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Philosophy 320 (FIL 320)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Humanities](#)

Philosophical hermeneutics and social philosophy

The first of the two foci of this semester module is a discussion and analysis of philosophical perspectives on the hermeneutical problem (the problem of understanding and interpretation), with particular attention to contemporary thinkers such as Nietzsche, Heidegger, Gadamer and Derrida. The second focus of the semester module is social philosophy where philosophical questions on social forms, structures, institutions, practices, habitus and ethos will be raised. A range of themes may be investigated, such as structure and agency, social imaginaries, new social formations, institutional cultures, gender and sexuality, subject constitution, and others. Furthermore, the framing of these themes in a spectrum of approaches including Critical Theory, Theory of Ideology, Constructivism, Social Action Theory, Metaphorology, Critical Race Theory, Genealogy, and others will be analysed and explored.

Module content

Module credits 30.00

Programmes [BSc Information Technology Information and Knowledge Systems](#)

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[BA Humanities](#)

[BA Languages Languages](#)

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[BPolSci International Studies](#)

[BPolSci Political Studies](#)

[BSocSci Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies](#)

[BSocSci Option: Philosophy, Politics and Economics](#)

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites FIL 110, 120, 210, 220 and 310

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

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Philosophy



**Period of
presentation**

Semester 2

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