

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

Philosophy in context 320 (FIL 320)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	BA
	BA (Law)
	BA (Visual Studies)
	BA extended programme
	BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics
	BPolSci (International Studies)
	BPolSci (Political Studies)
	BSocSci (Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies)
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	Module is presented in English
Department	Philosophy
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

In this module contextually relevant aspects of human reality are reflected on through philosophy considered as practical activity. Students will engage issues of social, political, or economic relevance in contemporary (South) Africa, the Global South and beyond. A range of themes may be investigated, such as, structure and agency, social imaginaries, issues of social justice, gender and sexuality, the ethics of science and technology, the role of art and others. The focus is on key themes and debates of contemporary relevance and may include issues from any of the sub-disciplines of philosophy such as political philosophy, moral philosophy, epistemology, aesthetics, philosophy of mind and artificial intelligence, and philosophy of science.

Regulations and rules

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