

Name of university, Name of faculty: Trnava University
Faculty of Philosophy and Arts

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XFIB029	Name: Philosophical Anthropology		
Cover: Department of Philosophy			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Seminar Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 2/1 For term of study: ZS 46,23 Method of educational activity: Combined		Number of credits: 5	Recommended semester: WT
			Study grade:
Recommended semester	Study programme		
3.year WT	Philosophy (XFILO-Bc-D) Philosophy (XFILO-Bc-E)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course: Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination Continuous evaluation: active participation 30 p Final evaluation: final task 70 p Finished: Assessment and requirements for successful completion of the course: Attendance, active participation and completion of smaller tasks are considered. However, in overall assessment the final exam is decisive.			
Learning outcomes: 1) To introduce the development of Philosophical Anthropology themes and problems; 2) To introduce particular concepts of man in the history of the Western thought, especially with regard to questions of the essence, the origin and the meaning of human existence; 3) To present a systematic overview of the classical themes in Philosophical Anthropology (special place in the world, soul and body problem, corporeity personhood, identity, the origin and purpose of human being, freedom, death and immortality, culture, man in society). Educational result: A student is well acquainted with the character of the field of study and can independently evaluate the historical and scholarly importance of the discipline and its particular issues within the wider context of philosophical thinking. Recommended optional components of the program: none Research and application: none			
Schedule of subject: 1) Mapping of themes and problems of the philosophical anthropological research 2) Methods and approaches in anthropology 3) Forms of human self-understanding 4) Forms of expression 5) World, environment, surrounding, situation and human being 6) Subjectivity, Person and Existence 7) H. Plessner 8) M. Scheler and A. Gehlen 9) E. Cassirer, E. Straus 10) Anthropology and Culture 11) Contemporary questions concerning human being 12) Concluding remarks, discussion			
Recommended reading: Literature: Max Scheler: Die Stellung des Menschen im Kosmos (Darmstadt 1928), Bonn 2005. Helmuth Plessner: Political Anthropology (Macht und menschliche Natur), translated from the German by Nils F. Schott, with an introduction by Heike Delitz and Robert Seyfert and an epilogue by Joachim Fischer, Evanston, Ill.: Northwestern UP 2018. E. Cassirer: An Essay on Man, an Introduction to a Philosophy of Human Culture. Cahill, Kevin M., Gustafsson, Martin, Wentzer, Thomas Schwarz (eds.): Finite but Unbounded: New Approaches in Philosophical Anthropology, 2017, ISBN 978-3-11-052381-2 Šajda, Peter: Modern and Postmodern Crises of Symbolic Structures. Essays in Philosophical Anthropology. Brill. 2021. Trajtelová, Jana: Philosophical Anthropology: Selected Chapters. Peter Lang Verlag 2016.			
Language requirements: Slovak, English			

Notes:					
Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 56					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
55%	11%	23%	9%	0%	2%
Lecturers: doc. Mgr. Jaroslava Vydrová, PhD., lecturer, examiner, instructor, seminary supervisor					
Date of last change: 01.09.2026					
Approved by: prof. Mgr. Peter Šajda, PhD.					