

PHIL30047 Objectivity and Value

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	3 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus. Standard
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2 hour lecture and a 1 hour tutorial per week Total Time Commitment: An average of 8.5 hours each week.
Prerequisites:	At least one single-semester philosophy subject or permission from the subject coordinator.
Corequisites:	None.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	As per prerequisites.
Non Allowed Subjects:	This subject was previously offered at 2nd level with the code 161-202. Student who have completed 161-202 Objectivity and Value are not permitted to enrol in this subject.
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:	This subject explores the nature of value - including moral and ethical value, and aesthetic, religious and political value - in human life. Are such values capable of being objectively true or real, or are they essentially "subjective" and/or "relative", having no ground or warrant outside the individual's, or perhaps the culture's, choosing of them? Or is this whole picture of the alternative ways of thinking about value a mistaken picture? If so, where does the truth about value lie?
Objectives:	Students who successfully complete this subject will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be able to apply a range of basic philosophical concepts that have been used to explain the value-orientation of human life and activity # have developed a deeper appreciation of what it means to be a human being living a distinctively human life # be able to bring this appreciation to bear on their other academic studies, and also on the living of their own lives
Assessment:	A written assignment of 2000 words 50% (due mid-semester) and a 2-hour closed-book written examination 50% (held at the end of semester).
Prescribed Texts:	A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop at the beginning of semester.
Recommended Texts:	The coordinator may recommend further reading during the course of the semester .
Breadth Options:	This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Bachelor of Biomedicine (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2010/B-BMED)

	<p># Bachelor of Commerce (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2010/B-COM)</p> <p># Bachelor of Environments (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2010/B-ENVS)</p> <p># Bachelor of Music (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2010/B-MUS)</p> <p># Bachelor of Science (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2010/B-SCI)</p> <p># Bachelor of Engineering (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2010/355AA)</p> <p>You should visit learn more about breadth subjects (http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.</p>
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<p>Students who successfully complete this subject will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have developed their powers of critical and analytical thinking, and be able to apply these powers to problems and issues in other areas of philosophy, and in other disciplines # have acquired a greater capacity both to articulate and express their thoughts, and also to communicate them clearly and directly # have an increased understanding of the impact of social, ethical and cultural context on many areas of human activity
Links to further information:	http://www.pasi.unimelb.edu.au/
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	<p>Philosophy Philosophy Philosophy Philosophy Major Philosophy and Social Theory</p>