

UNIVERSITY of BERGEN  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**FIL 312 Fall 2017**  
**MASTER SEMINAR: SOURCES**  
**FILOSOFISKE KJELDER OG KJELDEKRITIKK**

Faculty responsible      Prof. Sorin Bangu  
Time                         Fall 2017 (weeks 37, 38, 39, 41). Thursday, 12:15 –14  
Place                        12-13 Sydneplass, Room 207  
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                                    **Important: please check your *university email account* often during  
                                    the course, as this is the only address we will use to communicate  
                                    with you.**

**Language of Instruction:** English

**Pre-requirements:** Bachelor degree specializing in philosophy – or equivalent. A condition for entry into this course is having been accepted in the Master program in philosophy. For exact info, see dept. website.

<http://www.uib.no/en/studyprogramme/MAHF-FILO#presentation>

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**The course is mandatory for MA students.**

**Aim and content:** The course will provide students with an introduction to the skills and overview of the knowledge they need to work on the thesis, such as the use of library resources, citation techniques, sources. It will also provide knowledge of what a research proposal shall contain.

After completing the course, the student should be able to write and present a MA proposal. The presentation will take place in the next course **Fil 311/313** and will be attended by the potential supervisor.

**Course value:** 5 credits

**Evaluation:** Pass / Fail. A student passes provided that s/he:

- attends at least 2/3rd of the meetings (=3)
- does at least 2 homeworks.

Schedule:

- **Week 37, 14.09**
  - General advice on writing the MA proposal (and MA thesis)
- **Week 38, 21.09**
  - A close look at an actual MA proposal: comments.
  - Writing *Introductions*: discussion on examples
  - Writing tips
- **Week 39, 28.09**
  - Presentation practice. MA project brainstorm
  - 'The views of others'. Summarizing and presenting an argument by someone else
- **Week 41, 12.10**
  - Presentation practice cont'd
  - Whom should we contact as potential supervisor?
    - Three names, ranked from the list of supervisors
    - Date of the presentation of your MA proposal in Fil 311