

# PH147-30 Introduction to PPL

**24/25**

**Department**

Philosophy

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 1

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

30

**Module duration**

20 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

PH147 Introduction to PPL

[Module web page](#)

### Module aims

The module will essentially comprise of three areas of study:

- a. Legal skills
- b. Academic literature/theories/debates from the intersections of politics, philosophy, and law.
- c. Core cases – legal skills plus seeing how real case law asks political and philosophical questions.

This module introduces students to a range of concepts, theories, and issues that are central to the study of Philosophy, Politics and Law.

Since students will be receiving separate training in each of the disciplines, it focuses on the intersections between the 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.

Please note that this is illustrative. The exact topics will change year-to-year, with input from whoever is teaching the course that year.

Term 1: Reading Cases, Reading Legislation, The Rule of Law, Moral Luck, Civil Disobedience, Judicial Review and Democracy

Term 2: Cases

## **Learning outcomes**

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

- An understanding of key concepts, theories, problems, and methods in moral, political, legal thinking and how the three interact.
- Engagement in rigorous analytic thinking and advancement of views through careful reading and discussion in seminars.
- Ability to read and interpret legal cases.
- Ability to identify the legal, political, and philosophical issues that legislation and legal cases raise, and some of the political, philosophical, and legal theories that can shed light on these.
- Ability to understand the way in which the study of law, politics, and philosophy complement one another.
- Ability to understand key theories and issues to be found at the intersections of law, politics, and philosophy, including topics from legal philosophy, political theory, and the study of law and politics.

## **Indicative reading list**

See online reading list.

[View reading list on Talis Aspire](#)

## **Interdisciplinary**

Taught jointly by Philosophy, Politics and International Studies, and Law.

## **Subject specific skills**

TBC

## **Transferable skills**

TBC

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## **Study**

## Teaching split

Provider	Weighting
Philosophy	34%
Politics & International Studies	33%
School of Law	33%

## Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	18 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Seminars	18 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Online learning (independent)	(0%)
Private study	264 hours (88%)
Total	300 hours

## Private study description

Private study.

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

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

### Assessment group A5

	Weighting	Study time
Essay 1	50%	
Essay 2	50%	

## Feedback on assessment

Students will be able to submit three essays, and the two highest marks will contribute 50% to the overall module mark.

Detailed written feedback will be provided on all three essays.

Detailed and regular feedback will be provided throughout the module seminars.

Students may consult their seminar tutor in addition during their weekly advice and feedback

hours.

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## **Availability**

## **Courses**

This module is Core for:

- UPHA-V7MW Undergraduate Politics, Philosophy and Law
  - Year 1 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law
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