

Module Title: Issues in Contemporary Philosophy

Module Code: PHICON

Course Duration: 17 Weeks

Teaching Method: 2 units/week

Credits: 10

Aims:

The module is designed to allow students to gain an appreciation of the key ideas and arguments presented in contemporary discourses in philosophy. It facilitates for the students to acquaint themselves with the history, schools and major branches of philosophy.

Syllabus:

The course will be split into two parts. Part One of the course deals with the historical development of philosophy, surveying key thinkers, turning points and trajectories. This part of the course will introduce debates and developments with regards to definitions and methods of philosophy and the distinction between analytical and continental philosophy. Part Two of the course takes a thematic approach, introducing students to some of the most central questions that have been, and continue to be, subject to philosophical enquiry. Topics covered will include an introduction to:

- Issues in Epistemology
- Issues in Philosophy of Science
- Issues in Philosophy of Mind
- Philosophical theories of Ethics
- Issues in Political Philosophy
- Issues in Philosophy of Religion
- Issues in continental philosophy and introduction to hermeneutics

Learning outcomes:

On completion of this module, the successful student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a critical comprehension of the key branches of contemporary philosophy
2. Have a critical awareness of the strengths and weaknesses of differing views on the concepts explored in this module

Assessment Weighting:

- 100% Exam

Learning Materials:

Core texts:

- Warburton, N., (2005), *Philosophy: The Basics*, Oxon: Routledge
- Miller, A., (2003), *An Introduction to Contemporary Meta-ethics*, Cambridge: Polity Press

Further Reading:

- Nasr, S. H. and Leaman, O., (2001), *History of Islamic Philosophy*, London: Routledge
- Lycan, W. G., (2008), *Philosophy of Language: A Contemporary Introduction*, New York: Routledge
- Gensler, H. J., (1998), *Ethics: A Contemporary Introduction*, London: Routledge
- Rosenberg, A., (2005), *The Philosophy of Science: A Contemporary Introduction*, New York: Routledge
- Heil, J., (1998), *Philosophy of Mind: A Contemporary Introduction*, London: Routledge
- Carroll, N., (1999), *Philosophy of Art: A Contemporary Introduction*, London: Routledge
- Loux, M. J., (1998), *Metaphysics: A Contemporary Introduction*, London: Routledge
- Fish, W., (2010), *Philosophy of Perception: A Contemporary Introduction*, New York: Routledge
- Audi, R., (1998), *Epistemology: A Contemporary Introduction to the Theory Of Knowledge*, London: Routledge
- Tlumak, J., (2007), *Classical Modern Philosophy: A Contemporary Introduction*, London: Routledge
- Christman, J. P., (2002), *Social and Political Philosophy: A Contemporary Introduction*, London: Routledge
- Yandell, K. E., (2002), *Philosophy of Religion: A Contemporary Introduction*, London: Routledge
- Cutrofello, A., (2005), *Continental Philosophy: A Contemporary Introduction*, New York: Routledge