**Knowledge and Rationality**

**A.Y. 2024-2025**

**Exam:** Two written essays, delivered in advance. The two essays will need to be focused on two topics: one discussed during the first part of the course, and another discussed in the second part of the course.

**Timing:** The essays must be turned in **at least ten days** before the exam date in which you intend to participate.

**Aspects of the essays considered for the suitability evaluation**

The essays will be considered suitable for evaluation if:

* they will pass a plagiarism check (to check for plagiarism, students can use the University of Pavia's anti-plagiarism program

http://biblioteche.unipv.it/home/risorse/antiplagio);

* the word count of each essay will be within the margins of 3000-4000 words;
* the essays will contain final and in-text bibliographical references;
* The final bibliography of the two essays will include at least three texts from each of the coursecc two-part bibliographies.

In the event that an essay is not considered suitable for evaluation, the student who submitted it will be informed promptly and asked to submit a new version of the paper (which will be considered for the next exam date).

**Aspects of the essays considered for evaluation**

With regard to the form and style of writing, the following elements will be evaluated:

* grammatical and syntactical correctness of propositions and periods;
* the homogeneity and care of the layout;
* the division into paragraphs and sections (possibly also subsections);
* the adequacy of the bibliographical references in the text and in the final bibliography.

Regarding the content of the essays, the following elements will be evaluated:

* the clarity of the titles and subtitles;
* the adequacy of the introduction and conclusion sections;
* the clarity and depth in the presentation and critique of the texts analyzed;
* the originality of the adopted perspective;
* the relevance of the content to the course.

**Conditions of insufficiency**

The assessment of the essays will yield insufficient results if:

* frequent grammatical and syntactical errors seriously undermine the readability of the text;
* one or both essays will be a summary of a course lecture.