



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

FRENCH EPISTEMOLOGY: BACHELARD CANGUILLEM AND FOUCAULT - 15316

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: philosophy

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course introduces the French epistemological school through three major figures: Gaston Bachelard, Georges Canguilhem and Michel Foucault. The main characterization of this school is that epistemology is closely related to the sciences and their development

Course/Module aims:

acquaintance with the French school of epistemology

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

knowledge (French style)

Attendance requirements(%):

75%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures and reading texts

Course/Module Content:

1. What is French epistemology?
2. Bachelard on the development of science
3. Canguilhem on the normal and the pathological
4. Foucault on the history of medicine
5. Epistemology according to Foucault

Required Reading:

Bachelard, *The New Scientific Spirit*

Bachelard, *The Formation of the Scientific Mind*

Canguilhem, "The History of Science" in *Vital Rationalist. Selected Writings of Georges Canguilhem*

Canguilhem, *The Normal and the Pathological*

Foucault, *The Birth of the Clinic*

Foucault, *Archeology of Knowledge*

Foucault, "Life: Experience and Science" in *Aesthetics, Method, and Epistemology*

Additional Reading Material:

G. Gutting, *Michel Foucault's Archeology of Scientific Reason* (Cambridge University Press, 1989)

D. Lacourt, *Marxism and Epistemology: Bachelard, Canguilhem, and Foucault* (NLB, 1975)

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 100 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: