

**BA PHILOSOPHY Modules 2013/14: Information for students from other UCL departments at the end of the document.**

COURSE CODE	TITLE	GROUP	TERM	STAFF	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	TIME	ASSESSMENT
PHIL1010	Introduction to the History of Philosophy 1		Autumn	FL	This course introduces students to some of the central areas of philosophical enquiry in the Western philosophical tradition by way of reading classical Greek philosophy. After a brief survey of the central claims of the Presocratics, Heraclitus and Parmenides, the course will focus on Plato and then Aristotle. We will read some of Plato's early thought on ethics (courage in the Laches) and knowledge (Meno), and work from his middle period on ethics (justice in the Gorgias) and metaphysics (the theory of Forms in the Republic). For Aristotle, we will read his early metaphysics (as found in the Categories), some of his ethics (Nicomachean Ethics), his conception of causation (Physics), and his views on slavery (Politics).	Lecture Mon 11:00 12:00 GRP1 Mon 12:00 13:00 GRP2 Tues 12:00 13:00 GRP3 Tues 09:00 10:00 GRP4 Tues 09:00 10:00 GRP5 Tues 10:00 11:00 GRP6 Tues 10:00 11:00 GRP7 Tues 11:00 12:00	Essay (2,000 words)
PHIL1011	Introduction to the History of Philosophy 2		Spring	TBA	This course provides an introduction to early modern (i.e. C17-C18) philosophy, concentrating on selected topics in metaphysics and the theory of knowledge. Historical figures covered include Descartes, Locke, Spinoza, Leibniz, Berkeley, and Hume.	Lecture Tues 14:00 15:00 GRP1 Tues 16:00 17:00 GRP2 Weds 09:00 10:00 GRP3 Weds 09:00 10:00 GRP4 Weds 10:00 11:00 GRP5 Weds 10:00 11:00 GRP6 Weds 13:00 14:00 GRP7 Weds 14:00 15:00	Exam
PHIL1012	Knowledge & Reality		Autumn	RM	The course provides an introduction to epistemology and metaphysics. Each lecture will cover a central topic in an introductory way. Precise curriculum content may vary from year to year but the following topics are representative: analysis of knowledge, scepticism, perception, existence of other minds, time, freedom, causation, and personal identity.	Lecture Tues 13:00 14:00 GRP1 Tues 15:00 16:00 GRP2 Tues 15:00 16:00 GRP3 Tues 15:00 10:00 GRP4 Fri 09:00 16:00 GRP5 Fri 15:00 17:00 GRP6 Fri 16:00 16:00	Essay (2,000 words)
PHIL1013	Introduction to Logic 2		Spring	DM	This module aims to introduce the student to the main ideas, concepts and techniques of contemporary first-order logic, including syntax, semantics and natural deduction. <b>NB PHIL1014 is a pre-requisite for this module.</b>	Lecture Tues 16:00 17:00 GRP1 Thurs 09:00 10:00 GRP2 Thurs 10:00 11:00 GRP3 Thurs 13:00 14:00 GRP4 Fri 09:00 10:00 GRP5 Fri 10:00 11:00	Home work and Exam

PHIL1014	Introduction to Logic 1		Autumn	LG	This module aims to introduce the student to the main ideas, concepts and techniques of contemporary propositional logic, including syntax, semantics and natural deduction.	Lecture Tues 16:00 17:00 GRP1 Thurs 09:00 10:00 GRP2 Thurs 10:00 11:00 GRP3 Thurs 13:00 14:00 GRP4 Fri 09:00 10:00 GRP5 Fri 10:00 11:00	Home-work and test
PHIL1015	Introduction to Moral Philosophy		Spring	MK	An introduction to moral philosophy through the examination of key historical texts. No background in philosophy is presupposed. Curriculum varies by year; historical figures that may be covered include, but are not limited to, Aristotle, Hume, Kant, Mill, and Nietzsche.	Lecture Mon 14:00 15:00 GRP1 Tues 13:00 14:00 GRP2 Fri 09:00 10:00 GRP3 Fri 09:00 10:00 GRP4 Fri 10:00 11:00 GRP5 Fri 10:00 11:00 GRP6 Fri 11:00 12:00 GRP7 Fri 11:00 12:00	Essay (2,000 words)
PHIL1016	Introduction to Political Philosophy		Autumn	HVW	This module is designed to introduce students to some of the main works in Political Philosophy, such as the writings of Plato, Locke, Hume and Mill.	Lecture Mon 17:00 18:00 GRP1 Tues 11:00 12:00 GRP2 Tues 09:00 10:00 GRP3 Tues 09:00 10:00 GRP4 Tues 10:00 11:00 GRP5 Tues 10:00 11:00 GRP6 Tues 11:00 12:00 GRP7 Tues 11:00 12:00	Essay (2,000 words)
PHIL1017	Philosophy Tutorial: Texts and Debate		Spring	SR	This module is designed to introduce students to a variety of central philosophical texts (including historical and contemporary texts) on fundamental topics, and to train them in philosophical debate and in essay writing. Students will be placed in tutorial groups of three or four, ensuring that everyone has a chance to participate in debate, and to receive feedback on their written work during the course. The texts studied will be drawn from an 'Approved List' of topics, and selected by the course tutor. Topics in the past have included scepticism; free will; our attitudes towards fictional characters; the existence of universals. Historical authors studied have included Aristotle, Hume, Descartes, and Kierkegaard.	Weekly tutorials to be arranged with the tutor in Term 2	Essay (2,000 words)

PHIL2030	Aesthetics	B	Autumn	JGW	This module provides an introduction to some key topics issues in aesthetics and the philosophy of art. Topics to be examined include the nature and justifiability of aesthetic judgments (how can there be a 'standard of taste?'), the aesthetic appreciation of nature, theories of the nature and value of art (can just anything count as art if you put it in a gallery?) and the ontology of artistic works.	Lecture Weds 09:00 10:00 GRP1 Weds 12:00 13:00 GRP2 Weds 12:00 13:00 GRP3 Weds 13:00 14:00	Essay (2,500 words)
PHIL2032	Applied Ethics	B	Autumn	SR	The course will examine some selected topics in applied ethics. Most, and possibly all, of the following topics will be covered: abortion, euthanasia, animal rights, the regulation of recreational drugs, world hunger, rape and 'designer babies'. A more general and theoretical lecture will consider the concept of autonomy, as this value is so widely appealed to in this area. Students will be expected to read at least two papers for most topics, to participate actively in the back-up seminar, and to choose one topic for their final assessed essay.	Lecture Mon 11:00 12:00 GRP1 Mon 14:00 15:00 GRP2 Mon 15:00 16:00 GRP3 Mon 16:00 17:00	Exam
PHIL2033	Metaphysics	A	Spring	LG	This course will cover a range of central topics in metaphysics, including causation, time, persistence, personal identity, laws, modality and possible worlds. The course will explore the relationship between these topics. We will examine such questions as: Is time real? Does time 'flow'? What is the relation between the direction of causation and the direction of time? Is change over time compatible with self-identity? What are laws of nature? Are there possible worlds besides the actual one? Can we understand necessity and contingency in terms of what's true at all or some possible worlds?	Lecture Thurs 14:00 15:00 GRP1 Thurs 16:00 17:00 GRP2 Fri 15:00 16:00 GRP3 Fri 14:00 15:00	Exam
PHIL2035	Knowledge	A	Spring	LOB	This module is designed to deal with a variety of topics in epistemology – the philosophical study of knowledge. The curriculum will vary from year to year. Topics include: theories of knowledge; theories of justification or warrant; scepticism; contextualism; sources of knowledge: perception, memory, introspection, testimony.	Lecture Tues 15:00 16:00 GRP1 Tues 16:00 17:00 GRP2 Thurs 15:00 16:00	Exam

PHIL2037	Introduction to Scientific Inquiry	A	Autumn	MG	This course will cover (a) the nature, use and evaluation of basic ingredients of rational inquiry (e.g. observation, classification, hypothesis formation, prediction, explanation) and (b) matters relating to evidence (e.g. hypothesis testing, sampling, inductive inference, rational confidence); and (c) the main philosophical problems concerning topics in (a) and (b), and an evaluation of prominent responses to them.	Lecture Thurs 14:00 16:00	Exam
PHIL2038	Topics in Greek Philosophy: Plato	C	Spring	FL	The course takes students through the central tenants of Plato's thought by way of a survey of some of his most important works. The main text will be the Republic, with topics to be examined including epistemology, the theory of Forms, feminism and aesthetics. The course will also examine Plato's treatment of relativism in the Theaetetus, the theory of Forms in the Phaedo, and the challenge to the theory of Forms in the Parmenides and the Sophist.	Lecture Tues 14:00 15:00 GRP1 Tues 15:00 16:00 GRP2 Fri 14:00 15:00 GRP3 Fri 15:00 16:00	Essay (2,500 words)
PHIL2039	Empiricism	C	Spring	TBA	The course provides an introduction to the philosophy of the empiricists – in particular Locke and Berkeley. The course will study the main ideas and argument in Locke's Essay Concerning Human Understanding, and in Berkeley's Principles. It will also compare their theories. It will cover Locke's theory of understanding in its main aspects and Berkeley's idealism.	Lecture Thurs 16:00 17:00 GRP1 Thurs 17:00 18:00 GRP2 Thurs 17:00 18:00	Exam
PHIL2040	Marxism	C	Autumn	JW	The course will examine some of Marx's most important writings concerning alienation, emancipation, exploitation and historical change as well as exploring the controversy concerning Marx's attitude to justice and morality. Students will be expected to read a selection of primary and secondary sources.	Lecture Mon 17:00 18:00 GRP1 Mon 18:00 19:00 GRP2 Mon 18:00 19:00 GRP3 Thurs 09:00 10:00 GRP4 Thurs 09:00 10:00 GRP5 Thurs 13:00 14:00 GRP6 Thurs 13:00 14:00	Essay (2,500 words)
PHIL2044	Political	B	Spring	JGW	This module will consider John Rawls's liberal egalitarian Theory of Justice and Robert Nozick's libertarian Anarchy, State, and Utopia. Nozick argues that redistributive taxation is unjust because on a par with forced labour. Rawls argues that such taxation is just, since it would be endorsed under fair conditions in which people are deprived of knowledge of whether they happen to be rich or poor, talented or unskilled.	Lecture Tues 16:00 17:00 GRP1 Tues 17:00 18:00 GRP2 Weds 09:00 10:00 GRP3 Weds 10:00 11:00	Essay (2,500 words)

PHIL2045	Language	A	Autumn	DM1	This course will examine some selected topics in the philosophy of language. Although the precise contents may vary slightly from year to year the course will typically cover: sense and reference, definite descriptions, proper names, necessity, and existence. Students will be expected to read at least one paper on each topic per week, and to choose one topic for their final essay.	Lecture Fri 09:00 10:00 GRP1 Fri 12:00 13:00 GRP2 Fri 12:00 13:00 GRP3 Fri 14:00 15:00	Essay (2,500 words)
PHIL2047	Ethics	B	Spring	DM	This module explores central topics in moral philosophy. The course will consider central issues in meta-ethics such as the contrast between realism and anti-realism, the nature of moral judgements, including their role in motivation, and the question of what could ground moral objectivity. These topics will be studied using both classic and contemporary texts.	Lecture Mon 14:00 15:00 GRP1 Mon 15:00 16:00 GRP2 Weds 09:00 10:00 GRP3 Weds 10:00 11:00	Essay (2,500 words)
PHIL2048	Intermediate Logic	A	Autumn	JZ	This module presents the main concepts and results in metalogic. Topics covered include: soundness and completeness, compactness, basic set theory, cardinality and expressive limitations. We will pay particular attention to methods of definition and proof. Students are expected to acquire the skill to produce basic proofs independently. The module presupposes familiarity with systems of propositional and first-order logic, at the level of modules PHIL1014 and PHIL1013. The textbook for the module will be J. Zalabardo, <i>Introduction to the Theory of Logic</i> , Westview 2000.	Lecture Thurs 13:00 14:00 GRP1 Fri 09:00 10:00 GRP2 Thurs 17:00 18:00	Exam and course-work
ESPS7209 (Level 2 module)	Nietzsche's <i>Genealogy of Morals</i>	C	Autumn	TS	An introduction to Nietzsche's <i>Genealogy of Morals</i>	Lecture Mon 9:00 10:00 GRP1 Thurs 11:00 12:00 GRP2 Thurs 12:00 13:00 GRP3 Thurs 13:00 14:00	Essay 3,000-4,000
PHIL3031	Global Justice & Health	B	Spring	JGW	This module explores ethical questions in global health by connecting the literature in global health with recent writings in moral and political philosophy. The first half raises some more general issues about global inequalities in health and their causes, and then explores some central issues in moral and political philosophy, including the normative significance of nations, and human rights approaches to health. The second half looks at some more specific issues where philosophers have contributed to debates in global health, including the ethics of research in developing countries and access to pharmaceuticals.	Seminar Mon 16:00 18:00	Essay (3,500 words)

PHIL3032	Normative Ethics	B	Autumn	DM	A focussed exploration of topics in normative ethics, which might include consequentialism, deontology, contractualism, virtue ethics, and/or the morality of harming and saving from harm. The module is intended primarily for third year Philosophy students but also open to second year Philosophy students and students outside of Philosophy who have completed at least one course in Philosophy.	Seminar Fri	09:00	11:00	Essay (3,500 words)
PHIL3033	Philosophy of Mathematics: The 20 <sup>th</sup> century views	A	Autumn	MG	This course will cover the main 20th century schools of Philosophy of Mathematics, namely Logicism, Intuitionism, Formalism / Finitism, Holism. The motivations, advantages and disadvantages of each approach will be explained; the same will be done for the main sub-varieties. The approaches will also be related to relevant developments in mathematical logic.	Seminar Mon	16:00	18:00	Exam
PHIL3039	Early Wittgenstein	C	Spring	JZ	This module aims to introduce the student to Ludwig Wittgenstein's early philosophy, focusing in particular on the interpretation of his Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus. It will also present relevant aspects of the philosophies of Gottlob Frege and Bertrand Russell.	Seminar Thurs	11:00	13:00	Exam
PHIL3040	Adorno: Art & Politics	C	Autumn	TS	The course will provide a detailed overview of the philosopher T W Adorno's views on art, politics and the relationship between the two. We will study certain key primary texts as well as some of the important secondary literature.	Seminar Tues	16:00	18:00	Essay (3,500 words)
PHIL3042	Aristotle	C	Spring	FL	This combined upper level undergraduate and graduate-level course aims to familiarize students with a range of Aristotle's philosophical arguments and analyses of the world as he encountered it. Topics include Aristotle's logic (Prior Analytics), hylomorphic metaphysics (Metaphysics), causation (Physics), virtue ethics (Nicomachean Ethics), philosophy of mind (de Anima), and epistemology (Posterior Analytics).	Seminar Weds	11:00	13:00	Essay (3,500 words)
PHIL3043	Experience	A	Spring	MK	The topic of this module is the metaphysics of experience. It will explore the nature of experience by comparing different sensory modalities, specifically, vision, audition, and touch. Our starting point will be Broad's comparative phenomenology of these senses in "Elementary Reflections on Sense perception", and we will discuss contemporary papers on these senses in following up Broad's claims. All members of the class are required to prepare the reading each week. Students will be responsible for one short presentation which will be the basis for discussion.	Seminar Fri	16:00	18:00	Essay (3,500 words)

PHIL3045	Mind	A	Autumn	LOB	This module is designed to introduce advanced undergraduate students to detailed study of a central topic, or topics, in the Philosophy of Mind. The topic(s) covered will vary from year to year. Topics covered this year will include self-knowledge and irrational behavior.	Seminar Mon 11:00 13:00	Essay (3,500 words)
PHIL3047	Dissertation		Autumn or Spring		Enrolment requires approval by personal tutor. A 7,500-word essay on a philosophical topic approved by your personal tutor. Tuition involves three one-hour sessions of one-on-one supervision by a member of staff. Available both terms. The dissertation submission deadline for this module taken in the Autumn term is 1 <sup>st</sup> day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term by 4.00 pm The dissertation submission deadline for this module taken in the Spring term is 1 <sup>st</sup> day of 3 <sup>rd</sup> term by 4.00 pm	Three one-hour sessions	
PHIL3048	Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science		Autumn	DR	This is a course in cognitive science, understood as the interdisciplinary scientific study of the mind. We will focus on topics of philosophical interest such as the concept acquisition, linguistic competence, perception, heuristics and biases, and theory of mind. Readings will consist of experimental and theoretical work by psychologists, linguists, and philosophers from the mid-twentieth century up to the present day. We will explore some of the major theoretical concepts in cognitive science such as computation, modularity, innateness, and levels of explanation.	Seminar Thurs 14.00 16.00	Essay (3,500)
PHIL3051	Ancient philosophy	C	Autumn	FL	The course will focus on Plato's later dialogue, the Sophist, and Fiona Leigh's draft manuscript of a new reading of this dialogue, from start to finish. Issues and topics to be addressed include what is involved in giving a philosophical definition of a kind, the ontological status of mimetic representations, modes of being, the comparative status of Forms and participants, and the nature of falsehood. Some of the central claims to be defended will be that the method of collection and division and the more analytic method of dialectic are compatible, Forms are treated as causes, not universals, in the dialogue, and not-being is analysed as equivalent to difference.	Seminar Weds 11:00 13:00	Essay (3,500 words)
PHIL3053	Regulation of Intimacy: The Politics of Sex	B	Spring	VMD	Enrolment for this course is by permission of the course tutor only. This optional course will be taught in seminar format, with one weekly two-hour meeting. It is designed to introduce students to some central questions in political and moral philosophy. The topic of the course is the politics of sex. It focuses on general ethical concerns raised by state regulation of intimate relations e.g. in marriage or prostitution. Should some things not be for sale? Is consent the key to legitimate interaction? What is involved in one person 'objectifying' another? Are there	Seminar Thurs 14:00 16:00	Exam

					<p>circumstances in which paternalism is permissible or even required?  Readings include Anderson, Herman, Langton, Nussbaum, Pallikkathayil, Parfit, O'Neill, Satz, Saul, Scanlon, Scruton, Shiffrin, Thomson, Wedgwood.  The course is intended for students with a range of specializations, but some background knowledge in philosophy is necessary.</p>				
PHIL3055	Special Topics in 19 Century	C	Spring	SG	<p>The course will examine three figures from nineteenth-century philosophy – Schelling, Schopenhauer, and Kierkegaard – with special attention to their rejection of Hegel's rationalism. Topics covered include human freedom, the problem of evil, the limits of reason, the value of art, pessimism, and religious faith.</p>	Seminar Tues	16:00	18:00	Exam
PHIL3057	Wittgenstein's Later Philosophy	C	Autumn	PS	<p>The course aims to provide students with a thorough and detailed understanding and evaluation of the ideas of the later Wittgenstein, and of the important secondary literature discussing it. The Wittgenstein texts to be studied include the Blue and Brown Books, Philosophical Investigations, and On Certainty. The basic aim is to study the text closely and with great care. Central topics will be the nature of meaning, rule following, private experiences, seeing as, action, knowledge, and the nature of philosophy – but the syllabus will vary from year to year.</p>	Seminar Thurs	11:00	13:00	Essay (3,500 words)
PHIL3058	German Idealism	C	Spring	SG	<p>The course focuses on central issues in the writings of the German Idealists – Fichte, Schelling, and Hegel – with special attention to the ways in which they develop and transform Kant's philosophy. Topics covered include the theory of the self, transcendental and absolute idealism, philosophy of nature, philosophy of art, intersubjectivity, and Hegel's dialectic.</p>	Seminar Fri	14:00	16:00	Exam
PHIL3060	Philosophy, Politics and Economics of Health	B	Autumn	JGW	<p>This module examines some central ethical, economic and political problems facing health policy in the UK and abroad, especially in relation to social justice. Topics covered include: how to allocate healthcare resources (e.g. should the NHS cover all new drug treatments, regardless of how expensive they are? Who should decide?); the appropriate role of the state in protecting and promoting health (e.g. should smoking be banned?); when inequalities in health and life expectancy are unfair; and special challenges posed by infectious diseases.</p>	Seminar Mon	09:00	11:00	Essay (3,500 words)

PHIL3061	Philosophy of Race	B	Spring	NC	The module will concentrate on a selection of key topics in philosophy of race. Examples may include: exclusion, identity, slavery, discrimination, affirmative action, genetics, biology and social construction. Readings will be selected from the works of the great philosophers, modern and contemporary moral and political philosophers and philosophers of race and society, and relevant texts in history, literature and biology.	Seminar Tues 14:00 16:00	Essay (3,500 words)
PHIL3062	Metaphysics of Science	A	Spring	LG	In this course, we will cover three central topics in the metaphysics of science: causation, chance and the laws of nature. Questions to be addressed include: What are laws of nature? Are there laws other than those described by physics (for instance, are there laws of biology, meteorology, or economics)? Are there ceteris paribus laws (that is, laws which hold 'other things being equal')? What is the nature of chance (objective probability)? Must chances derive from the laws? If so, do only fundamental physical laws (for example, those of quantum mechanics) generate chances, or do the laws or generalizations of biology, etc. yield chances? Is chance compatible with determinism? What is causation? How does causation relate to chance? Does physics describe causal relations? No background in science or probability theory is needed for this course.	Seminar Fri 11:00 13:00	Exam
PHIL3063	The Epistemology of Disagreement	A	Autumn	HVW	What should you do when you learn that equally informed and equally competent reasoners disagree with you? Should you give up your beliefs, or should you stick to your views? In this course, we'll look at the recent debate in epistemology about disagreement. We will investigate the effects of disagreement on the justification of our beliefs, and explore the implications for the justification of our religious, moral, and philosophical views.	Seminar Thurs 17:00 19:00	Essay (3,500 words)

#### KEY TO STAFF INITIALS

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### ***Information for UCL students from other departments:***

Registration for the courses listed above will be via Portico. PHIL1017 (Tutorial), PHIL3061 (Philosophy of Race) and PHIL3047 (dissertation) are for students registered on Philosophy BA degrees (inc. combined honours) only.

You should read the 'Module Registration for Students' information link in the Documents Folder on Portico.

*\*\*\*\* Registration will be on a first come first served basis. Priority is given to Philosophy students. \*\*\*\**

All courses are half course-units (15 Credits). Courses that are coded PHIL1\_\_\_ and PHIL2\_\_\_ have a compulsory weekly seminar which is automatically allocated by Portico to fit with your timetable in addition to the weekly lectures. PHIL3\_\_\_ courses are 2 hour weekly classes.

Courses coded PHIL1\_\_\_ are introductory courses; courses coded PHIL2\_\_\_ are intermediate courses primarily for second year students; courses coded PHIL3\_\_\_ are advanced courses.