

PLANO DE ENSINO

Disciplina: FIL 101 - What is Substance? – On Aristotle’s *Metaphysics Z* and beyond

Horário: sexta-feira, 08:30-12:30 **Créditos:** 4

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Súmula

In this graduate course we will go through and discuss a series of passages central for an adequate understanding of Aristotle’s conception of substance and his ontology in general. The focus will be on passages from *Metaphysics Z*, but we will also treat certain passages from *Metaphysics H* and Θ , and other works, such as the *Categories* and the *Posterior Analytics*. Several of these passages pose considerable interpretative problems and many of them have sparked lively debates in the literature. We will have a closer look at some of these debates in our discussions as well.

Objetivo

Through this graduate course the students should gain a deepened understanding of central notions in Aristotle’s ontology. They will become familiar with the interpretative problems concerning several key passages and with related debates in the literature. In consequence they will be able to develop well-informed views of their own and to critically analyse and evaluate others’ views about Aristotle’s ontology.

Conteúdo programático

The topics addressed in this graduate course include among others the characterisation of substance as being separate and $\tau\acute{o}\delta\epsilon\ \tau\iota$, the status of being a primary substance, the concept of essence and the different kinds of real definitions, the question of particular and universal forms, the unity of matter and form, and the concepts of actuality and potentiality.

Método de trabalho

Lectures and discussion

Método de Avaliação

One essay at the end of the course (10-12 pages, ca. 5500-6000 words)

Bibliografia:

Primary Readings: Selections from: *Metaphysics Z*, *H*, Θ ; *Posterior Analytics A*, *B*; *Categories 1-5*, *Physics B*, *C*; more to be announced.

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