

1.	School	Arts
2.	Department	Philosophy
3.	Degree title (Arabic)	الدكتوراة في الفلسفة
4.	Degree title (English)	PhD in Philosophy

	Specialization #	Degree	Dep #	Faculty #	Year	Track
Plan Number		9	03	23	2020	thesis

First: General Rules & Conditions:

1. This plan conforms to valid regulations of the programs of graduate studies.

2. Specialties of Admission:

- The First Priority: MA in Philosophy.
- The second Priority: MA in any field of knowledge, while holding a degree in philosophy (BA, BA major, BA minor).
- The Third Priority: MA in any field.

Second: Special Conditions: None.

Third: Study Plan: Studying (54) Credit Hours as following:

1. Obligatory Courses (21) credit hours:

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs	Theory	Practical	Pre/Co-requisite
2303910	Methods in Contemporary Western Philosophy	3	3	-	-
2303914	Problems in Contemporary Arab Thought	3	3	-	-
2303921	Philosophy of Science	3	3	-	-
2303930	Problems in Political and Social Philosophy	3	3	-	-
2303931	Problems in Islamic Philosophy	3	3	-	-
2303634	Methodology of Philosophical Research	3	3	-	-
2303935	American Philosophy	3	3	-	-

2. Elective Courses (15) Credit Hours: from the following:

Course No.	Course Title	Credit Hrs	Theory	Practical	Pre/Co-requisite
2303911	Contemporary Philosophical Trends	3	3	-	-
2303913	Al-Ghazali and-Ibn-Rushd	3	3	-	-
2303915	Contemporary Trends in Hermeneutic Philosophy	3	3	-	-

2303937	Phenomenology	3	3	-	-
2303938	Figures in Medieval Philosophy	3	3	-	-
2303923	Philosophical Texts in a Foreign Language	3	3	-	-
2303924	Late Islamic Philosophy	3	3	-	-
2303932	Analytic Philosophy	3	3	-	-
2303933	Figures in Modern and Contemporary Philosophy	3	3	-	-
2303936	Special Topic in the Philosophy of Religion	3	3	-	-

3. Pass the qualifying exam (**2303998**).

4. Thesis: (18) Credit hours (**2303999**).

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Course Description

2303910 Methods in Contemporary Western Philosophy (3 cr)

A study of some major methods in contemporary Western philosophy: logical analysis, linguistic analysis, phenomenological method, structuralism method, deconstructive method, historical method, dialectic materialism and historical materialism.

2303914 Problems in Contemporary Arab Thought (3 cr)

A study of some problematic issues in contemporary Arab thought such as : freedom, progress, democracy, heritage, social change, justice, values, human rights, woman right, the problem of nationality and unity , identity, religion and politics, the self and the other; secularism and religion , Al-shura and democray , cultural confrontation and dialogue.

2303 921 Philosophy of Science (3 cr)

“A study of the main problems concerning the philosophies of natural and human science such as: scientific explanation; causality and determinism; laws and scientific theories; progress in scientific knowledge; logic of scientific discoveries; scientific revolutions; truth and method; rationality; objectivity; realism; pessimistic meta-induction and instrumentalism.

2303930 Problems in Political and Social Philosophy (3 cr)

A study of some of the issues discussed in the political and social philosophy such as: the nature of authority its limit and legitimacy; the meaning of political obligation and obligatory; discussing core concepts such as: consensus, recognition, citizenship, justice, freedom, equality, equity, nation, state, revolution, civil society ... etc; evaluating of civil society organizations; concepts in political and social theories: dictatorship, totalitarianism, democracy, liberalism, contemporary social contract; Marxism and post Marxism (European Marxism and Marxism post soviet collapse); alienation and fetishism contemporary social theories (postmodernism and post colonialism).

2303931 Problems in Islamic Philosophy (3 cr)

A study of some important issues in Islamic philosophy such as: Is the universe old or created, problem of causation, powers and actions among God, nature and universe, the problem of omniscience, hermeneutics, the relation between religion and wisdom, theory of happiness in Islamic philosophy, political philosophy of Muslim Philosophers (Al-Farabi, Avicenna, Averroes).

2303634 Methodology of Philosophical Research (3 cr)

A thorough study of methodology of philosophical research and the ways possible of writing a PhD thesis in philosophy: how to choose a topic, how to write a proposal, citation, building a philosophical argument, how to connect and analyze ideas, reading and analyzing philosophical texts.

2303935 American Philosophy (3 cr)

This course examines the distinctive American philosophical movement. Priority will be given to Pragmatism, and some of its representative figures such as: Charles Sanders Peirce, William James and John Dewey, as

well as the contemporary American pragmatism such as Richard Rorty. It considers metaphysical and epistemological questions that were treated by these philosophers. Moreover, consideration would be given the humanistic trend such as: George Santayana and Ralph Barton Perry. The course considers also, some of the philosophers of the American Continent.

2303911 Contemporary Philosophical Trends (3 cr)

A study of some contemporary philosophical trends: Logical empiricism, pragmatism, phenomenology, existentialism, structuralism, analytic philosophy, the critical theory of Frankfurt School, Marxism, post-modernity, philosophy of action, Feminist philosophy.

2303913 Al-Ghazali and Ibn-Rushed (Averroes) (3 cr)

A Comparative study between Al-Ghazali in "The Incoherence of the Philosophers" and Ibn-Rushd' in "The Incoherence of Incoherence"; their views and the relation to neo-Platonism and Gnosticism; metaphysics of being ; God and the universe ; the problem of the world-oldness, the cause-effect relationship; the impact of Al-Ghazali and Ibn-Rushed on later philosophers (Moslems & Europeans).

2303915 Contemporary Trends in Hermeneutic Philosophy (3 cr)

A study of some major trends in contemporary hermeneutics in Arab thoughts such as: Mohammed Shatori; Mohammed Arkon; Nassir Hammed Abu-Zaid and others, or in western philosophy: phenomenological hermeneutics; ontological hermeneutics; critical hermeneutics, deconstructionism; hermeneutics of the science; in addition to texts representing these trends.

2303937 Phenomenology (3 cr)

Husserl's phenomenology and its impact on Existential philosophy, an application of the phenomenological method in Heidegger's "Being and Time" Merleau-Ponty's "Phenomenology of Perception"; the impact of phenomenology on contemporary aesthetics and Gadamer's "Hermeneutics".

2303938 Figures in Medieval Philosophy (3 cr)

This course considers one or more of the figures of medieval philosophy 1) western: Thomas Aquinas, Augustine, Anselm, or 2) Eastern: Ibn Bajjah, Ibn Tofiel, Ibn Maimoon, Yahya Bin Adi, and any other figures from that period.

2303923 Philosophical Texts in Foreign Language (3 cr)

Relevant and selected readings from the history of philosophy and major writings of philosophers such as: Aristotle's "Metaphysics", Descartes' "Meditations", J.S. Mill's "Of liberty and Necessity", W. James' "Pragmatism", Fichte's "Address to the German Nation", Kant's "Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics"

2303924 Late Islamic Philosophy (3 cr)

This Course deals with Islamic philosophy after Avicenna and Averroes as appears in the philosophy of Mirdamad, Sadr ad-din Shirazi, Mulla hadi Sabswari and said al-Nouri, their Metaphysics i.e the originality of essence and existence, their theory of physics and knowledge.

2303932 Analytic Philosophy in the 20th Century (3 cr)

This course explores key themes in the history of Analytic Philosophy. It considers its origins with special emphasis on the work of Frege, Russell, Moore, and Wittgenstein. It explains the development of analytic philosophy, from Oxford realism and logical positivism to the most recent work in analytic philosophy.

2303933 Figures in Modern and Contemporary Western Philosophy (3 cr)

This course considers one or more of the modern or contemporary philosophical figures such as Modern: Kant, Hegel, Marx, Schopenhauer, Fichte, Nietzsche. Contemporary: Habermas and his theory of communicative action, Roland Barthes and his theory on Text, Michel Foucault and Archeology of Knowledge, Jacques Derrida and Deconstruction, Paul Ricoeur, Richard Rorty, John Roles, Slavoj Zizik, or any of the important figures of modern or contemporary philosophers.

2303936 Special Topic in Philosophy of Religion (3 cr)

This course considers one or more of the important issues related to the philosophy of religion, such as: religion and nature (natural religion), Metaphysics and transcendentalism, religion and mind (Kant), and/or considering some of the important figures in philosophy of religion such as: Kant, Spinoza, Feuerbach, Hegel and Kierkegaard.