PHIL3057
Theories of Justice
Session 2, Fully online/virtual 2021
Department of Philosophy

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Notice
Some on-campus classes have moved online for the first two weeks of Session, before returning to campus in Week 3. If you are studying a unit outside of the primary Session 2 timetable, please contact your teaching staff team for further details.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. To find out if you are enrolled in one of these classes/teaching activities, you can check to see if your unit is on the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Your Unit Convenor will provide more information via an iLearn announcement when your iLearn unit becomes available.
General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
130cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
What is justice? What is fairness? This unit explores these important questions by examining leading philosophical theories of justice, including John Rawls's influential model, as well as the main political approaches that are associated with them, such as liberalism, libertarianism, republicanism, and socialism. We assess the capacity of these theories and approaches to respond to pressing social justice issues. We focus on issues of inequality and diversity in society by asking: what degree of inequality, if any, can be justified? We also examine broader questions around social and retributive justice, such as: How can we justify punishing those who violate justice? What are the obligations of democratic citizenship? Is our society and its political institutions racist, sexist, or unfairly biased against cultural minorities? What do we owe the poor in other countries? And is our treatment of animals and the environment a matter of justice?

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: understand some of the major theories and current debates in contemporary
political philosophy

ULO2: analyse arguments in the relevant literature
ULO3: evaluate relevant theories and arguments critically
ULO4: communicate clearly your own perspective on the views and arguments presented in the unit

General Assessment Information

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 10 marks out of 100 credit will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted seven days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline.

Assessment Tasks

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Quizzes

Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours
Due: 5/11/2021
Weighting: 20%

Online quizzes

On successful completion you will be able to:
  • understand some of the major theories and current debates in contemporary political philosophy

Philosophical essay

Assessment Type 1: Essay
Indicative Time on Task 2: 30 hours
Due: 4/11/2021
Philosophical essay

On successful completion you will be able to:

- understand some of the major theories and current debates in contemporary political philosophy
- analyse arguments in the relevant literature
- evaluate relevant theories and arguments critically
- communicate clearly your own perspective on the views and arguments presented in the unit

Reflective tasks

Assessment Type 1: Reflective Writing
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours
Due: 9/9/2021
Weighting: 20%

Reflective tasks

On successful completion you will be able to:

- understand some of the major theories and current debates in contemporary political philosophy
- analyse arguments in the relevant literature
- evaluate relevant theories and arguments critically
- communicate clearly your own perspective on the views and arguments presented in the unit

Participation

Assessment Type 1: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours
Due: ongoing
Weighting: 20%
Participate in relevant online forum or in-class tutorial discussions and activities. Students are expected to be well-prepared and make a constructive contribution.

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- analyse arguments in the relevant literature
- evaluate relevant theories and arguments critically
- communicate clearly your own perspective on the views and arguments presented in the unit

If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

## Delivery and Resources

Required readings are listed in iLearn and available for download from Leganto. You must read the required readings BEFORE the lecture and tutorial.

### Unit Schedule

**PHIL3057 – 2021 – Weekly schedule**

**Week 1 (PF)**
Lecture 1: Introduction: Equality and Diversity

No tutorial and no required reading this week

**Week 2 (PF)**
Lecture 2 & Tutorial 1: Rawls and Liberalism
Reflective Task assessment handed out in Week 2.

Quizzes start week 2

Week 3 (PF)
Lecture 3 and Tutorial 2: Dworkin and Luck Equalitarianism

Week 4 (PF)
Lecture 4 & Tutorial 3: Nozick and Libertarianism

Week 5 (JPD)
Lecture 5 & Tutorial 4: Socialism

Week 6 (JPD)
Lecture 6 & Tutorial 5: Republicanism

Week 7 (PF)
Lecture 7 & Tutorial 6: Retributive Justice, Criminality and Punishment

Reflective Task assessment due this week

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Week 8 (PF)
Lecture 8 & Tutorial 7: Feminism, Liberalism and Justice

Philosophical Essay Assessment questions handed out in week 8

Week 9 (JPD)
Lecture 9 & Tutorial 8: Democracy and Minorities
Week 10 (JPD)
Lecture 10 & Tutorial 9: **Global Justice**

Week 11 (JPD)
Lecture 11 & Tutorial 10: **Animal Justice**

Week 12 (JPD)
Lecture 12: **Environmental Justice**

No tutorial or quizzes this week

Week 13
No Lectures or Tutorials this week - Writing Week

**Essays due this week. Quizzes close this week**

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy *(Note: The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)*

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).
Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.
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