

161-310 What is Philosophy?

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus. *
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 1.5-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: *
Prerequisites:	Any four single-semester second/third-year philosophy subjects.
Corequisites:	*
Recommended Background Knowledge:	*
Non Allowed Subjects:	*
Core Participation Requirements:	*
Coordinator:	Dr Francois Schroeter
Subject Overview:	This subject examines the nature of philosophy itself. Students will read what many great philosophers have said about the methods, aims, and ambitions of philosophy. And they will examine how these views have been applied in thinking about metaphysics, epistemology, or morality. The subject provides the opportunity to reflect on different strands in the philosophical tradition, which inspire conflicting projects in contemporary philosophy. It should also encourage students to reflect on the nature and methods of the philosophy they have studied to date. The subject is intended for students nearing completion of a philosophy major, but may also be taken by others.
Assessment:	A written assignment of 2000 words 50% (due mid-semester), a 2-hour closed-book written examination 47% (due at the end of the semester) and seminar participation 3%.
Prescribed Texts:	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:	# develop skills in critical thinking and analysis; # improve their ability to think in theoretical terms; # develop skills in written communication.
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Arts Diploma in Arts (Philosophy) Diploma in Arts (Philosophy) Graduate Certificate in Arts (Philosophy) Graduate Diploma in Arts (Philosophy)