PH386-15 Philosophy and Literature Independent Project

22/23

Department
> Philosophy

Level
> Undergraduate Level 3

Module leader
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Credit value
> 15

Module duration
> 15 weeks

Assessment
> 100% coursework

Study location
> University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

The module offers students the opportunity to write a longer essay, typically during the course of one term, on a
specialist interdisciplinary topic of their choice (in philosophy and literature). It aims to encourage students to bridge the two disciplines. It is a particularly useful choice for students thinking of going on to graduate work, but it is also relevant for career destinations requiring skills in gathering and synthesising material.

Registration for the module is dependent on the availability of suitable supervisors. Agreement of supervision arrangements for the independent project follows the same procedures as those used for agreement of supervision arrangements for dissertations. The independent project would usually entail 3 (max 4) supervision sessions with supervisors in the final year, which guide the student's independent work on the essay.

Module aims

To provide students with the opportunity to study philosophy and literature at some depth in supervised

independent research. The agreed topic must span both disciplines.

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.

Students may choose their own subject.

Learning outcomes

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

- Students should be able to understand and discuss at some depth a particular topic, problem or theory in philosophy and literature.
- Students should be able to research the relevant literature, draw up a plan of work, and present their arguments in a clear way.
- Students should be able to isolate the important claims within readings, understand the structure of arguments, test views for strengths and weaknesses, make pertinent use of examples, and compare the substance of views consistently.
- Develop time-management skills in the establishment of a research and writing plan.
- Students should be able to pursue and organize research using a range of sources (print and electronic media), documenting research carefully, and showing the ability to engage independently in interdisciplinary debate.

Research element

Students will be required to complete their own research on a subject of their choice.

Interdisciplinary

The student's subject must combine the study of Philosophy and Literature.

Subject specific skills

Students should be able to pursue and organize research using a range of sources (print and electronic
media), documenting research carefully, and showing the ability to engage independently in interdisciplinary debate.

Transferable skills

Independent research and writing

Study

Teaching split

Provider	Weighting
English and Comparative Literary Studies	50%
Philosophy	50%

Study time

Type	Required
Project supervision	3 sessions of 1 hour (2%)
Private study	147 hours (98%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

Independent research and writing.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A1

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Dissertation	100%		Yes (extension)
Reassessment component is the same			

Feedback on assessment

Feedback on essays will be provided on the coversheet for the essay, addressing standard areas of evaluation and
individual content

Availability

Anti-requisite modules

If you take this module, you cannot also take:

- EN3E0-30 Dissertation
- PH313-30 Dissertation
- PH353-15 Independent Project
- PH385-30 Philosophy and Literature Dissertation

Courses

This module is Option list B for:

- Year 2 of UHIA-V1V5 Undergraduate History and Philosophy
- Year 3 of UPHA-VQ72 Undergraduate Philosophy and Literature
- Year 4 of UPHA-VQ73 Undergraduate Philosophy and Literature with Intercalated Year