Philosophy Major

Philosophy is not normally taught outside of universities, and for this reason there are no special prerequisites for admission to a philosophy course. The school of philosophy at ANU offers a range of courses in analytic and continental traditions. Students are free to choose any combination of philosophy courses to complete their major.

Major requirements

The Philosophy major requires the completion of 48 units, which must include:

- A maximum of 12 units from 1000-level courses from the following list:
  - PHIL1004 - Fundamental Ideas in Philosophy: An Introduction
  - PHIL1005 - Logic and Critical Thinking
  - PHIL1xxx - Introduction to Ethics
  - MATH1042/PHIL2042 - Philosophy of the Cosmos

- A minimum of 36 units from core courses from 2000 and 3000 level courses listed in the philosophy major.

Philosophy courses on offer

First Semester 2016

PHIL1004 Fundamental Ideas in Philosophy: An Introduction

In this course, our goal will be to learn how to do philosophy by examining some of the central problems of Western and Eastern philosophical traditions. We will be particularly interested in the methods of argumentation that people have used in attempting to grapple with fundamental questions concerning the nature of human existence. In so doing, students will develop analytical skills that can be used in many other areas. We'll begin by trying to understand what philosophy is - what are its characteristic aims and methods, and how does it differ from other subjects? Then we'll spend the rest of the course gaining an introductory overview of several different areas of philosophy.

PHIL1005 Logic and Critical Thinking

PHIL2060 Contemporary Metaphysics

PHIL2080 Logic

PHIL2113 Global Justice

PHIL3072 Advanced Analytic Philosophy

MATH1042/PHIL2042 Philosophy of the Cosmos

Second Semester 2016

PHIL1005 Logic and Critical Thinking

PHIL2020 Theories of Social Justice

PHIL2057 Philosophy of Science

PHIL2061 Philosophy of Psychology

PHIL2074 Modern Theories of Knowledge

PHIL2087 Nietzsche

PHIL2100 Origins of Analytical Philosophy

PHIL2116 PPE Integrative Seminar Year 2

PHIL2xxx Modal and Non-Classical Logics

Philosophy Honours

Students interested in advanced training or a professional career in Philosophy should consider Honours.

The Honours degree provides students with the opportunity to refine their analytical skills and research techniques while significantly expanding employment and study options.

A Bachelor degree with Honours is both a prestigious qualification in its own right and also the most effective means of qualifying for higher degree work at Masters and PhD level.

Further information

In 2015 we will be adding some new members of the Philosophy teaching staff. Keep an eye on the ANU Programs and Courses website for additional courses.

For further information on Philosophy major, minors or Honours please visit: www.programsandcourses.anu.edu.au

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