



**Course title:** **Philosophy**  
**Department:** **Center for Social Sciences, CUT**  
**Course code:**  
**Erasmus subject code:** 0223  
**Number of contact hours:** 15  
**Course duration:** 1 semester  
**ECTS credits:** 2  
**Course description:** This course introduces the students into the basic concepts and ideas of Western Philosophy. What is philosophy? The subject, methods and goals of philosophy. The relation between philosophy and sciences. An outline of main problems of the theory of knowledge. An outline of the main types of the most general theories of reality (metaphysics). The idea of Cosmos, mind and God. Conscious mind and the self, the problem of their place in the universe. Freedom and action. Philosophy of action in the contemporary world of technology. Agency and responsibility. Ethics and the art of living. Happiness, good life and the meaning of life. Ethical aspects of engineering profession and practices.

**Literature:** Stroll A., Popkin R., Introduction to Philosophy, London, 1990.  
Nagel T., Mind and Cosmos, Oxford, 2012.  
Nagel T., The View from Nowhere, Oxford, 1987 (two chapters).

**Course type:** Lectures and seminars  
**Assessment method:** Attendance and final exam  
**Prerequisites:** None  
**Primary target group:** 2nd and 3rd year students  
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**Deadline for application:**