

PH134-30 Introduction to Philosophy Without Logic

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Department

Philosophy

Level

Undergraduate Level 1

Module leader

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Credit value

30

Module duration

20 weeks

Assessment

Multiple

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

PH134 - Introduction to Philosophy (without logic)

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

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

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
- 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
- recognize 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

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

[Specific reading list for the module](#)

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.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	18 sessions of 2 hours (12%)
Seminars	17 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Private study	247 hours (82%)
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.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group D3

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Written Assignment 1 (1000 words)	10%		Yes (extension)
Written Assignment 2 (1000 words)	10%		Yes (extension)
Centrally-timetabled examination (On-campus) 3 hour exam	80%		No

Assessment group R2

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
On-Campus Examination 3 hour exam	100%		No

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 PH134](#)

Availability

Anti-requisite modules

If you take this module, you cannot also take:

- PH145-15 Plato and Descartes
- PH144-15 Mind and Reality
- PH149-15 Key Debates in Moral and Political Philosophy

Courses

This module is Core for:

- UIPA-V5L8 Undergraduate Philosophy and Global Sustainable Development
 - Year 1 of V5L8 Philosophy and Global Sustainable Development
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