

PHIL40003 Topics in Moral Psychology

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: An average of 10 hours each week.
Prerequisites:	Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in philosophy or Gender Studies or to a postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in another area with coordinator approval.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Knowledge gained in 3 year Bachelor of Arts Degree or a Graduate Diploma.
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website : http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	The subject examines recent philosophical developments in the study of the psychology of moral agents. Topics to be covered may include: (1) the nature of rationality. (2) the nature of autonomy. (3) recent feminist contributions to moral psychology. (4) the relation between values and the self. (5) the role of emotion in moral psychology. (6) the relevance of moral psychology to other areas of philosophy such as metaethics.
Objectives:	Students who successfully complete this subject will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have a detailed knowledge of some of the main philosophical issues in moral psychology. # acquire the ability to critically engage with the most recent literature on the issues discussed. # have a sophisticated understanding of the relevance of moral psychology to other areas of philosophy such as metaethics.
Assessment:	A 5000-word essay 100% (due at the end of semester).
Prescribed Texts:	A subject reader will be available.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	Students who successfully complete this subject will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # develop skills in constructing arguments and assessing their strength. # improve their ability to develop and defend their own position with regard to complex theoretical issues.

	# have learnt to present complex ideas clearly.
Links to further information:	http://www.pasi.unimelb.edu.au/
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Gender Studies Gender Studies Gender Studies Philosophy Philosophy Philosophy