

# PH133-30 Introduction to Philosophy

**20/21**

**Department**

Philosophy

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 1

**Module leader**

Kirk Surgener

**Credit value**

30

**Module duration**

23 weeks

**Assessment**

74% coursework, 26% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

PH133 Introduction to Philosophy

[Module web page](#)

### Module aims

This module is team taught by a number of academic staff from the Philosophy department to provide a wide-ranging introduction to some of the most important issues and works in philosophy.

The areas covered will be:

Term 1: Ancient Philosophy, Continental Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, Political Philosophy

Term 2: Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Aesthetics

Term 3: Logic

### Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

The following subject areas and approaches will be covered:

Terms 1 and 2:  
Ancient Philosophy  
Moral Philosophy  
Political Philosophy  
Aesthetics  
Continental Philosophy  
Epistemology  
Metaphysics  
Philosophy of Mind

Term 3:  
Logic

## **Learning outcomes**

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Understand main debates in key subject areas of philosophy, such as moral and political philosophy, epistemology and metaphysics, aesthetics, continental philosophy, and logic.
- Articulate their own view of the relative merits of different positions in key debates and engage critically with other points of view.
- Critically analyse and evaluate philosophical arguments in different subject areas of philosophy.
- Recognise the distinctive contributions made by various texts that are central to the history of philosophy and critically engage with the arguments presented therein.

## **Indicative reading list**

See electronic bibliography.

[View reading list on Talis Aspire](#)

## **Subject specific skills**

Knowledge and understanding of core philosophical topics; philosophy essay writing skills; logical analysis and methods.

## **Transferable skills**

Critical evaluation, persuasive writing, logical analysis, critical discussion.

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## **Study**

## **Study time**

Type	Required
Lectures	23 sessions of 2 hours (15%)
Seminars	21 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Private study	233 hours (78%)
Total	300 hours

### Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

### Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

## Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### Assessment group D2

	Weighting	Study time
Written Assignment 1 (1000 words)	10%	
Written Assignment 2 (1000 words)	10%	
Written Assignment 3 (1750 words)	27%	
Written Assignment 4 (1750 words)	27%	
Online Examination	26%	

- Online examination: No Answerbook required

### Feedback on assessment

Feedback on essays will be provided via Tabula, addressing standard areas of evaluation and individual content. Feedback on examinations will be provided in the form of a summary report.

[Past exam papers for PH133](#)

## Availability

### Anti-requisite modules

If you take this module, you cannot also take:

- PH136-15 Logic 1: Introduction to Symbolic Logic
- PH142-15 Central Themes in Philosophy
- PH144-15 Mind and Reality
- PH145-15 Plato and Descartes
- PH149-15 Key Debates in Moral and Political Philosophy

## Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of UPHA-L1CA Undergraduate Economics, Psychology and Philosophy
- Year 1 of UPHA-VQ72 Undergraduate Philosophy and Literature
- UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
  - Year 1 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 1 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 1 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
- UPHA-V7MW Undergraduate Politics, Philosophy and Law
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This module is Optional for:

- Year 1 of UHIA-V1V5 Undergraduate History and Philosophy