology*. New York: Cengage Learning
4. Passer, M.W. & Smith, R.E. (2010). *Psychology: The Science of Mind and Behaviour*. New Delhi: Tata McGraw-Hill
5. Aron, A., Aron, E.N., & Coups, E.J. (2007). *Statistics for Psychology. (4th Ed.)* India: Pearson Education, Prentice Hall.
6. King, B.M. & Minium, E.W. (2007). *Statistical Reasoning in the Behavioral Sciences. (5th Ed.)* USA: John Wiley.

Don Bosco the Educator – The Preventive System & Tips for Practical Training

[OS15]

Important themes of Salesian spirituality. Don Bosco in the history of education; the main postulates of the Preventive System; Preventive System in Action & Structures of the Preventive System; Preventive System as a Spirituality; The Salesian Assistant; personal formation: moral and religious, character, intellectual, physical, politeness; Assistance: fundamental norms, assistance in particular, assistance in various settings, interpersonal relationship.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. Salesian Youth Ministry Department, *Salesian Youth Ministry, Frame of Reference*. Editrice SDB, Roma 2014. Part Two: Chapter IV. 86-115.
3. N. Lo Groi (Editor), *A short course on the preventive system*.
4. Loddy Pires, *Salesian Assistant*. Don Bosco Renewal Centre. Bangalore.

5. *"The Preventive System in the Education of the Young"*. Don Bosco Khmer, Phnom Penh, 2015.
6. *Regolamento per le case della Società di S. Francesco di Sales*. Tipografia Salesiana, OE XXIX. 1877.
7. *Il Sistema Preventivo di Don Bosco*. Elledici. 2003.
8. Dicastero per la Pastorale Giovanile Salesiana, *La Pastorale Giovanile Salesiana. Quadro di riferimento fondamentale*. Seconda edizione. Roma, 2000.

Human Resource Management [OS11]

This subject guide is about human resource management (HRM). (This is the management activity taken by commercial firms, state owned enterprises and other organizations to recruit, retain and motivate their employees. In other words, HRM is the bundle of policies, programmes and plans which organizations adopt with the objective of making full use of the people they employ. These include everything from recruitment and selection techniques) which initiate the relationship between firm and employee(, to the mass of rules that determine how people are treated as current employees, and all the way to policies on separation) which determine whether, and in what circumstances, an employee is to be let go.(This guide takes, as its organizing framework, a model of strategic HRM advanced by Boxall and Purcell in their book *Strategy and human resource management*) Palgrave Macmillan, third edition, 2011. (They conceptualize workforce performance as a function of capabilities) the knowledge, skills and aptitudes which employees need to carry out their work(, motivation) the incentives which employees require to encourage them to perform to the best of their abilities (and work organization) the way that work and organizations are structured so as to allow employees to perform well. (To this we add employment relations) the policies, programmes and practices which govern the relationship between employees and employers (on the basis that employee relationship management is a key responsibility of the HRM function.

Proposed Bibliography:

Basic didactical subsidies of the professor. Three textbooks are recommended for this course. These are general textbooks that are useful for most chapters in this guide. You should buy, or have regular access to, these textbooks as a number of the Essential reading are taken from them. Please remember that the more you read, the better your understanding of the subject area will be.

1. Bratton, J. and J. Gold *Human resource management :theory and practice* . (Basingstoke :Palgrave, 2012 (fifth edition)ISBN 9780230580565.[
2. Kramar, R. and J. Syed *Human resource management in a global context* . (Basingstoke :Palgrave, 2012 (first edition)ISBN 9780230251533.[
3. Torrington, D., L. Hall, S. Taylor and C. Atkinson *Fundamentals of human resource management*) .Harlow :Financial Times Prentice Hall, 2009 (first edition)ISBN 9780273713067.[
4. Pynes, Joan. *Human resources management for public and non profit organizations* :a strategic approach, ISBN 978-0-470-33185-9

Detailed reading references in this subject guide refer to the editions of the set textbooks listed above. New editions of one or more of these textbooks may have been published by the time you study this course. You can use a more recent edition of any of the books; use the detailed chapter and section headings and the index to identify relevant readings .

Essential reading:

5. Bach, S. *Managing human resources*) .Oxford :Blackwell, 2005 (fourth edition)ISBN 9781405118514 [Chapter 15 ‘Direct participation.’
6. Claydon, T. and J. Beardwell *Human resource management :a contemporary approach*) .Harlow :Prentice Hall, 2007 (fifth edition)ISBN 9780273707639 [Chapter 14 ‘Employee participation and involvement.’
7. Folger, R. and R. Cropanzano *Organizational justice and human resource management*) .Thousand Oaks, CA :Sage, 1998] (ISBN 0803956878 [Chapter 1 ‘Equity and distributive justice as outcome fairness’, Chapter 2‘ Process as procedural and interactional justice’, Chapter 4 ‘Organisational justice and staffing decisions’ and Chapter 5 ‘Organisational justice and performance evaluation.’
8. Torrington, D., L. Hall, S. Taylor and C. Atkinson *Human resource management*) .Harlow :Financial Times, 2011) (ISBN 9780273756927 [Chapter 7‘ Recruitment’ and Chapter 8 ‘Selection methods and decisions.’

Modern European Language: Italian (Intermediate Level) [OS30]

La proposta formativa dalla Scuola di Italiano – Scuola Leonardo da Vinci.

Beginners in Italian language are our pride! Because they represent a challenge, a constant stimulus and a reason for a greater professional satisfaction in learning. Arriving at the first day of school, presenting yourself at the secretariat, the course syllabus, greetings in Italian, It is not a dream ... but our goal is to make Italian easy by working together.

Our method:

We follow the communication method: from the first day of class and at each level, only the Italian language is spoken in the classroom. We especially emphasize spoken language and communication, but we also work on four basic skills: reading, writing, oral understanding and oral production. The lessons are stimulating, interactive and even entertaining, organized in a relaxed environment where learning will be a natural process. The textbook is accompanied by authentic material, such as newspapers, magazines, videos, which facilitate the knowledge of Italian reality and culture in its many facets. Our teachers, experts in teaching Italian language to foreign students, are available to students to guide them, motivate them and help them in their learning path.

The useful internet websites:

<http://parliamoitaliano.altervista.org>

<http://parliamoitaliano.altervista.org>

<https://italianofacile.wordpress.com>

<http://www.impariamoitaliano.com>

<http://www.oneworlditaliano.com>

Advance Module Philosophical Anthropology [OFS05.2]

Yehudi A. Cohen (ed.), *Man in Adaptation. The Biosocial Background.*

The text serves as an introduction to physical anthropology, linguistics and archeology from the point of view of processes of adaptation. It focuses on the role of biological adaptation in man's attempts to transcend the restrictions of his natural habitats and deals with the principal issues and concepts in the study of evolution. From the nature of culture to modern technology and political organization, the book deals with social relations that enable different societies to make effective use of the energy potentials in their habitats, rather than with specific items of material culture and behavior. Because they incorporate the work of the most renowned experts on the physical and cultural adaptations of homo sapiens, because they are the first set of anthropological readings unified within a specific framework, and because they illuminate clearly one of the most important concepts around which one can build an investigation of the

nature and scope of anthropology, these books are indispensable reading for every professional anthropologist and an excellent introduction to the field.

1. Introduction
2. Issues and concepts in the study of adaptation
3. Incipient adaptations: the primate background
4. Explorations in the natural history of man's physical adaptations
5. Speech as a human adaptation
6. Beginnings in cultural adaptation: archeological explorations

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. Yehudi A. Cohen (ed.), *Man in Adaptation, The Biosocial Background*, Aldine Publishing Company, Chicago 1968.

Advance Module Moral Philosophy [OFS06.2]

Jacques Maritain, *Moral Philosophy*.

Its purpose is doctrinal in order, not historical. Yet the systematic examination of the fundamental problems of moral philosophy has been left to a second volume which I hope to undertake after the publication of the present one; a central fragment of this projected volume has already been offered in outline form -- however incomplete -- in a few lessons previously published. The present work is devoted to the historical and critical examination of a certain number of great systems which are, in my opinion, the most significant ones with respect to the development and the adventures of moral philosophy, and those which it is most important to consider for the work of *prise de conscience* and intellectual renewal to which our age seems called, at least in the eyes of a few

who still care for wisdom. In our opinion moral philosophy has not yet been formally singled out in its own right, from moral theology in the traditional teaching of Thomist philosophy (which after all it might perhaps be better not to call by that name) (1) because doubtless it would have greatly displeased Saint Thomas himself. (2) because it is inappropriate to attach the name of a theologian to a philosophical doctrine, (3) because it is inappropriate to attach the name of any man, be he the greatest of thinkers, to a philosophy which, identifying itself with the *philosophia perennis*, must renew itself from generation to generation and from century to century, and nourish itself with all the past in order to move constantly beyond the past. Yet must we have a name for it? Let us call it then, if you wish, philosophy of being and of the analogicity of being, or *ontosophy*.) Well then, what we find in the courses or textbooks on ethics which are related to this philosophy is too often a simple traced copy of Saint Thomas' theological *exposé*, withdrawn from the light of theology proper and carried into the light of natural reason and of philosophy, retaining all the while the

order and structure of the theological treatise which inspired it. The product thus obtained is neither philosophical nor theological, it is a sterilized theology offering itself as philosophy.

1. Preface
2. The Discovery of Ethics
3. Ethics Triumphant
4. Christianity and Philosophy
5. Hegelian Idealism
6. Dialectical Materialism
7. Positivism and Human Knowledge
8. Positivism and Human Conduct
9. Person and Liberty
10. Closed Cosmic Morality and Open Cosmic Morality
11. Brief Remarks in Conclusion

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. Jacques Maritain, *Moral Philosophy*, 1964.

Advance Module Philosophy of Knowledge [OFS09.2]

Bernard Lonergan, *Insight: A Study of Human Understanding*.

Bernard Lonergan, S.J., has been called one of the most profound philosophers and theologians of the twentieth century, and his major work, *Insight*, has been favorably compared to David Hume's *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (1748) and Immanuel Kant's *Kritik der reinen Vernunft* (1781; *Critique of Pure Reason*, 1838). With his grasp of modern science and philosophy, Lonergan was able to go well beyond these earlier philosophers in *Insight*, whose pivotal claim is that a general structure of inquiry exists in all thinking individuals, a structure that is operative in every endeavor from the simplest commonsense decisions to the most revolutionary ideas of scientific, artistic, and theological geniuses. The number of insights generated by humans is ungraspably immense and growing at an accelerated pace, but Lonergan is primarily concerned not with the known but the knowing. He has discovered that knowing has a recurrent structure of experiencing, pondering, judging, and deciding. He challenges readers to understand what it means when they themselves understand, and if they do this, then they not only will generally understand whatever needs to be comprehended but also will have an insight into the insight-making process itself. This understanding will promote intellectual progress in a variety of fields and also help humans to avoid false ideas ("oversights") that lead to intellectual and social decline, unenlightened policies, and dangerous courses of action.

Outline:

Insight has two parts, “Insight as Activity” and “Insight as Knowledge,” and these parts have ten chapters each. Lonergan’s purpose in the first five chapters is to elucidate the nature of insight by examining examples from mathematics and science. He wants to clarify how scientists gather data, formulate hypotheses, and verify their ideas. He then uses a generalized version of this empirical method to convince readers of their own process of knowing. He carefully distinguishes this objectification of conscious experience from the mistaken view of introspection as mental picturing. The goal of his theory of understanding is not pictures but an insight into the pattern of a person’s cognitional activities.

01. Introduction

02. *Insight*: Contextual Introduction, Structure and Horizon Development

03. The Cognitional Aspect of Knowledge

04. The Epistemological aspect of Knowing

05. Conclusion

Selected Bibliography

Primary Source

Lonergan, Bernard. *Insight: A Study of Human Understanding*. New York: Philosophical Library, 1970.

Secondary Sources

McShane, Philip (ed.). *Language, Truth and Meaning*. London: Gill and Macmillan, 1972.

Meynell A. Hugo. *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Bernard Lonergan*. London: Unwin Brothers Ltd., 1976.

Tracy, David. *The Achievement of Bernard Lonergan*. New York: Herder and Herder, 1970.

Crowe, Frederick E. “Origin and Scope of Bernard Lonergan’s *Insight*.” *Sciences Ecclesiastiques* IX (1957) 269-295.

Crowe, Frederick E. “St. Thomas and the Isomorphism of Human Knowing and its proper Objects.” *Sciences Ecclesiastiques* XIII (1961) 167-190.

Flanagan, Joseph F. “Lonergan’s Epistemology.” *The Thomist* XXXVI (1972) 75-97.

MacKinnon, Edward. “Understanding According to Bernard Lonergan.” *The Thomist* XXVIII (1964) 97-132; 338-372; 475-552.

O'Connell, Matthew. "St. Thomas and the Verbum: An Interpretation." *The Modern Schoolman* XXIV (May 1947) 224-234.

Advance Module History of Medieval Philosophy [OFS11.2]

Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Contra Gentiles* – *On the Truth of the Catholic Faith*

The *Summa contra Gentiles* (also known as *Liber de veritate catholicae fidei contra errores infidelium*, "Book on the truth of the Catholic faith against the errors of the unbelievers") is one of the best-known books by [St Thomas Aquinas](#), written during c. 1259–1265. It was probably written to aid missionaries in explaining the [Christian religion](#) to and [defending it against](#) dissenting points of doctrine in [Islam](#) and [Judaism](#). To this end, Aquinas may rely on a substantial body of shared doctrine, especially tenets of [monotheism](#), in the case of Judaism the shared acceptance of the [Old Testament](#) as scripture and in the case of Islam the ([at the time](#)) shared tradition of [Aristotelian philosophy](#). Whereas the *Summa Theologiae* was written to explain the Christian faith to theology students, the *Summa contra Gentiles* is more [apologetic](#) in tone, as it was written to explain and defend the Christian doctrine against unbelievers, with arguments adapted to fit the intended circumstances of its use, each article refuting a certain [heretical](#) belief or proposition. Instead of a mere elucidation of the length and breadth of Christian doctrine, Aquinas explains specific core articles of Christian belief.

Contents:

The *Summa contra Gentiles* consists of four books. The structure of Thomas' work is designed to proceed from general philosophical arguments for [monotheism](#), to which Muslims and Jews are likely to consent even within their own respective religious traditions, before progressing to the discussion of specifically Christian doctrine.

- Books I–III cover truths that naturally are accessible to the human intellect.
- Book IV covers [revealed](#) truths for which natural reason is inadequate.

The conventional title is taken from chapter I.2, where Thomas states his intention as the work's author: "I have set myself the task of making known, as far as my limited powers will allow, the truth that the Catholic faith professes, and of setting aside the errors that are opposed to it. To use the words of [Hilary](#): 'I am aware that I owe this to God as the chief duty of my life, that my every word and sense may speak of Him' [*De Trinitate* I, 37]."

The first book begins with general questions of [truth](#) and [natural reason](#), and from chapter 10 investigates the concept of [monotheistic God](#), chapters 10 to 13 concerned with the [existence of God](#), followed by a detailed investigation of God's properties (chapters 14 to 102).

The second book is dedicated to the Creation (viz. the [physical universe](#), everything which exists).

The third book discusses [providence](#) and the [human condition](#), i.e. [good and evil](#) acts, human [fate](#) and [intellect](#) and the relation of created beings to the creator.

The fourth book is dedicated to discussing points of Christian doctrine which separate [Nicaean Christianity](#) from the other monotheistic religions, i.e. the doctrines of the [Trinity](#), the [Incarnation](#), the [Sacraments](#) and the [Resurrection](#).

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Contra Gentiles*, (Joseph Kenny, O.P. Edited, with English, especially Scriptural references and updates), New York: Hanover House, 1955-1957.

Advance Module History of Modern Philosophy [OFS12.2]

Rene Descartes, *Meditations on the First Philosophy*.

The first edition of the *Meditations* was published in Latin by Michael Soly of Paris "at the Sign of the Phoenix" in 1641 *cum Privilegio et Approbatione Doctorum*. The Royal "privilege" was indeed given, but the "approbation" seems to have been of a most indefinite kind. The reason of the book being published in France and not in Holland, where Descartes was living in a charming country house at Endegeest near Leiden, was apparently his fear that the Dutch ministers might in some way lay hold of it. His friend, Pere Mersenne, took charge of its publication in Paris and wrote to him about any difficulties that occurred in the course of its progress through the press. The second edition was however published at Amsterdam in 1642 by Louis Elzevir, and this edition was accompanied by the now completed "Objections and Replies." The edition from which the present translation is made is the second just mentioned, and is that adopted by MM. Adam and Tannery as the more correct, for reasons that they state in detail in the preface to their edition. The work was translated into French by the Duc de Luynes in 1642 and Descartes considered the translation so excellent that he had it published some years later. Clerselier, to complete matters, had the "Objections" also published in French with the "Replies," and this, like the other, was subject to Descartes' revision and correction. This revision renders the French edition specially valuable. Where it seems desirable an alternative reading from the French is given in square brackets.

Meditation I. - Of the things which may be brought within the sphere of the doubtful.

Meditation II - Of the Nature of the Human Mind; and that it is more easily known than the Body.

Meditation III - Of God: that He exists.

Meditation IV - Of the True and the False.

Meditation V - Of the essence of material things, and, again, of God, that He exists.

Meditation VI - Of the Existence of Material Things, and of the real distinction between the Soul and Body of Man.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. Rene Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy. This file is of the 1911 edition of The Philosophical Works of Descartes translated by Elizabeth S. Haldane.1, Cambridge University Press 1996.

The Writings of Don Bosco: Savio, Magone & Besucco - (Salesian Studies)
[OS20]

1. General Introduction to the text.
2. Specific characteristics of the Biographies.
3. Morphological approach to texts.
4. Distribution of the chapters.
5. Careful analysis of each "Life".
6. Critical apparatus of the text.
7. Synthesis and conclusions.

Texts:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.
2. Giovanni Bosco, *Biografie Edificanti: Le Vite di Luigi Comollo, Domenico Savio, Michele Magone e Francesco Besucco*. LAS. Roma, 2007.

IT – Hardware (NVQ Level 3) [OCS04]
COMPUTER HARDWARE TECHNICIAN
(Skills Standards Code: K72S001)

No	List Of Units	Code No	Level
01	Prepare estimates for repairs and upgrades	K72S001U01	4
02	Perform preventive maintenance of personal computer	K72S001U02	3
03	Assemble a personal computers to a given configuration	K72S001U03	2
04	Install and configure internal and external devices for existing systems	K72S001U04	3
05	Configure Internet and E-mail	K72S001U05	3
06	Perform cabling, connecting and configuring of a peer to peer network	K72S001U06	4
07	Backup data on a personal computer	K72S001U07	3
08	Attend to problems caused by viruses and other maleicious program components	K72S001U08	3
09	Perform repairs to personal computers	K72S001U09	3

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- National Certificate at NVQ Level 4 in the occupation of Computer Hardware Technician will be awarded to those who are competent in units 1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9 - K72 S001Q2L4

Proposed Bibliography:

1. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.

English II - FCE B2 [OS21]

Cambridge First Certificate in English (CFC). Level B2.

Proposed Bibliography:

1. ANNETTE CAPEL & WENDY SHARP, *Cambridge English Objective First*, Student's Book. 4 Ed. Cambridge University Press, 2015.
2. Basic didactical subsidies of the professor.