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|  **UNIVERSITY OF NIŠ** |
| **Course Unit Descriptor** | **Faculty**  | **Faculty of Philosophy** |
| **GENERAL INFORMATION** |
| Study program  | **Philosophy** |
| Study Module (if applicable) |  |
| Course title | **Epistemology 1** |
| Level of study | ☒Bachelor ☐ Master’s ☐ Doctoral |
| Type of course | ☒ Obligatory ☐ Elective |
| Semester  |  ☒ Autumn ☐Spring |
| Year of study  | Third |
| Number of ECTS allocated | 6 |
| Name of lecturer/lecturers | **Biljana M. Radovanovic** |
| Teaching mode |  ☒Lectures ☐Group tutorials ☐ Individual tutorials ☐Laboratory work ☐ Project work ☒ Seminar ☐Distance learning ☐ Blended learning ☐ Other |
| **PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW (max. 5 sentences)** |
| Presentation of the problems related to the theory of knowledge as a philosophical discipline and its characteristics: its name and origin, relation to the other philosophical and scientific disciplines. Problematize the nature of knowledge, the difficulty of defining knowledge itself and its essential characteristics (i.e. what it means to know, to define, to express the essence etc.), but also the role of knowledge in the creation of the man-made world. The course also examines the systems of knowledge and the concepts of reality, validity and certainty |
| **SYLLABUS (brief outline and summary of topics, max. 10 sentences)** |
| Outcome: Students will be able to state and explain the key approaches to knowledge in the history of philosophy, to make comparisons and mark the differences between various philosophical and scientific concepts of knowledge, to present the characteristics of symbolic systems of knowledge and to analyze their logical form, to explain why knowledge is valuable in human life, to determine the meaning of knowledge and belief, the man’s quest for certainty and sceptical objections towards its achievement.Course content: Establishing epistemology as a discipline of philosophy. the subjects and methods of epistemology. the fact of knowledge, static and dynamic aspects of knowledge, knowledge and existence, knowledge and interest, the purpose of knowledge itself and theory of knowledge, spirit and spiritual experience, knowledge, communication and information, the cognitive, mythical and aesthetic symbolic systems of knowledge, knowledge in everyday life, philosophical and scientific cognitive symbolic system, what is belief, certainty, philosophical scepticism and certainty. |
| **LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION** |
| ☒Serbian (complete course) ☐ English (complete course) ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (complete course)☐Serbian with English mentoring ☐Serbian with other mentoring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA** |
| **Pre exam duties** | **Points** | **Final exam** | **points** |
| **Activity during lectures** |  | **Written examination** |  |
| **Practical teaching** |  | **Oral examination** |  |
| **Teaching colloquia** |  | **OVERALL SUM** | **100** |
| **\*Final examination mark is formed in accordance with the Institutional documents** |