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Introduction to moral and political philosophy 251 (FIL 251)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	10.00
Programmes	BCom Agribusiness Management BCom Business Management BCom Communication Management BCom Economic and Management Sc BCom Economics BCom Entrepreneurship BCom Financial Sciences BCom Human Resource Management BCom Informatics: Information Systems BCom Investment Management BCom Marketing Management BCom Option: Supply Chain Management BCom Statistics
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Quarter 2, 3 and 4



Module content

In this module students are equipped with an understanding of the moral issues influencing human agency in economic and political contexts. In particular philosophy equips students with analytical reasoning skills necessary to understand and solve complex moral problems related to economic and political decision making. We demonstrate to students how the biggest questions concerning the socio-economic aspects of our lives can be broken down and illuminated through reasoned debate. Examples of themes which may be covered in the module include justice and the common good, a moral consideration of the nature and role of economic markets on society, issues concerning justice and equality, and dilemmas of loyalty. The works of philosophers covered may for instance include that of Aristotle, Locke, Bentham, Mill, Kant, Rawls, Friedman, Nozick, Bernstein, Dworkin, Sandel, Walzer, and MacIntyre.

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