

Course Title: **Introduction to Philosophy**

Course Code: **PHIL500**

Descriptor Start Date: **02/01/2025**

POINTS: **15.00**

LEVEL: **5**

PREREQUISITE/S:

COREQUISITE/S:

RESTRICTION/S:

LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

Total learning hours: 150

PRESCRIPTOR

Philosophy is an open-ended activity that helps us deal with the most fundamental questions about the real, the good, the true and the beautiful. This course is an introduction to the basic issues in philosophy. It covers a range of themes developed by the Western philosophical tradition, such as the nature of reality, the existence of God, the morality of our actions, the relation between mind and body, the meaning of life, the problem of knowledge and free will. Students will engage in thinking philosophically about these matters and articulate their own views as they are introduced to key philosophical works and thinkers.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the thinkers and concepts discussed in the course.
2. Identify and evaluate philosophical perspectives.
3. Examine personal beliefs and values through engagement with philosophical theories, principles, and concepts.
4. Articulate and argue for or against a philosophical position.

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CONTENT

Topics may include:

- World's philosophies and their impact on various cultures across the world
- Pre-Socratic philosophy
- Classical Greek philosophy
- Ethics (axiology)
- Philosophy of religion
- Sources of knowledge (epistemology)
- Political philosophy
- Reality and Being (metaphysics & ontology)
- Aesthetics
- Human nature, the Self, the mind-body problem
- The meaning of life

LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

An appropriate range of strategies that may include lectures, workshops & online learning.

ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Mid-semester test (summative)	20.00	1, 2
Final test (summative)	20.00	1, 2
Philosophical Reflection (summative)	60.00	1, 2, 3, 4

Grade Map

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A+ A A- Pass with Distinction
B+ B B- Pass with Merit
C+ C C- Pass
D Fail

Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

Obtain a final minimum mark C- overall in the course.

LEARNING RESOURCES

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Related Programme/s: AK3002

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