Masters in Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy

Programme Requirements

### Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy - MLitt

60 credits from Module List: PY5101 - PY5103 and
60 credits from Module List: PY5202 - PY5204, PY5209, PY5312, PY5314 -PY5315, PY5318 -PY5319
PY5099 (60 credits)

**Further requirements**
Choose 180 credits in academic year
Other modules approved by the MLitt Convenor outwith the range (PY5202 - PY5204, PY5209, PY5312, PY5314 -PY5315, PY5318 -PY5319) may also be available

**MPhil:**
120 credits as for Taught Element plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

#### Compulsory modules:

### PY5101 Current Issues in Philosophy 1

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This module, together with PY5102 Current Issues II in semester 2, covers recent work in four central areas of philosophy, each of them in a section of 11 hours. The four areas are Epistemology, Ethics, Philosophy of Language and Philosophy of Mind.

Epistemology and Ethics will be covered in PY5101, Philosophy of Language and Philosophy Mind will be covered in PY5102.

The Epistemology section will include topics from among the following: definition of knowledge; tracking and reliability conditions for knowledge; modal requirements on knowledge (safety and sensitivity); scepticism, contextualism and closure; peer-disagreement.

The Ethics section will include topics from among the following: the relation between morality, human nature and the diversity of human practices and societies; what the concept of rights adds to a morality of duties, goals and reasons; double effect and the moral significance of intention; questions in meta-ethics about the supervenience of the normative on non-normative facts.

**Programme module type:** Compulsory for Epistemology, Mind and Language, Logic and Metaphysics, History of Philosophy, Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy and Philosophy Postgraduate Programmes.

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 2 hours.

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework = 100%

**Additional information from School:** This class will take place at the University of Stirling

**Module coordinator:** Dr R Cruft and Dr S Roca Royes
PY5102 Current Issues in Philosophy 2

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This module continues the critical survey of recent work in philosophy begun in PY5101. PY5102 covers Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Language as main components.

The Philosophy of Mind section will include some of the following topics: the relation between the mental and the physical; mental causation; consciousness; rationalizing explanation; the normative dimension of mentality.

The Philosophy of Language section will include topics from among the following: how words come to have content, the relation between use, meaning and saying, the relation between meaning, truth, and reference.

Programme module type: Compulsory for Epistemology, History of Philosophy, Logic and Metaphysics, Mind and Language, Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy and Philosophy Postgraduate Programmes.

Learning and teaching methods and delivery: Weekly contact: 2 hours.

Assessment pattern: Coursework = 100%

Module coordinator: Dr D Ball and Dr S Prosser

PY5103 Research Methods

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The Research Methods module is a core module for all students taking the Graduate Diploma or MLitt programme. The module aims to foster the range of skills required for independent research in philosophy. These skills run from the most concretely practical, such as knowledge of the main research resources and how to access them, to the most abstract, such as the ability to uncover the background and context of a specific issue (how it originated, what framework is presumed in a particular author's treatment of it, what other ways of thinking of the issue might be available, what literature is relevant to it, and so forth) in a way that allows one to develop an independent conception of how the issue is best addressed.

While these are general skills that will be important in your work in any branch of philosophy, they can be developed only in application to some substantive philosophical position or issues. For that reason, the module is run as a book seminar; weekly meetings will involve discussion introduced by student presentations on issues drawn from or connected with the chosen book.

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Learning and teaching methods and delivery: Weekly contact: 2 hours.

Assessment pattern: Coursework = 100% (Research Proposal - 33%, 4,000 Word Essay - 67%)

Additional information from School: This class will take place at the University of Stirling

Module coordinator: Dr P Ebert
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PY5099 Dissertation for MLitt Programme

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Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by mid-August.

Programme module type: Compulsory for Epistemology, Mind and Language, Logic and Metaphysics, History of Philosophy, Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy and Philosophy Postgraduate Programmes.

Learning and teaching methods and delivery: **Weekly contact:** Individual supervision.

Assessment pattern: Coursework (Dissertation) = 100%

Module coordinator: None - individual supervision

Optional modules:

**PY5203 Kant**

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This module will focus on Kant’s critical philosophy. The primary text will be one of his three Critiques, and it may include consideration of themes in Kant’s political philosophy, philosophy of religion or philosophy of history. The Cambridge translations are recommended.

Programme module type: Optional for History of Philosophy, Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy and Philosophy Postgraduate Programmes, or other postgraduate programmes within the Department as approved by the MLitt Convenor.

Learning and teaching methods and delivery: **Weekly contact:** 2 hours.

Assessment pattern: Coursework = 100%

Module coordinator: Prof J Timmermann

**PY5312 Aesthetics**

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This module will consider a number of philosophical questions that arise from reflection on the creation, understanding and evaluation of works of art. Topics to be covered may include the nature of art and the aesthetic, the logic of aesthetic judgement, aesthetic value, interpretation and appreciation.

Programme module type: Optional for Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy, or Philosophy Postgraduate Programmes, or other postgraduate programmes within the Department as approved by the MLitt Convenor.

Learning and teaching methods and delivery: **Weekly contact:** 2 hours.

Assessment pattern: Coursework = 100%

Module coordinator: Prof B Gaut
### PY5315 Philosophy of Law

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This module covers the relationship between morality and the law, while also attending to whether the various understandings of that relationship are compatible with classic political principles such as the harm principle and the principle of liberal neutrality. It examines the question of whether the law generates moral reasons and whether it should be used to enforce morality, with this latter question being discussed both in the abstract and with respect to three case-studies: exploitation, coercion and blackmail. No prior exposure to philosophy of law is presumed.

**Programme module type:** Optional for Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy, or Philosophy Postgraduate Programmes, or other postgraduate programmes within the Department as approved by the MLitt Convenor.

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 2 hours.

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework = 100%

**Module coordinator:** Dr B Sachs

### PY5318 Political Philosophy

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This module will focus on liberalism and its critics. We will examine liberalism's central features and explore the variety of liberal theories (from minimal-state 'classical liberalism' to 'welfare capitalism'). Criticisms of liberalism take many forms, and initially we shall investigate the contemporary communitarian critique of liberalism. If time permits we may also look at some feminist theories which are critical of both liberalism and communitarianism.

**Programme module type:** Optional for Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy or Philosophy Postgraduate Programmes, or other postgraduate programmes within the Department as approved by the MLitt Convener.

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 2 hours.

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework = 100%

**Module coordinator:** Dr E Ashford and Dr A Etinson

### PY5319 Topics in Recent Moral Theory

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This module aims to provide in-depth critical discussion of selected work in ethics from the last five years or so. Topics will be chosen in consultation with students. The module may range into meta-ethics as well as normative moral theory and will take the form of seminars with detailed discussion of a selected book or series of papers.

**Programme module type:** Optional for Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy, or Philosophy Postgraduate Programmes, or other postgraduate programmes within the Department as approved by the MLitt Convenor.

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 2 hours.

**Assessment pattern:** Coursework = 100%

**Module coordinator:** Prof T Mulgan and Dr T Pummer