

161-445 Topics in Philosophy

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2008. *
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour lecture/seminar per week Total Time Commitment: *
Prerequisites:	Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in philosophy.
Corequisites:	*
Recommended Background Knowledge:	*
Non Allowed Subjects:	*
Core Participation Requirements:	*
Coordinator:	To be advised
Subject Overview:	This subject examines problems and issues of central interest in current philosophical debate in the areas of metaphysics and the philosophy of language, through a study of selected journal articles and monographs by prominent contemporary philosophers. Typical issues discussed are realism and anti-realism, the ontology of mind, and the nature of objectivity. Students of the subject should attain detailed knowledge of the ideas operative in the topics selected for study, and the background and context necessary for their evaluation.
Assessment:	A 5000-word essay 100% (due at the end of semester).
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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # acquire the background necessary for full appreciation of much contemporary philosophical debate, centering around the themes of the course; # acquire the ability to read and critically to engage with cutting-edge contemporary texts in the areas discussed; # have refined the critical skills necessary for original philosophical research.
Notes:	Previously available as 161-047 and 161-445 Current Issues in Philosophy. Students who have completed 161-047 or 161-445 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.
Related Course(s):	Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (History and Philosophy of Science) Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (Philosophy) Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (History & Philosophy of Science) Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Philosophy)