KEY FACTS
- Start programme: Sept. / Feb.
- Duration: 24 months
- Tuition fees EU / non-EU: €2,006 / €11,400

COURSE EXAMPLES
- Power, Oppression, Justice
- Philosophy of Neuroscience
- History of Moral Philosophy: Spinoza
- Research in Practice II: writing a PhD proposal
View all courses of the programme

GENERAL INFORMATION

What makes a sentence 'meaningful' and what makes it 'true'? What exactly are the arguments for universally valid moral principles (and are these arguments convincing)? How 'tolerant' should citizens and civic institutions be?

If you think about pursuing an academic career in philosophy, then this programme is a logical choice. This selective, two-year degree offers a challenging programme for talented and motivated students. You are trained to think and write in a clear manner about topics such as the relations between mind, body and cognition, the nature and basis of moral judgments, the limits of knowledge, and the principles of social justice.

By studying philosophy, you develop analytic rigour and the ability to reason in a logically sound way. It greatly improves your reading skills and it allows you to critically scrutinize vague concepts, tacit assumptions, loose argumentation, and widely shared preconceptions that we encounter in everyday life.

In the end, you will have advanced knowledge of the philosophical debates in your area of expertise. You have gained experience in meticulously reading philosophical texts. And you will be able to write clear and well-argued academic papers.

Specializations
- Theoretical Philosophy: logic; argumentation theory; (formal) epistemology; and philosophy of science, mind, and language
- Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy: normative ethics; meta-ethics; moral psychology; and contemporary political philosophy
- History of Philosophy: metaphysics; ancient, medieval and (early) modern philosophy

Career prospects
- research (PhD, post-doc)
- education (teaching)
- media (journalism)
- publishing
- consultancy
- civil servant, government official

More information
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WHY CHOOSE US?
- Small, independent faculty, friendly atmosphere, personal supervision
- Upon completion, possibility of applying for a three-year PhD-position
- Possibilities of working as a teaching assistant for undergraduate courses

Application
Application deadline for September (EU and non-EU): 1 May
Application deadline for February: (EU and non-EU): 1 November
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Admission
- Ba degree in Philosophy or Ba degree partly devoted to philosophy (results credited as very good)
- English: TOEFL: 100/120 or IELTS: 7, no score less than 6.5.
- Selective master, further admission requirements apply. See our admission page.