Anno Accademico 2009/2010

HISTORY OF ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY - ADVANCED

Enrollment year	2009/2010
Academic year	2009/2010
Regulations	DM270
Academic discipline	M-FIL/07 (HISTORY OF ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY)
Department	DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES
Course	PHYLOLOGY, LITERATURE AND HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD
Curriculum	PERCORSO COMUNE
Year of study	1°
Period	1st semester (01/10/2009 - 13/01/2010)
ECTS	6
Lesson hours	30 lesson hours
Language	Italian
Activity type	ORAL TEST
Teacher	GASTALDI SILVIA (titolare) - 6 ECTS
Prerequisites	A good knowledge of the history of Ancient Philosophy is required. Students must have already passed a text in this matter.
Learning outcomes	Lessons aim at the presentation of a theoretical problem of great importance in the field of ancient thought, which will be analysed also from the historical and cultural points of view.
Course contents	In the context of ancient philosophy, a significant role is played by reflection on what is the best way of life; that is, what achieves the greatest happiness. In particular, models that are traditionally compared, and evaluated on their merits, are represented by the philosophical and political life. The course aims to analyse some particularly significant moments in this debate. The main authors examined are Plato, through a reading of

parts of the //Gorgias// and //Republic//, and Aristotle, considering passages of his //Nicomachean Ethics //and //Politics //.
The framework will be expanded later to the Hellenistic philosophical schools, which - in light of changing historical conditions - indicate philosophy as the supreme model of a happy life.

Teaching methods	Lectures. It would be desirable that students participate actively in reading and commenting the texts of the Greek authors, as well as in interpreting critical essays.

Reccomended or required readings	1. Greek Texts
	
	Plato, //Gorgias//, 484 c- 494 b; //Republic//, book 5, 472 b- 480 a, book 6, 484 a- 498 c
	
	Aristotle, //Nicomachean Ethics//, book 1, chapters 5,8,13; book 10, chapters 6-8; //Politics//, book 7, chapters 1-3.
	
	2, Critical Essays
	
	W. Jaeger, //Genesi e ricorso dell''ideale filosofico della vita//, in Id., //Aristotele//, La Nuova Italia, Firenze 1935, pp. 557-617.
	
	S. Gastaldi, //Il fiilosofo e il politico: generi di vita rivali o conciliabili?// in M. Migliori- L.M. Napolitano Valditara (eds.), //Plato Ethicus//, Morcelliana, Brescia 2008, pp. 143-160
	
	S. Gastaldi, //Bios hairetotatos. Generi di vita e felicità in Aristotele//, Bibliopolis, Napoli 2003, pp. 9-131.
	
	M. Vegetti, //L''etica degli antichi//, Laterza, Roma- Bari 1989, chapters 7 and 8.

Assessment methods	Students will sit an oral examination on the topics covered during the course.
Further information	
Sustainable development goals - Agenda 2030	$lbl_legenda_sviluppo_sostenibile