

Philosophy

Year and Campus:	2016
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Overview:	<p>Studying Philosophy at honours level represents an excellent opportunity to take your academic development beyond a level attainable in the first three years of undergraduate study. Advanced work in philosophy further advances your skills of reasoning and critical analysis, in ways that are valuable to employers. The focus on writing longer pieces of work, in particular the thesis component, also makes for an intellectually rewarding experience, one in which you are granted greater intellectual autonomy than you will have experienced before, including a greater opportunity to pursue your own ideas.</p> <p>The prerequisites for entry to fourth-year honours in Philosophy are completion of all the requirements for the BA, completion of a major in Philosophy and an average of at least H2A (75%) in second and third-year subjects within the major, or equivalent.</p>
Learning Outcomes:	<p>On successful completion of this Honours specialisation, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # possess advanced knowledge and understanding of the discipline of philosophy through coursework in several areas, such as ethics, social and political philosophy, metaphysics, epistemology and logic; and # have a deeper critical understanding of one or more areas of philosophy through completion of an independent research project; and # be able to analyse and critically assess arguments and philosophical positions at a very high level; and # develop excellent communications skills through extended written work, close reading and intense discussion of philosophical texts, and the presentation and discussion of thesis research; and # understand the relevance of philosophical knowledge and skills in the context of other disciplines, to society more generally, and to employers.
Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>Students undertaking pure honours in philosophy must complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # PHIL40019 Philosophy Thesis (37.5 points); and # PHIL40020 Reading and Writing Philosophy (12.5 points); and # Four honours subjects (seminars) in philosophy (50 points). <p>Students undertaking combined honours in philosophy and another program must complete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # PHIL40019 Philosophy Thesis (37.5 points); and # PHIL40020 Reading and Writing Philosophy (12.5 points); and # Two honours subjects in philosophy (25 points); and # Two honours subjects in the combining discipline (25 points). <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Honours thesis in the combining discipline (50 points); and # One honours subject in the combining discipline (12.5 points); and # Three honours subjects in philosophy (37.5 points). <p>Total 100 points</p>
Subject Options:	Philosophy Thesis Subject:

Note: the thesis requires two consecutive semesters of enrolment.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PHIL40019 Philosophy Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.75

Compulsory Subject::

Note: this subject is compulsory for students undertaking pure honours in philosophy and for students undertaking combined honours in philosophy where the thesis is also in philosophy.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PHIL40020 Reading and Writing Philosophy	Semester 1	12.50

Philosophy Honours Subjects:

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PHIL40002 Recent European Philosophy	Semester 1	12.50
PHIL40004 Value Theory	Semester 1	12.50
PHIL40007 Philosophy of Language and Mind	Semester 1	12.50
PHIL40014 Topics in Asian Philosophy	July	12.50
PHIL40005 Topics in Metaphysics	Semester 2	12.50
PHIL40017 Early Modern Philosophy	Semester 2	12.50
PHIL40003 Topics in Moral Psychology	Not offered 2016	12.5
PHIL40013 Uncertainty, Vagueness and Disagreement	Not offered 2016	12.5
PHIL40018 Topics in Contemporary Epistemology	Not offered 2016	12.5

Links to further information:

<http://shaps.unimelb.edu.au/students/honours>

Related Course(s):

Bachelor of Arts (Degree with Honours)