

# PHIL20008 Ethical Theory

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.5									
<b>Level:</b>	2 (Undergraduate)									
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2016, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.									
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: 35 hours - 2 x 1-hour lectures each week and 1x 1-hour tutorial in weeks 2-12 Total Time Commitment: 170 hours									
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None									
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None									
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	One of the following subjects is recommended but not required: <table border="1" data-bbox="389 685 1485 891"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PHIL10002 Philosophy: The Big Questions</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PHIL10003 Philosophy: The Great Thinkers</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	PHIL10002 Philosophy: The Big Questions	Semester 1	12.50	PHIL10003 Philosophy: The Great Thinkers	Semester 2	12.50
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<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None									
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.&lt;/p&gt; &lt;p&gt;It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt; </p>									
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	This subject critically studies the three classical approaches to moral philosophy: Aristotle 'virtue ethics, Immanuel Kant' deontology, and John Stuart Mill's Utilitarianism. As well as examining works by these great thinkers, we look at debates among the contemporary heirs to the traditions they started.									
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>Students who successfully complete this subject will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># understand the main approaches to the nature of morality, including understanding the historical antecedents to important contemporary approaches to the nature of morality;</li> <li># be able to charitably reconstruct arguments from classic philosophical texts and evaluate their strengths and weaknesses;</li> <li># become more able to defend, and not just coherently state, one's own position with regard to controversial questions in normative ethics;</li> <li># have acquired a background for one's own further philosophical reflection on morality;</li> <li># work individually, and in groups, to create and test arguments.</li> </ul>									
<b>Assessment:</b>	A 2000 word essay, due mid-semester (50%) A 2000 word take home exam, due in the end of semester examination period (50%) Hurdle Requirement: students must attend a minimum of 75% of tutorials in order to pass this subject all pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject Note: Assessment submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at									

	10% per day. After five working days late assessment will not be marked. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Sahfer-Landau (ed) Ethical Theory: An Anthology (Blackwell 2007). This book will be available from the University bookshop at the start of semester.
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	<p>This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># <b>Bachelor of Biomedicine</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/B-BMED">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/B-BMED</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Commerce</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/B-COM">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/B-COM</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Environments</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/B-ENVS">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/B-ENVS</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Music</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/B-MUS">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/B-MUS</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Science</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/B-SCI">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/B-SCI</a>)</li> <li># <b>Bachelor of Engineering</b> (<a href="https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/B-ENG">https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/B-ENG</a>)</li> </ul> <p>You should visit <a href="http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html">learn more about breadth subjects (http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html)</a> and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.</p>
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://shaps.unimelb.edu.au/philosophy">http://shaps.unimelb.edu.au/philosophy</a>
<b>Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:</b>	<p>European Studies  Graduate Certificate in Arts - Philosophy  Graduate Diploma in Arts - Philosophy  Philosophy  Philosophy Major</p>