

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2018

## Philosophy 320 (FIL 320)

**Qualification** Undergraduate

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

**Module credits** 30.00

**Programmes** [BA](#)

[BA Languages](#)

[BA Law](#)

[BA Visual Studies](#)

[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

**Department** Philosophy

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### 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.

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