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Philosophy 320 (FIL 320)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Humanities](#)

Module content 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 credits 30.00

Programmes [BA Humanities](#)

[BA Languages](#)

[BA Law](#)

[BPolSci International Studies](#)

[BPolSci Political Studies](#)

[BSocSci Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies](#)

[BSocSci 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 Separate classes for Afrikaans and English

Academic organisation Philosophy

Period of presentation Semester 2

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