



DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, LINGUISTICS AND THEORY OF SCIENCE

FP30100 Philosophy of action, 7.5 credits

Handlingsfilosofi, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Third-cycle level / Forskarnivå

Confirmation

This syllabus was confirmed by the Department of Philosophy, Linguistics and Theory of Science on 2023-12-14, and is valid from Spring semester 2024.

Responsible Department

Department of Philosophy, Linguistics and Theory of Science, Faculty of Humanities

Entry requirements

General and specific entry requirements for third-cycle education according to Admissions Regulations and the general syllabus [allmän studieplan] for Practical Philosophy.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course the doctoral candidate will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- demonstrate enhanced knowledge and understanding of the subject areas of the course,
- discuss in detail key theories and issues in one or more of the subject areas of the course,

Competence and skills

- offer a detailed analysis of issues, lines of arguments or methods from the literature,
- select and define issues, lines of arguments or methods from the literature that are suitable for a short critical essay or a conference paper,

Judgement and approach

- critically discuss, orally or in writing, questions, lines of arguments or methods that are used in the literature,
- critically assess the validity of the studied lines of argument.

Course content

The course is an in-depth introduction to central topics in contemporary analytic philosophy of action. Topics covered may include: What are actions? What is the nature of everyday explanations of actions? What are intentions? How is agency possible in a natural world? How is it possible for an agent to act intentionally against her own judgment about what she ought to do? What sort of knowledge does an agent have of her own intentional action? How is agency related to (moral) responsibility? Can groups or organizations act or be agents?

Types of instruction

Teaching is conducted in the form of reading assignments and/or seminars.

Language of instruction

The course is given in English.

Grades

The grade Pass (G) or Fail (U) is given in this course.

Types of assessment

Written and/or oral examination.

Course evaluation

The course is evaluated by way of a written questionnaire or oral feedback.