

MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework

Timetable Slot:F2/*C2/, E2+|E2/, H1-I1

Exam Paper(hrs):

Philosophy has much to say about the arts, and much to learn from them. In this module you will have a chance to explore some aspects of this relationship. Some issues that arise fall into what we would call aesthetics and the philosophy of art: we can ask about the value of art, aesthetic experience and judgement, artistic creativity, interpretation and representation, and we can investigate the views of many past thinkers on these matters. On the other hand, we can also use art to illuminate philosophy, and for this purpose we have chosen to focus primarily on cinema (while “literature and philosophy” investigates similar questions in connection with literature”). This module will focus on one or other of these two aspects of the encounter with beauty and the arts, but you may also wish to take the complementary module at level 6, in your third year, in order to cover both aspects of the subject.

2019/0 - PPLP5177B ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY FOR SECOND YEARS

Spring Semester, Level 5 module

(Maximum 54 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr James Andow

MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework

Timetable Slot:E1, H3\D3/

How can we avoid environmental catastrophe? How can philosophy help? The relationship between human beings and the natural world is the basis of everything we are and yet we do not seem to have found a way to avoid destruction, degradation and potential catastrophe. In this module we will examine various ways in which philosophy can examine our relationship with the natural world and contribute to the fight to protect the planet. Topics may include the ethics of climate change; value theory and nature; human-animal relationships; the ways science, art and politics affect our relationships with the natural world. This module will cover a selection of these topics, and you may wish to continue the course by taking the complementary Level 6 module in your third year.

2019/0 - PPLP5180B EXISTENTIAL PHILOSOPHIES (SECOND YEAR MODULE)

Spring Semester, Level 5 module

(Maximum 54 Students)

UCU: 20

Organiser: Dr Thomas Greaves

MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Coursework

Timetable Slot:B1/*G1/, E2/|E2+

How can we make sense of the vast and complex world we are plunged into at birth? What

happens when we become alienated from the world and its everyday meaning? If there is no absolute meaning assigned to human life by divine authority, does life have any meaning at all? Are we absolutely free to make sense of the world in any way we choose? Does death present an ultimate limit to human existence and freedom? Existential philosophers have grappled with these questions and in the process developed new ways of thinking about art, science, politics, divinity and every aspect of human life. Friedrich Nietzsche is one of the key founders of existential philosophy and his work began an important tradition that influenced thinkers such as Martin Heidegger, Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir. This module will focus either on the explosive work of Nietzsche himself or on the existential tradition he inspired, so you may also wish to take the complementary module at level 6, in your third year, in order to cover both aspects of the subject.

2019/0 - PPLP6142B ETHICS FOR THIRD YEARS

Spring Semester, Level 6 module
(Maximum 18 Students)

UCU: 30 Organiser: Dr Oskari Kuusela

MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Project

Timetable Slot:A2*G2/, C1/H3/

What is morality? And in what ways does it impinge on our lives, in deciding what to do? There are issues relating to ethics that are theoretical and meta-ethical, about what kind of judgements are being made and what is their basis in fact or in some realm of values; there are normative issues, about how, if at all, a theory can help to predict or decide what a person ought to do or which dispositions are commendable; and there are practical issues, about the real dilemmas of life and death, about fairness, love and compassion, as we face them in the world, and not just in imaginary "trolley-problems". To complete a course in ethics you would want to explore all these aspects of the subject, and during this module you'll engage with a selection of these, focusing either on the theoretical aspects, including attention to some major historical figures, or more on practical ethics. If you took the complementary Level 5 module last year, you can complete the Ethics course in your third year by taking this module as well, or you can take this as a stand-alone module.

2019/0 - PPLP6143B KNOWLEDGE SCIENCE AND PROOF FOR THIRD YEARS

Spring Semester, Level 6 module
(Maximum 18 Students)

UCU: 30 Organiser: Professor John Collins

MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Project

Timetable Slot:B1*G1\, B2, U

Epistemology examines what knowledge is. Science is concerned with the acquisition of secure knowledge, and philosophy of science considers what counts as science, what objects the scientist knows about, and what methods can be used to attain such knowledge; logic uses formal tools to investigate different forms of reasoning deployed to acquire knowledge. You

2019/0 - PPLP6146B EXISTENTIAL PHILOSOPHIES (THIRD YEAR MODULE)

Spring Semester, Level 6 module
(Maximum 18 Students)

UCU: 30

Organiser: Dr Thomas Greaves

MODULE - 40% PASS ON AGGREGATE

Module Type: Project

Timetable Slot: B1/G1/, C3

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