Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
PH415	On the Question of Life and Death I	7	3	0	0	3	4

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	French
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	The objective of this course is to open a debate between different approaches on the subjects of death, mourning and melancholy by offering a comparative reading between psychoanalytic thought and contemporary philosophy. The course proposes to reflect not only on the question of life and death, on the relationships between the living and the dead but also on other philosophical problems such as otherness, friendship, fidelity, vulnerability. Selected texts by S. Freud, J. Derrida, R. Barthes and J. Butler will be discussed during the course.
Content	The problem of life and death, the relationship between mourning and melancholy, in the thought of Freud, Derrida, Butler.
References	S. Freud, Deuil et mélancolie. J. Derrida, Donner la mort, Paris, Galilée, 1999. J. Butler, Vie précaire. Les pouvoirs du deuil et de la violence après le 11 septembre 2001. trad. J. Rosanvallon, J. Vidal, Paris, Editions Amsterdam, 2005

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Mourning as an ontological, psychological, social, ethical and political problem between life and death, between one's own death and the death of the other, between individual and collective history.
2	The psychoanalytic conception of mourning, the “work of mourning”.
3	The relationship between the bereaved and the loss of the libidinal object, between “normal” and “pathological” mourning.
4	The aporia of mourning
5	Critique of the modalities of mourning: identification, introjection, incorporation
6	The mourning of mourning: otherness, friendship, fidelity
7	The relationship between photography and death.
8	The relationship between photography and death.
9	Vulnerability as an ontological condition of life
10	Vulnerability as an ontological condition of life
11	The relationship between one's own death and the death of the other.
12	Individual and collective mourning.
13	Individual and collective mourning.
14	Government of relations between the living and the dead.