

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Philosophy 120 (FIL 120)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	12.00
NQF Level	05
Programmes	BA in Fine Arts 4-year programme BA in Fine Arts 5-year programme BA specialising in Languages BA specialising in Law BA specialising in Philosophy, Politics and Economics BA specialising in Visual Studies Bachelor of Arts [BA] 3-year programme Bachelor of Arts [BA] 4-year programme BPolSci specialising in International Studies BPolSci specialising in Political Studies BSocSci specialising in Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies Bachelor of Laws [LLB]
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Law
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 1 discussion class 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.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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