

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

Philosophy 120 (FIL 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	BA
	BA (Fine Arts)
	BA (Languages)
	BA (Law)
	BA (Visual Studies)
	BA extended programme
	BPolSci (International Studies)
	BPolSci (Political Studies)
	BSocSci (Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies)
	BSocSci (Philosophy, Politics and Economics)
	LLB
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 discussion class per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction to Philosophy

The two semester modules at first-year level introduce students to four main subfields of philosophy, namely metaphysics, epistemology, political philosophy and ethics. This module introduces students to two of these subfields, namely political philosophy and ethics and the emphasis is on texts by African and Western scholars. Students will become acquainted with the nature of philosophical reflection by exploring a number of classical philosophical themes in each subfield. Throughout the module there is an emphasis on developing those critical thinking, reading and writing skills that are required in Philosophy, while students become acquainted with the power of critique as judgment and discernment.

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