



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME PHIL 104: KNOWLEDGE AND REALITY 20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 2 2013

Important dates

Trimester dates: 15 July to 17 November 2013

Teaching dates: 15 July to 18 October 2013

Mid-trimester break: 26 August to 8 September 2013

Study period: 21–25 October 2013

Examination/Assessment Period: 25 October to 16 November 2013

Note: students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

Withdrawal dates: Refer to

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination (aegrotats), refer to

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat

Class times and locations

Lectures: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1.10-2.00 pm.

Lecture Venue: SUMT228 (Memorial Theatre in Student Union Building)

Tutorials: Tutorials commence in the *second* week of the course. *Attendance at tutorials is compulsory*: students can miss two tutorials without penalty, but will lose 2% for each tutorial missed after that (unless for medical or other serious reasons.)

PHIL104 will use S-Cubed for Tutorial registration. These are the tutorial times:

Monday	14:10	15:00	MY632
Monday	14:10	15:00	MY107
Monday	15:10	16:00	MY632
Tuesday	11:00	11:50	KK202
Tuesday	14:10	15:00	KK203

Wednesday	14:10	15:00	KK106
Wednesday	14:10	15:00	MY303
Thursday	11:00	11:50	MY301
Friday	11:00	11:50	MY103
Friday	14:10	15:00	MY103

Using S-Cubed:

Use your internet browser to go to: <https://signups.vuw.ac.nz>.

Use your normal *student login* and *password* to sign into S-Cubed.

Click on “PHIL104” You will see info about your course and about the different tutorial sessions. Sign up to your preferred session by clicking on the “sign up” button.

Please note: If you do not sign up during the first week of trimester, you may be extremely limited in your choice of tutorial time. The sign-up programme is only available for a limited time. If you have problems please see the Philosophy Programme Administrator, Murphy Building, 5th Floor, MY 518.

Names and contact details

Cei Maslen (Course Coordinator) MY 707 463-6524 Cei.Maslen@vuw.ac.nz Office Hours: Monday 10.30-11.30 am and by appointment	Simon Keller (Lecturer) MY 720 463-9638 Simon.Keller@vuw.ac.nz Office Hours: Wednesday 9.30-11.30 am	Daniel Burkett (Lecturer) MY 704 463-5233 x8959 danburkett@gmail.com Office Hours: Wednesday 2.00-3.00 pm
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The contact details of the tutors are listed below:

Katie Hamilton (senior tutor) MY 622 463-5233 x8952 Katie.Hamilton@vuw.ac.nz Office Hours: Friday 12.00- 1.00 pm	Michael Gilchrist (Tutor) MY 717 463-5233 x8652 Michael.Gilchrist@vuw.ac.nz Office Hours: Friday 2.00- 3.00 pm	Justin Ngai (Tutor) MY 704 463-5233 x8959 Justin.Ngai@vuw.ac.nz Office Hours: Wednesday 2.00 - 3.00 pm
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Communication of additional information

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that this account is active and you have organised email forwarding. Additional information and any changes to the timetable or lecture and seminar programme will be announced in lectures and posted on the course BlackBoard website.

Prescription

An introduction to philosophical questions about the nature of reality and what (and how) we can know about it. Topics may include: What, if anything, do we know? What is time? What is science? Is the mind separate from the body?

Course Content

The course is divided into four sections:

Weeks 1-2 (15 July- 26 July): **with Simon Keller**

Topic: Philosophy of time.

Weeks 3-4 (19 July- 9 August) **with Daniel Burkett**

Topic: Time travel

Weeks 5-8 (12 August- 20 September) **with Cei Maslen**

Topic: Knowledge

Weeks 9-12 (23 September - 18 October) **with Simon Keller**

Topics: The self. Intuitions

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

The main aim is to provide an introduction to philosophy, with special attention given to the nature and analysis of argumentation. Students who pass this course will be able to:

1. acquire an adequate understanding of, and ability to evaluate, some arguments and issues discussed in several areas of philosophy.
2. Have a solid foundation for further work in the discipline, and
3. Have the ability to think more carefully and critically about a wider range of issues.

Teaching format

PHIL 104 will involve three 50-minute lectures and one 50-minute tutorial per week. The presumption is that each student will attend all classes (so if information is given in lectures or tutorials, we will assume that all students have it).

Mandatory course requirements

Other than achieving an overall pass mark of 50% there are no mandatory course requirements.

Workload

In accordance with Faculty Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 200 hours to the course throughout the trimester. This includes weekly attendance at lectures and tutorials, completion of all set weekly readings and research and writing for set assessment tasks.

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item – PHIL 106	%	CLO(s)	Due date
1 50-minute in-class test (1 essay question)	15%	1, 2 & 3	1:00–1:50 pm Friday 9 August
2 2,000 word essay	35%	1, 2 & 3	4:00pm Friday 27 September
3 3-hour final exam	50%	1, 2 & 3	TBA (25 October–16 November)

For marking criteria and help with writing the essay please see our Assessment Criteria guide in the front of the course reader and available on the BlackBoard website.

Submission and return of work

Essays should be submitted through Blackboard and a hard copy together with completed cover sheet available on Blackboard.

You must submit your essay electronically via Blackboard (please consult Blackboard for instructions) and as a hard copy. This electronic version will be sent to turnitin.com, an anti-plagiarism website. (Additional information regarding the use of Turnitin will be given on the essay topic handout.) You must also submit a hard copy of your essay to the Philosophy Programme office (MY 518).

Essays and tests will be returned at times to be advised. If students fail to attend these times, they may collect their essay from the School Office, Room 518, Murphy Building between the hours of 2.00 and 3.00 pm from Monday to Friday and must show their Student ID card before collection.

Penalties

Philosophy Programme policy stipulates that late submission of essays is penalised. For each week or part thereof of lateness, a late assignment gets a 5 point penalty, up to three weeks, after which the assignment will get a zero mark. (i.e. 1-7 days late a loss of 5%; 8-14 days late a loss of 10 %; 15-21 days late a loss of 15%, and after that a zero mark.) Extensions may be granted in exceptional circumstances, but **require the student to provide documentation**. If granted an extension, students must agree to a new due date. Contact your lecturer as soon as a problem emerges.

Set texts

PHIL 104 has a required course reader (student notes) this year, available from vicbooks, and no required textbook.

If you find the course reader is out of stock then please order one for yourself from vicbooks, http://www.vicbooks.co.nz/cms_display.php?sn=24&st=1. This should only take a few days. In the meantime please also email the course co-ordinator (Cei.Maslen@vuw.ac.nz) to let her know that the course reader is out of stock.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course

Student feedback

There have been no changes to the course since last taught. Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin

- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades
- Graduate attributes: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/hppi/about/overview-of-the-school/phil-overview#grad-attributes>
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/vicliffe/student-service
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/vicliffe/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz