

Preliminary Philosophy 2013

This course deals with the fundamental questions about the meaning of our existence. We begin by carefully scrutinising the principles upon which our lives are based, a process involving both an appreciation of our intellectual heritage and the application of analytical thinking skills to our worldview. *Ultimately, by doing philosophy, we learn to evaluate what is important and meaningful in life.*

	PROGRAM OF STUDY	ASSESSMENT TASKS	Assessment Weighting
Week 1 -11 Term 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Philosophy• The Greeks and their World• The Beginning Of Modern Science• The Rationalists	Ongoing Reflective Journal	25%
Week 1 -9 Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Empiricists• The French revolutionary Thinkers• Political Philosophy	Research Project (Week 8)	15%
Week 1 -10 Term 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• C19th German Philosophy• C20th Philosophy	Presentation Task (Week 8)	10%

Each of the sections of the **History of Philosophy** (outlined above) will be interspersed with

a) analysis of seminal problems and ideas arising from the various **Areas of Philosophy** (Problems of Knowledge, The Mind, Ethics, Animal Rights, Logic and Meaning, Science, Aesthetics, Religion, Political Economy) and

b) exercises in **Applied Philosophy** to determine the degree of consistency (or, conversely, confusion!) that inheres in our worldview.