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# HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY AREA

## Aims and Objectives

To know the history of philosophical theories, their birth, their development, and their evolution. Know the key terms of the philosophical debate. Understand and interpret a philosophical text. Critically address philosophical theories and establish similarities and differences. Analyze the historical-philosophical assumptions related to the various issues brought into focus, also comparing modern and contemporary reflections with the most ancient theories. Select the material to be placed into focus when organizing an in-depth study. Argue critically concerning the historical-philosophical problems being addressed.

## Contents

Greek metaphysics and physics, the theory of knowledge, ethics and politics in ancient and late ancient thought. Christian philosophy from patristics to scholasticism. Modern thought, with particular attention to its connection with ancient and medieval philosophy, and to metaphysical, scientific and methodological themes from the Renaissance to the Enlightenment. Classical German philosophy from criticism to idealism. Contemporary thought in its various traditions: phenomenological-hermeneutic, neopositivistic-analytic, dialectic.

## Teaching

History of Philosophy, Introduction to the History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, History of Ancient Philosophy, History of Hellenistic and Roman Philosophy, Greek origins of the European philosophical tradition, History of medieval philosophy, History of Renaissance philosophy, History of modern philosophy, History of modern and contemporary philosophy, Introduction to the history of contemporary philosophy, History of contemporary philosophy.

## Specialist seminars

### Seminar on the History of Modern Philosophy

As part of the PhD program in Philosophy, yet open to all interested parties, starting from October there will be a series of meetings and seminars under the title of Prisms of Modernity. The first initiative is dedicated to Galen and the Early Moderns and will take place on 25-26 October.

### Seminario di Storia della filosofia antica

Coming under the Philosophy Doctorate, yet open to all interested parties. During the academic year 2017-2018 Aristotle's Ethics was addressed. This year, 2017-2018, the theme is the "notion of will". Participants include M.A. Gavray (Liège), C. Torre (Milan), S. Mas Torres and I. Martinez

(Madrid), in addition to professors Maso, Natali, Masi. A workshop dedicated to: "Rhetoric, philosophy and politics at the center of the Roman cultural perspective" is also planned. The updated information on all activities related to the Seminar on Ancient Philosophy can be found at: [www.philosophia-ve.it/universita/](http://www.philosophia-ve.it/universita/)

### **Seminary on Critical Theory**

Held starting October and open to all interested parties. Founded in 1998, the Seminar dealt with dialectics, metaphysics, recognition, reification and much more, consistently addressed through the socio-philosophical and interdisciplinary perspective of the Critical Theory of the Frankfurt School (from Horkheimer and Adorno up to the present day), in an effort to rethink and evaluate its relevance through a systematic comparison with the contemporary themes of language, theories of recognition, and new forms of social criticism. [www.teoriacritica.org](http://www.teoriacritica.org)

### **Seminar on Contemporary Philosophy**

The theme: philosophy and literature in the twentieth century. In particular, the seminars will discuss the possible relationships and connections between the philosophy of recent modernity and literary production, showing how thinkers who are studied solely through the lens of philosophy and its history are also connected to the cultural milieu in which they live.

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