

PHIL10004 Ideas and Society

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	1 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus. On Campus
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 3 Two 1.5-hour seminars per week Total Time Commitment: 108
Prerequisites:	Admission to the BA (Extended)
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request 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 3Disability Liaison Unit website: 4 http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This subject offers an introduction to three fundamental questions of human society: what does it mean to be human? How do we find 'truth'? And, how should society be organized? The subject will examine some selected responses to these questions presented in seminal texts of the western intellectual tradition, and will invite students' critique and the formulation of their own views. Emphasis will be on how these ideas have shaped the contemporary world as well as its academic conventions, and on students' own responses to the issues and texts. The subject will develop students' analytical skills through the examination of challenging questions, while providing a supportive framework for skills development.
Objectives:	Students who complete this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be aware of a diversity of views on the nature of humanity, the nature of 'truth' and knowledge, and the organisation of society; # have an awareness of some key thinkers and movements of the western intellectual tradition; # understand how such views underlie and have shaped the contemporary political, socio-economic and intellectual world; # have developed some of their own viewpoints on complex issues of human knowledge and society.
Assessment:	A tutorial presentation and 800 word essay due the week after presentation (20%), an essay of 800 words due mid-semester (30%) and a research essay of 1500 words due in the examination period (40%), class participation and attendance (10%).
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 should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have developed their capacity to critically analyse ideas;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"># have the skills to successfully access a variety of information sources and to be able to identify the quality and relevance of this information;# have the skills to effectively analyse source material and to use that material to formulate and support independent opinions;# have the ability to successfully develop and defend their own views in both oral and written essay form.
Notes:	This subject is only available to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (Extended) program.
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Arts (Extended)