

Programa | Course Description 2021/2022

Unidade Curricular | *Course Unit*

Metafísica

Código da Unidade Curricular | *Course ID*

FIL5.920534

ECTS | *Credits*

7,5

Ciclo de Estudos | *Level*

2º

Semestre | *Semester*

2º

Docente(s) | *Instructor(s)*

David Yates

Língua de ensino | *Language of instruction*

Inglês / English (but students may write exams in Portuguese)

Programa (na língua de ensino) | *Course description (in language of instruction)*

This course introduces several of the central topics in metaphysics. We will begin by focusing on foundational issues relating to the nature of things and properties, the relationship between things and their properties, and the nature of space and time. We then move on to study some applied metaphysics, covering topics including the problem of material constitution, the persistence of things over time, personal identity, the nature of mind, and freewill.

Avaliação (na língua de ensino) | *Grading and Assessment (in language of instruction)*

Evaluation will be based on an essay of around 2000-3000 words (50% each) and an exam (50%). For students who fail the course or wish to improve their grade (melhoria de nota), a final examination will also be available.

Bibliografia (selection) | *Readings (selection)*

Readings will be provided for students via the Moodle platform. The following books are also useful:

Anthologies:

Crane, T. and Farkas, K. eds. *Metaphysics: A Guide and Anthology*. OUP 2004

Kim, J. and Sosa, E. eds. *Metaphysics: An Anthology*. OUP 1999

van Inwagen, P. and Zimmerman, D. eds. *Metaphysics: The Big Questions*. OUP 1998

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Textbooks

Loux, M. J. *Metaphysics: a Contemporary Introduction* 3rd ed. OUP 2006.

Lowe, E. J. *A Survey of Metaphysics*. Oxford: OUP 2002