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 Instru	ion 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.  L. Dutlon, Via précaire. Les pouvaire du davil et de la vialence appès la 11 contembre 2001, trad. L. Reconvollen. L.	

J. Butler, Vie précaire. Les pouvoirs du deuil et de la violence après le 11 septembre 2001. trad. J. Rosanvallon, J.

## Theory Topics

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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.
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9	Vulnerability as an ontological condition of life
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The relationship between one's own death and the death of the other.