

PHIL 7002 ETHICS

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102381

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Description Since the beginning of philosophy, the question of how to live has taken on an indefinite variety of forms, as befits the variability of its subject matter. This includes the Platonic and Aristotelian conception of the good life, the Kantian categorical imperative, and social ethics. In recent Continental philosophy, this has encompassed the ethics of responsibility, the attempt to investigate the ethics of alterity, interest in the 'care-of-the-self', and the ethics of truth.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline Philosophy

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate advanced and integrated knowledge of distinct varieties of Continental philosophical ethics in their contexts from a range of periods and places
2. Interpret complex philosophical texts
3. Write at a high level in a range of critical and philosophical idioms
4. Recognise and reflect on the significance of philosophical texts in imagining and interpreting the world
5. Construct coherent, evidence-based arguments.
6. Analyses of positions, development of arguments, and syntheses of a variety of different perspectives

Subject Content

- Philosophical ethics
- Topics in ethics such as responsibility, obligation and duty
- history of The Ethical concerns in The Philosophical tradition

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

| Type | Length | Percent | Threshold | Individual/ Group Task | Mandatory |
|-------------------|-------------|---------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Essay | 3,000 words | 45 | N | Individual | Y |
| Literature Review | 600 words | 10 | N | Individual | Y |
| Participation | Ongoing | 15 | N | Individual | Y |

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| Presentatio | 2,000 words (2 x 1000) | 30 | N | Individual | Y |
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Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Online

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