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Research Topics in Philosophy I

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Department of Philosophy

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General Information

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Credit points 10
Prerequisites Admission to MRes
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit will explore various theoretical and practical issues raised by a single important recent theme in philosophy, such as the nature of the self or the impacts of technology. The unit will explore this theme from a variety of perspectives by looking at the relevant metaphysical and epistemological, ethical and moral, and political and social issues it raises. The unit's topics and themes may differ from year to year but will not replicate those covered in Research Topics in Philosophy II. Students will be exposed to important philosophical debates so that they are able to begin to pursue their own research projects.

Important Academic Dates

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

Learning Outcomes

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

ULO1: understand issues discussed in the contemporary philosophical literature

ULO2: analyse philosophical arguments

ULO3: evaluate philosophical arguments

ULO4: communicate clearly your own perspective on the philosophical issues examined in this unit

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Essay	50%	No	Week 13
Participation	20%	No	Week 12
Essay Plan	30%	No	Week 11

Essay

Assessment Type [1]: Essay
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 38 hours
Due: **Week 13**
Weighting: **50%**

Research essay

On successful completion you will be able to:

- understand issues discussed in the contemporary philosophical literature
- analyse philosophical arguments
- evaluate philosophical arguments
- communicate clearly your own perspective on the philosophical issues examined in this unit

Participation

Assessment Type [1]: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 18 hours
Due: **Week 12**
Weighting: **20%**

Participation in discussion and associated activities

On successful completion you will be able to:

- understand issues discussed in the contemporary philosophical literature
- analyse philosophical arguments

- evaluate philosophical arguments
- communicate clearly your own perspective on the philosophical issues examined in this unit

Essay Plan

Assessment Type [1]: Plan
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 20 hours
Due: **Week 11**
Weighting: **30%**

Essay Plan

On successful completion you will be able to:

- understand issues discussed in the contemporary philosophical literature
- analyse philosophical arguments
- evaluate philosophical arguments
- communicate clearly your own perspective on the philosophical issues examined in this unit

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[1] 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 Writing Centre for academic skills support.

[2] 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

In person seminar, can be joined by Zoom and fully online, asynchronous option.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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
- Assessment Procedure
- Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct

Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

Student Support

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

The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity

- Complete the 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 Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:

- IT Support
- Accessibility and disability support with study
- Mental health support
- Safety support to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via AskMQ, or contact Service Connect.

IT Help

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

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.