



Introduction to Philosophy short course

1. Syllabus

1.1 Introduction to philosophy [235PO20]

An introduction to the subject matter and methods of philosophy by means of a study of certain fundamental philosophical problems and texts. Included here will be: the problem of free-will and determinism, the nature of the self, arguments for equality and the foundations of knowledge.

Assessment: *assessed by a three-hour unseen written paper*

2. Entrance Requirement

2.1 Students who wish to register for the Introduction to Philosophy short course are not required to hold any formal qualifications. Applicants are however, required to provide proof of competence in English which is acceptable to the University.

3. Application

3.1 Students will use the standard Humanities application form to apply for the Introduction to Philosophy short course.

4. Registration

4.1 Students will have a registration period of two years. Students should refer to the *Short Course General Regulations: Undergraduate Programmes* for further information regarding periods of registration.

5. Examination

5.1 Students will have two years to take the Introduction to Philosophy short course examination. Should students need to re-sit the examination because of a failure at the first attempt, they will be required to pay the examination re-sit fee. Students will not be permitted to make a further examination attempt for the Introduction to Philosophy unit if the subject has been passed.

5.2 The Examination for Introduction to Philosophy short course will take place on one occasion each year, normally around the first week of May.

6. Fees

6.1 Introduction to Philosophy short course:

Application handling fee: £62

Composite fee (registration and one examination entry): £265

Examination re-sit fee: £161

6.2 External students wishing to progress to the Diploma in Philosophy after the Introduction to Philosophy short course, will be required to pay the Diploma in Philosophy initial registration fee (£414), as they will be starting a new registration on a new structure. Students will not have to pay another application handling fee, nor will they have to pay a continuing registration fee upon registering for the Diploma in Philosophy, as they are starting a new registration period.

7. Progression to the Diploma in Philosophy

7.1 External students with a pass mark of 50 or above in the Introduction to Philosophy short course will be considered for registration on the Diploma in Philosophy programme.

7.2 External students will be credited with their pass in the Introduction to Philosophy unit if they progress to the Diploma in Philosophy programme.

7.3 External students wishing to move onto the Diploma in Philosophy after passing the Introduction to Philosophy short course should write to the External System Student Registry, requesting to progress to the Diploma.

8. Transfer to the Degree

8.1 Should students have the requisite entrance requirements for the BA Philosophy degree, having completed the Introduction to Philosophy short course, they will be permitted to submit a new application for entry onto the degree. As the unit Introduction to Philosophy does not feature in the BA Philosophy degree, it is not an option to have this pass credited towards the degree.

9. Certificate of Registration

9.1 Upon registering for the short course, students will receive a Certificate of Registration.

10. Certificate of Achievement

10.1 Upon successfully passing the Introduction to Philosophy short course, students will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

11. Study materials

11.1 Upon registration, students will be sent the following materials:

- A student handbook
- *Reading Philosophy* – subject guide for Introduction to Philosophy
- Past exam papers and Examiners' reports
- Regulations