

Philosophy (PY) modules

PY1010 Mind and World			
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 7	Semester 1
Academic year:	2018/9		
Planned timetable:	11.00 am - 12.00 noon Mon, Tue, Thu, and occasional Fri		
This module provides an introduction to philosophical issues in metaphysics and philosophy of mind. These include questions such as: What is the relation between the mind and the material world? Is the mind a part of the scientific, law-governed material world? If so, can I really act freely? If the mind is part of the material world, how could a material thing be conscious? What, fundamentally, are material things and their properties? What is it for one event to cause another? What is time, and what is change? How can physical objects persist through change? Can a person persist through time and change and still be the same person?			
Anti-requisite(s)	You cannot take this module if you take PY1005 or take PY2801 or take PY2902		
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3 lectures and 1 tutorial.		
	Scheduled learning: 39 hours	Guided independent study: 161 hours	
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 50%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 50%		
	As used by St Andrews: 2-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%		
Re-assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 100%		
Module coordinator:	Dr S J Prosser		
Module teaching staff:	Team taught		

PY1011 Moral and Political Controversies			
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 7	Semester 1
Academic year:	2018/9		
Planned timetable:	5.00 pm - 6.00 pm Mon, Tue, Thu, and occasional Fri		
Philosophy has often been said to begin with the question 'how ought we to live?' This module introduces students to fundamental questions and problems in moral philosophy (how should we live? What ought we to do? What is it to be a good human being?) and in political philosophy (how ought we to live together?). In moral philosophy we will look at both applied ethics (exploring particular moral issues, such as our obligations to those in severe need, and our treatment of non-human animals) and normative ethics (exploring theoretical approaches to tackling such issues, for example utilitarian, Kantian and virtue ethics). In political philosophy, we will explore central concepts such as liberty, equality, and democracy, and consider the extent to which we should give up some of our freedom in exchange for the protection of the state.			
Anti-requisite(s)	You cannot take this module if you take PY1105 or take PY1106 or take PY1801 or take PY1901		
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3 lectures and 1 tutorial.		
	Scheduled learning: 39 hours	Guided independent study: 161 hours	
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 50%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 50%		
	As used by St Andrews: 2-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%		
Re-assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 100%		
Module coordinator:	Dr L A Jones		
Module teaching staff:	Team taught		

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PY1012 Reasoning				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 7	Semester	2
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	5.00 pm - 6.00 pm Mon, Tue, Thu, and occasional Fri			
	This module introduces the essential concepts and techniques of critical reasoning, formal propositional logic, and basic predicate logic. Among the central questions are these: what distinguishes an argument from a mere rhetorical ploy? What makes an argument a good one? How can we formally prove that a conclusion follows from some premises? In addressing these questions, we will also cover topics such as argumentative fallacies, ambiguity, argument forms and analyses, induction versus deduction, counterexamples, truth-tables, truth-trees (tableaux), natural deduction, and quantification.			
Anti-requisite(s)	You cannot take this module if you take PY1006 or take PY1802			
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3 lectures and 1 tutorial.			
	Scheduled learning: 43 hours		Guided independent study: 157 hours	
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 100%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 0%			
	As used by St Andrews: 1.5-hour Written Examination = 40%, Coursework (2 x class tests) = 60%			
Re-assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr E N Glick			
Module teaching staff:	Team taught			

PY1013 The Enlightenment				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 7	Semester	2
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	11.00 am - 12.00 noon Mon, Tue, Thu			
	This module provides an introduction to central figures, works and ideas of the period of the European Enlightenment (roughly 1700-1800), beginning with an account of its historical background and ending with a review of its legacy. It will approach issues both thematically and through the writings of major thinkers, considering for example various contrasts: experience and reason, belief and scepticism, individual and society, nature and convention, equality and inequality and representation and revolution; and looking at the ideas of such figures as Locke, Hume, Kant, Smith, and Rousseau.			
Anti-requisite(s)	You cannot take this module if you take PY2004 or take PY2901 or take PY1106			
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3 lectures and 1 tutorial.			
	Scheduled learning: 43 hours		Guided independent study: 157 hours	
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 50%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 50%			
	As used by St Andrews: 2-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%			
Re-assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Prof J A Harris			
Module teaching staff:	Team taught			

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PY2010 Intermediate Logic

SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 8	Semester	1
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Mon, Tue, Thu and occasional Fri			
	This module aims to further develop students' understanding of formal logic by the study of a broad array of systems of logic. The module covers classical, modal, intuitionistic, and other non-classical logics, looking at both propositional and quantified versions. Particular attention is paid to the difference between semantics and proof theory for such systems.			
Pre-requisite(s):	Before taking this module you must pass PY1006 or pass PY1012			
Anti-requisite(s)	You cannot take this module if you take PY2001			
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3 lectures and 1 tutorial. Optional weekly logic surgeries may also be available, based on demand.			
	Scheduled learning: 39 hours		Guided independent study: 161 hours	
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 50%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 50%			
	As used by St Andrews: 2-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%			
Re-assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr A Cotnoir			
Module teaching staff:	Team taught			

PY2011 Foundations of Western Philosophy

SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 8	Semester	1
Academic year:	2018/9			
Planned timetable:	3.00 pm - 4.00 pm Mon, Tue, Thu and occasional Fri			
	This module provides an introduction to central figures, texts and ideas of the period of Ancient Philosophy. Classical Greek philosophy - specifically the works of Plato and Aristotle - will always be at the core of the module. The study of Plato and Aristotle can serve as a focus for discussing either earlier (presocratic) or later philosophical developments. Themes covered will include: the nature of thought, natural science, the human mind, the theory of knowledge, metaphysics and the good life of the individual and of society.			
Anti-requisite(s)	You cannot take this module if you take PY2003			
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3 lectures and 1 tutorial.			
	Scheduled learning: 39 hours		Guided independent study: 161 hours	
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 50%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 50%			
	As used by St Andrews: 2-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%			
Re-assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 100%			
Module coordinator:	Dr B M Sattler			
Module teaching staff:	Team taught			

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PY2012 Meaning and Knowing			
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 8	Semester 2
Academic year:	2018/9		
Planned timetable:	2.00pm - 3.00 pm Mon, Tue, Thu and occasional Fri		
<p>This module aims to provide a comprehensive foundation in both epistemology (the theory of knowledge) and the philosophy of language. It will typically cover the following central questions in epistemology: What is knowledge? What is evidence? Can we trust the evidence of the senses? Can we defeat the sceptic about knowledge? What are the limits of knowledge? What is the nature of belief? When is a belief a good belief? What is the nature of perception? What is the difference between mathematical knowledge and empirical knowledge? Questions covered on the philosophy of language component may include: What is communication? What is linguistic meaning? What is the difference between saying and implying? What is it for an expression to be context-sensitive? What is the nature of metaphor? Topics which span both components of the module include: internalism and externalism.</p>			
Anti-requisite(s)	You cannot take this module if you take PY3701		
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3 lectures and 1 tutorial.		
	Scheduled learning: 43 hours	Guided independent study: 157 hours	
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 50%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 50%		
	As used by St Andrews: 2-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%		
Re-assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 100%		
Module teaching staff:	Team taught		

PY2013 Moral and Aesthetic Value			
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 8	Semester 2
Academic year:	2018/9		
Planned timetable:	3.00 pm - 4.00 pm Mon, Tue, Thu and occasional Fri		
<p>This module examines moral values, aesthetic values, and the relationship between them. Issues typically addressed may include the objectivity of moral and aesthetic values, the role of disagreement in morality and aesthetics, the relativity of moral and aesthetic judgement, the presence or the absence of principles in the moral and aesthetic domains, the possibility of moral and aesthetic knowledge, and the relation of morality and aesthetics to experience.</p>			
Anti-requisite(s)	You cannot take this module if you take PY2101 or take PY3702		
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3 lectures and 1 tutorial.		
	Scheduled learning: 43 hours	Guided independent study: 157 hours	
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 50%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 50%		
	As used by St Andrews: 2-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%		
Re-assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 100%		
Module coordinator:	Dr J Snedegar		
Module teaching staff:	Team taught		