



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

## Contesting modernities 210 (FIL 210)

**Qualification** Undergraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Humanities](#)

**Module credits** 20.00

**NQF Level** 06

**Programmes** [BA](#)

[BA \(Languages\)](#)

[BA \(Law\)](#)

[BA \(Visual Studies\)](#)

[BA extended programme](#)

[BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics](#)

[BPolSci \(International Studies\)](#)

[BPolSci \(Political Studies\)](#)

[BSocSci \(Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies\)](#)

**Service modules** Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

**Prerequisites** At least one of FIL 110, 120

**Contact time** 1 discussion class per week, 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Philosophy

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

### Module content

The content of this module engages in the historical emergence of contemporary African philosophy in relation to the Western canon. The first quarter traces the history of modern western philosophy, recounting key positions in epistemology (e.g. Descartes, Kant), metaphysics (e.g. Heidegger, Putnam), ethics (e.g. Bentham, Levinas) and political philosophy (e.g. Rawls, Habermas). The content of the second quarter considers recent works in African philosophy, as critical responses to, but also independent of the Western philosophies, with regard to epistemology (e.g. Menkiti, Ikuenobe), metaphysics (e.g. Mbiti, Ramose), ethics (e.g. Tut, Gyeke) and political philosophy (e.g. Biko, Fanon).

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