

Philosophy

Year and Campus:	2015
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Contact:	Arts Student Centre (http://arts.unimelb.edu.au/arts-student-centre/)
Overview:	<p>Philosophy is the study of the most fundamental aspects of reality and value. Every area of inquiry and endeavour—from art and history through politics and economics to biology and mathematics—generates philosophical issues about our world and our place in it. Philosophers debate the meaning of life and the meaning of adverbs, the analysis of Divine foreknowledge and the analysis of colour, the nature of mathematics and the nature of terrorism.</p> <p>Work in philosophy involves the creative, critical task of constructing, clarifying and comparing ideas. We dig into the fundamental assumptions beneath our everyday views, to see how they hang together, how they can be improved, or how we might have reason to prefer one over another. We learn to take conflicting views seriously, to clarify imprecise concepts, and to synthesize new positions.</p> <p>You learn both traditional and contemporary approaches to individual topics in Philosophy. In tutorials and written work you practice the important skill of advancing cogent and informed arguments of your own.</p> <p>Students go on to apply their philosophical skills in a wide range of different careers where creative and analytic thinking is useful, such as law, education, analysis, advocacy and policy development.</p>
Learning Outcomes:	<p>Students who complete this major will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Possess a broad knowledge and understanding of the discipline of philosophy over a range of different areas, and a deep understanding of some of those areas. They will be able to identify, understand and synthesise major disciplinary themes from among ethics, social and political philosophy, metaphysics, epistemology and logic, across a range of historical periods; # Engage critically with existing philosophical conversations and develop the capacity for critical and creative interventions in those discussions, using a wide range of approaches and independent research skills; # Discern the relevance of philosophical ideas in a wide variety of fields and contexts. This will include recognising and critiquing the epistemological, ontological and ethical assumptions in social, political, scientific, moral, and cultural positions and arguments; # Bring philosophical intelligence and expertise to bear in their studies in disciplines beyond philosophy, and recognise the import of other disciplines for philosophical thinking; # Demonstrate a high-level of fluency in communication and collaboration skills, including oral and written presentation of arguments and effective work in small and large groups; # Be prepared to engage with the possibility of radical critique of their own presuppositions and commitments.
Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>Major</p> <p>A Major in Philosophy consists of eight 12.5-point subjects, totalling 100 points:</p> <p>Level 1 (25 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # One Arts Foundation Subject (../view/current/%21B-ARTS-SPC%2B1001) , Reason (MULT10016) is recommended but not required <p>and one of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # PHIL10002 Philosophy: The Great Thinkers # PHIL10003 Philosophy: The Big Questions <p>Level 2 (37.5 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Three level 2 subjects <p>Level 3 (37.5 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Two level 3 subjects # The compulsory capstone subject PHIL30007 The Philosophy of Philosophy

Total 100 points

Minor

A Minor in Philosophy consists of six 12-point subjects, totalling 75 points.

Level 1 (25 points)

One Arts Foundation Subject, Reason (MULT10016) is recommended but not required

and one of:

PHIL10002 Philosophy: The Great Thinkers

PHIL10003 Philosophy: The Big Questions

Level 2/3 (50 points)

Two level 2 subjects

Two Level 3 subjects

Note: The capstone subject is not available in the minor.

Subject Options:

Philosophy: Level 1 subjects

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PHIL10002 Philosophy: The Big Questions	Semester 1	12.50
PHIL10003 Philosophy: The Great Thinkers	Semester 2	12.50

Level 2

37.5 points from the following:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PHIL20001 Science, Reason and Reality	Semester 1	12.50
PHIL20008 Ethical Theory	Semester 2	12.50
PHIL20018 Matters of Life and Death	Semester 1	12.50
PHIL20030 Meaning, Possibility and Paradox	Semester 2	12.50
PHIL20033 The Philosophy of Mind	Semester 1	12.50
PHIL20038 Nietzsche and Critics	Semester 1	12.50
PHIL20039 The Nature of Reality	Semester 2	12.50
PHIL20040 Greek Philosophy	Semester 2	12.5
PHIL20041 Phenomenology and Existentialism	Semester 2	12.50
PHIL20042 Language, Self and Other	Semester 2	12.50
PHIL20043 History of Early Modern Philosophy	Semester 1	12.5

Level 3

25 points from the following as well as the Capstone subject 161-310 The Philosophy of Philosophy:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PHIL30016 Knowledge and Reality	Semester 2	12.50
PHIL30024 The Foundations of Interpretation	Semester 1	12.50

	PHIL30043 The Power and Limits of Logic	Semester 1	12.50
	PHIL30047 Objectivity and Value	Semester 2	12.50
	PHIL30050 Asian and Comparative Philosophy	Not offered 2015	12.50
	PHIL30051 Justice, Freedom and Equality	Semester 2	12.50
	PHIL30052 Race and Gender: Philosophical Issues	Semester 1	12.50
	Capstone		
	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
	PHIL30007 The Philosophy of Philosophy	Semester 2	12.50
	Other Electives		
	Students can also credit one of the following 3 elective subjects towards a Major in Philosophy		
Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	
HPSC20020 God and the Natural Sciences	Semester 1	12.50	
HPSC30028 Philosophy of Biology	Not offered 2015	12.50	
ISLM30003 Ethical Traditions in Islam	Semester 2	12.50	
Links to further information:	http://philosophy.unimelb.edu.au/		
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Arts		