

Graduate Certificate in Arts - Philosophy

Year and Campus:	2016
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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 the Graduate Certificate in Arts in this area of specialisation should:</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; # identify and understand 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 the ability to recognise and critically evaluate 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 outside philosophy, (in the humanities, social sciences and languages, as well as law, science, medicine, engineering, commerce and economics). They will be able to recognise the import of other disciplines for philosophical thinking; # demonstrate a high-level of communication skills, including oral and written presentation of arguments; Demonstrate high level collaboration skills, including effective work in small and large groups; and # critically and constructively engage with radical critique of their own presuppositions and commitments.
Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>Duration: 6 months full-time / 1 year part-time</p> <p>Program Requirements -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # one core subject (12.5 points) # elective subjects (37.5 points) <p>Total 50 points</p> <p>Please note: students can only take 12.5 points of elective subjects at first-year level</p>
Subject Options:	<p>Core Subjects</p> <p>1 core subject (12.5 points)</p>

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PHIL90009 Violence, War and Terrorism	Not offered 2016	12.5
PHIL90032 Inequality and Public Policy	Semester 1	12.5
HPSC90012 Trust, Credibility and Expertise	Semester 2	12.5

Elective Subjects

37.5 points

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Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
PHIL10002 Philosophy: The Big Questions	Semester 1	12.5
PHIL10003 Philosophy: The Great Thinkers	Semester 2	12.5
PHIL20001 Science, Reason and Reality	Semester 1	12.5
PHIL20008 Ethical Theory	Semester 1	12.5
PHIL20018 Matters of Life and Death	Not offered 2016	12.5
PHIL20030 Meaning, Possibility and Paradox	Semester 2	12.5
PHIL20033 The Philosophy of Mind	Semester 1	12.5
PHIL20038 Nietzsche and Critics	Semester 1	12.5
PHIL20039 The Nature of Reality	Semester 2	12.5
PHIL20040 Greek Philosophy	Semester 1	12.5
PHIL20041 Phenomenology and Existentialism	Not offered 2016	12.5
PHIL20042 Language, Self and Other	Semester 2	12.5
PHIL20044 The Ethics of Capitalism	Semester 1	12.5
PHIL30016 Knowledge and Reality	Semester 1	12.5
PHIL30024 The Foundations of Interpretation	Semester 1	12.5
PHIL30043 The Power and Limits of Logic	Semester 2	12.5
PHIL30047 Objectivity and Value	Semester 2	12.5
PHIL30051 Justice, Freedom and Equality	Semester 2	12.5
PHIL30052 Race and Gender: Philosophical Issues	Semester 1	12.5

Links to further information:

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