PD — PHILOSOPHY

Offered by the Department of Philosophy. For contact details consult the Faculty of Arts entry in the Faculties, Schools and Departments chapter.

PD 100 Introductory Philosophy
#10 (2C) 1;2
Coordinator: Dr J. Lamont.
Assessment: Assignment & examination.
Philosophical discussion of topics such as meaning of life, existence of God, bases for knowledge, nature of a person, free will, personal continuity & human nature.

PD 102 Introduction to Logic
#10 (2C) 2nd
Coordinator: Prof. G. Priest.
Assessment: Two tests.
Study of formalisms of classical propositional & predicate calculus, using semantic & proof-theoretic techniques for testing provability, validity & logical truth.

PD 111 Critical Reasoning
#10 (2C) 1st
Inc: PD101
Coordinator: Dr D. Hyde.
Assessment: Examination & essay.

PD 113 Introductory Moral Philosophy
#10 (2C) 2nd
Coordinator: Dr A.T. Nuyen.
Assessment: Assignment & examination.
Theories about right action, about what's good — including character of the good human life.

PD 130 Philosophy East & West
#10 (2C) 2nd
Coordinator: Dr A.T. Nuyen.
Assessment: Assignment & examination.
Comparative study of Eastern & Western views on key philosophical issues (e.g. knowledge, morality, free will, mind & body, God, the soul). Eastern traditions to be examined include: Chinese, Indian & various Asian religions.

PD 140 Philosophy & Sexuality
#10 (2C) 1st
Coordinators: Dr R. Lamb & Prof. G. Priest.
Assessment: Assignment & examination.
Discussion of issues related to human sexuality: homosexuality, prostitution, love, perversion etc.

PD 150 Science, Technology & Society
#10 (2L1T) 1st
Coordinator: Dr W.L. Grey.
Assessment: Assignment & end-of-course examination. Examination of key technologies together with their associated concepts & values which have been instrumental in shaping the social, cultural & natural world.

**PD 200 Epistemology & Metaphysics**  
#10 (2L1T) 1st  
Pre: any PD subj. other than PD101  
Coordinators: Dr R. Lamb & Prof. G. Priest.  
Assessment: Assignments, take-home examinations, or some combination of both. Problems in epistemology & metaphysics.

**PD 201 Representation & Reality: The Philosophy of Language**  
#10 (3C) 2nd  
Pre: #10 of any EL, IC, PD or PY subj.  
Coordinator: Dr D. Brown.  
Assessment: Essays, quizzes, take-home examinations, or some combination of these. Philosophical questions concerning language & its connection to the world. Topics include: the nature of meaning, how language refers to the world, truth & metaphorical & other uses of language.

**PD 203 Thinking About Logic: An Introduction to Philosophical Issues in Logic**  
#10 (2L1T) 1st  
Pre: #10 of any PD subj. or MP108 or 178 or MT108 P: PD102 or 111  
Coordinator: Dr D. Hyde.  
Assessment: Essays. Philosophical issues arising in relation to modern logic, including: argument validity, truth-functionality, conditionals, quantification, necessity & the notion of a logical constant.

**PD 205 Consciousness, Rationality & the Emotions: The Philosophy of Mind**  
#10 (2L1T) NOT 2000  
Pre: #10 of any IC or PD or PY subjs or permission of subject coordinator Inc: PD201 before 1999  
Coordinator: Dr D. Brown.  
Assessment: Assignment & test. Classical & contemporary problems in philosophy of mind such as nature of consciousness, relationship of mind, bodies & machines, & representationality & rationality of emotions.

**PD 210 Modal Logic & Possible-World Semantics**  
#10 (3C) NOT 2000  
Pre: MP108 or 178 or MT108 or PD102 [For BA Inc: PD242]  
Coordinator: Prof. G. Priest.  
Assessment: Assignments, take-home examinations, or some combination of both. Extensions & rivals to (classical) logic of PD102. Modal logic & some of: intuitionism, conditional, paraconsistent, relevant, deontic, dynamic & fuzzy logics. Formal details & philosophical adequacies of constructions.

**PD 213 Ethical Theory**  
#10 (2L1T) 1st  
Pre: any PD subj. other than PD101  
Coordinators: Dr W. Grey & Dr J. Lamont.  
Assessment: Assignments, take-home examinations, or some combination of both.
Contemporary philosophical issues in ethics such as nature of moral judgments & justification of major normative theories.

**PD 214 Ethical & Social Issues**  
#10 (2L1T) 2nd  
Pre: any PD subj. or any 1st year subj. in AS, AY, EC, ED, GT, HT, PY, SO or #50 from BSc Part A Inc: PD390  
Coordinator: Dr A.T. Nuyen.  
Assessment: Assignment & examination.  
Contemporary social issues such as abortion, euthanasia, bioethics, environmental issues, individual freedom, pornography & censorship.

**PD 216 Philosophy of Science**  
#10 (2L1T) 2nd  
Pre: any PD subj. or level 1 subj. from BSc Part A  
Coordinator: Dr G. Malinas.  
Assessment: Assignment & examination.  
What is scientific knowledge & scientific understanding? How are competing theories evaluated & are such evaluations reasonable?

**PD 217 Philosophy of Social Science**  
#10 (2L1T) 2nd  
Pre: #50  
Coordinator: Dr G. Malinas.  
Assessment: Essay, final examination & tutorial participation.  
Examination of aims & presuppositions of systematic social inquiry. Do the intentionality of thought & action & human freedom pose insuperable obstacles to a scientific understanding of human action & societies?

**PD 218 Rationalism & Empiricism**  
#10 (3C)  
Pre: any PD subj. other than PD101  
Coordinator: Dr R.E. Lamb.  
Assessment: Assignment & examination.  
Themes in history of rationalism & empiricist reaction to it. Innatism, apriorism & necessitarianism.

**PD 219 Feminist Philosophy**  
#10 (2L1T)  
Pre: #40 or ID119 or any PD subj. other than PD101  
Coordinator: Dr M. Boulous Walker.  
Assessment: Essay & take-home examination.  
Feminism in relation to Western philosophy through examination of concepts such as reason & subjectivity to explore the silencing of women. Writers such as Michèle le Doeuff, Julia Kristeva, Luce Irigaray, Hélène Cixous & Marguerite Duras considered.

**PD 221 Environmental Philosophy**  
#10 (2L1T) 2nd  
Pre: #60 P: any level 1 PD subj. other than PD101  
Coordinator: Dr W. Grey.  
Assessment: Assignment & examination.
Introduction to some philosophical & evaluational problems occasioned by technological development in an originally natural environment. Critical reflection & exposure to specifically philosophical literature on the environment & on various understandings of nature of a proper human relationship to the environment.

**PD 230 Phenomenology & Existentialism**

#10 (2L1T) 1st

Pre: any PD subj. other than PD101 or permission of lecturer

Coordinator: Dr M. Boulous Walker.

Assessment: Assignments, take-home examinations, or some combination of both.

Development of contemporary Continental Philosophy through major texts of phenomenology & existentialism, including work by Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, Beauvoir, Merleau-Ponty, Levinas, Irigaray & Camus.

**PD 231 20th Century French & German Philosophy**

#10 (2L1T)

Pre: any PD subj. or #60 any subjs Inc: PD230 taken prior to 1992 P: another PD subj.

Coordinator: Dr A.T. Nguyen.

Assessment: Assignment & examination.

Major philosophical movements in France & Germany in 20th century: structuralism, poststructuralism, hermeneutics & critical theory. Discussion of affinities between Continental schools & analytical philosophy.

**PD 233 Political Philosophy**

#10 (2L1T)

Pre: GT105 or any PD subj. except PD101

Assessment: Assignments, take-home examinations, or some combination of both.

Discussion of topics in political philosophy including some of: the state, democracy, liberty, alienation, social justice, ideology, revolution; interpretations of some political philosophers, e.g. Marx.

**PD 250 Philosophy of Art**

#10 (2L1T)

Pre: #30 any Arts, Science or Architecture subjs or permission of lecturer Inc: PD251 taken prior to 1993

Coordinator: Dr M. Boulous Walker.

Assessment: Essay & take-home examination.

Issues in Continental Aesthetics. Exploration of relations between philosophy & art, via work of Plato, Kant, Heidegger, Benjamin, Adorno, Deleuze, Lyotard & Kristeva.

**PD 251 Philosophy of Literature**

#10 (3C) 1st

Pre: any PD subj. other than PD101 or #60 with permission of lecturer Inc: PD250 taken before 1992

Coordinator: Dr M. Boulous Walker.

Assessment: Assignments, take-home examinations, or some combination of both.

Exploration of relations between philosophy & literature. Includes Nietzschean readings of philosophy as literature, along with exploration of Nietzschean legacy in contemporary French & German texts.

**PD 260 Greek Philosophy**
#10 (2L1T) 1st
Pre: any PD subj. other than PD101 Inc: ID207 P: PD218
Coordinator: Dr R. Lamb.
Assessment: Assignment & examination.
Introduction to philosophic thought of the pre-Socratics, Socrates, Plato & Aristotle, & thus an introduction to origins of philosophical traditions underpinning Western cultures.

PD 261 Chinese Philosophy
#10 (2L1T)
Pre: any PD subj. P: PD130
Examination of major schools of Chinese philosophy including Taoism, Confucianism & Neo-Confucianism through key texts such as I-Ching, Tao-Te-Ching, the Chuang Tzu, the Analects, the Great Learning, etc.

PD 275 Economic Justice
#10 (2L1T)
Pre: any PD subj. or any subj. in CO or EC or GT or LA or SO or SS or permission of subject coordinator
Assessment: Mid-semester test, assignment & tutorial participation.
Rationally choosing modern 'economic' policies & reforms involves weighing many arguments, few of which are purely economic in nature. Examination of essential normative components of these arguments for different policies affecting distribution of income, wealth & employment.

PD 285 Crime & Punishment: Issues in Legal Justice
#10 (2L1T) 1st
Pre: any PD subj. or any subj. in AY or GT or LA or SO or SS or permission of subject coordinator.
Coordinator: Dr J. Lamont.
Assessment: Tests, assignment & tutorial participation.
Critical examination of attempts to justify punishment & of various legal excuses such as mental illness, mistakes, "childhood conditioning" & "battered women's syndrome". Other topics include capital punishment, legal justice, civil disobedience & dangerous offenders.

PD 296 Business & Professional Ethics
#10 (2L1T) 2nd
Pre: any PD subj. or any subj. in CO or EC or GT or LA or SO or SS or permission of subject coordinator Inc: PD294
Coordinator: Dr J. Lamont.
Assessment: Tests & assignments.
Examination of ethical issues arising from employment in government, semi-government corporations, private firms & professional practice. Topics include: “social responsibilities” & the free market; stakeholder theory; conflicts of interest, insider trading, whistle-blowing; privacy; sexual harassment; morality of deception & bluffing; employee rights.

PD 330 Special Topic A
#10 1;2
Pre: #160 incl. #40 of any adv. PD subjs or permission of Head of Dept
Assessment: At least two papers or equiv.
Timetable can be varied to suit students & staff. Students must discuss proposed area of study with Head of Department.
NOTE: It is necessary to fill in a departmental application form when enrolling for this subject. The form is available from the Department of Philosophy office.

**PD 331 Special Topic B**  
#10 1;2  
Pre: #160 incl. #40 of any adv. PD subjs or permission of Head of Dept  
Assessment: At least two papers or equiv.  
Timetable can be varied to suit students & staff. Students must discuss proposed area of study with Head of Department.  
NOTE: It is necessary to fill in a departmental application form when enrolling for this subject. The form is available from the Department of Philosophy office.

**PD 361 Contemporary Philosophy 1**  
#10 (3C) 1st  
Pre: #40 of PD subjs including #20 of adv. PD subjs  
Coordinator: Prof. G. Priest.  
Assessment: Two 2,500 word essays.  
Examination & analysis of the most important developments in philosophy over the last 100 years, focusing on the period 1900-1950. Assessment of the state of contemporary philosophy.

**PD 362 Contemporary Philosophy 2**  
#10 (3C) 2nd  
Pre: #40 of PD subjs including #20 of adv. PD subjs  
Coordinators: Dr D. Brown & Dr J. Lamont.  
Assessment: Two 2,500 word essays.  
Examination & analysis of the most important developments in philosophy over the last 100 years, focusing on the period 1950-2000. Assessment of the state of contemporary philosophy.

**PD 412 Honours Logic**  
#20 Year (May also commence 2nd)  
Pre: PD major or IC double major

**PD 420 Special Paper**  
#20 Year (May also commence 2nd)  
Pre: PD major or IC double major

**PD 425 Honours A**  
#40 Year (May also commence 2nd)  
Pre: PD major

**PD 426 Honours B**  
#40 Year (May also commence 2nd)  
Pre: PD major