



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

## Introduction to moral and political philosophy 251 (FIL 251)

**Qualification** Undergraduate

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

**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.

**Module credits** 10.00

**Programmes**

[BCom](#)

[BCom Agribusiness Management](#)

[BCom Economics](#)

[BCom Financial Sciences](#)

[BCom Human Resource Management](#)

[BCom Informatics Information Systems](#)

[BCom Investment Management](#)

[BCom Statistics](#)

[BCom Supply Chain Management](#)

[BSc Geoinformatics](#)

**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**

Afrikaans and English are used in one class

**Department**

Philosophy



**Period of  
presentation**

Quarter 2, 3 and 4

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