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Group	Course	Offerings
Philosophy	Philosophy (BA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murdoch campus (internal) • Murdoch campus (external)

PHILOSOPHY

PHILOSOPHY (BA)

Main Research Areas:

ethics, political philosophy, environmental philosophy, philosophy of economics, applied ethics, hermeneutics, metaphysics, phenomenology, history of ideas

Philosophy is the foundation of all other disciplines. It focuses on the very scope and limits of human understanding and deals with the most fundamental knowledge of the world and ourselves. All systematic enquiry is ultimately grounded in philosophy. It is the art of clear thinking, the ability to address the most fundamental questions in life and an understanding of how to revise our conceptual frameworks in order to elicit change in the world, which set up philosophy students to become competent thinkers, leaders, and innovators who make a real impact. The Philosophy program at Murdoch introduces students to the major strands of philosophical thought as well as offering three special focus areas: ethics and political philosophy, 20th century European philosophy, and history of metaphysics.

Employment Prospects:

Philosophy develops critical faculties, broadens intellectual horizons, enhances critical thinking abilities and fine-tunes writing skills. It provides excellent preparation for a wide variety of careers where analysis and communication are important. The skills students gain will be directly applicable in areas including policy development, research and evaluation, project design and coordination, change management, administration roles in state, federal and local government, online learning development and technology, journalism and media, professional writing, equal opportunity, access/transition to education programs and the not-for-profit sector - just to name a few. By combining Philosophy with vocationally-based degrees such as Law, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Psychology, Theology, Education, Theatre and Drama, and even Commerce and Economics, students can pursue a specific career with added intellectual focus, further enhancing their graduate prospects.

Languages and Writing Skills:

Philosophy students are strongly encouraged to include a writing unit in their selection of a secondary area of study. It is also recommended that students consider studying a language other than English, with Indonesian and Japanese available at Murdoch within the Bachelor of Arts.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Philosophy

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability:

- Murdoch campus (internal)
 Murdoch campus (external)

Recommended Double Majors:

English and Creative Writing; History; Law; Terrorism and Counterterrorism Studies

Recommended Minors:

Creative Writing; Modern History; Social Justice in Contemporary Culture

Admission Requirements (Onshore):

As per normal undergraduate admission requirements

Excluded Minors:

Ethics; Philosophy

Special Requirements:

There may be a reduction of choice of units if completing this course in the external mode.

Humanities

The Bachelor of Arts at Murdoch is a degree unlike any other in Australia. It embraces new directions in teaching and practice-based

learning to train the thinkers and researchers of the 21st century. So many of the biggest and most vital issues we face today are about human society and the human condition. How can we understand who we are, how we want to live, or what kind of society we want to create, without the insights, knowledge and skills provided by the humanities? Our degree is different because we teach our students to put these into practice in a way that is recognised and valued by employers. Our graduates are empowered to be the agile and creative thinkers who will thrive in a rapidly changing world. They are able to think creatively, communicate effectively, manage projects, exercise highly-developed analytical and interpersonal skills, and they possess an in-depth knowledge of contemporary societal issues and trends. These are professional skills which are recognised and valued universally. In short, you can study what you love and get a job too!

Course Codes: B1356

Course Structure - 72 credit points

Course Core - 24 credit points

100 Level Units - 9 credit points

Spine Unit - 3 credit points

MSP100 Career Learning: Managing Your Career - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-external, S2-external

Course Core Units - 6 credit points

ART101 Coming into Community - 6 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external

OR

ART102 Inventing the Future - 6 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

200 Level Units - 15 credit points

Spine Units - 6 credit points

Select from the following:

MSP200 Building Enterprise Skills - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-external, S2-external

MSP201 Real World Learning - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-external, S2-external, SUM-external, W-external, Y-external

ART208 Presenting in Public: Writing and Performing for Professional Contexts - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal

ART325 Professional Placement - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S2-internal

AIS308 Working with Indigenous Communities: Internship - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal

COD303 Preparing for Professional Community Practice - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

POL340 Public Policy Internship - 6 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

AST384 Asian Studies Project - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-external, S2-external, SUM-external, W-external

Course Core Units - 9 credit points

ART201 Global Citizenship - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external

ART202 The Weight of Data - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external

BAR200 Developing Research Skills and Methods - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external

Major Units - 24 credit points**Options - 24 credit points**

Select from any of the available Majors, Co-Majors or Minors

Major Structure - 24 credit points**100 Level Units - 6 credit points****Core Units - 6 credit points**

PHL130 Introduction to Philosophy - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

PHL131 Critical and Creative Thinking - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

200 Level Units - 15 credit points**Core Units - 9 credit points**

PHL206 Ethics, Responsibility and Justice - 3 points
MURDOCH: UA3-internal

PHL217 Meaning and Interpretation - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

PHL222 Science, Power, Knowledge - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

Specified Electives - 6 credit points

Select from the following:

PHL210 Applied Ethics: Environment, Animals and Society - 3 points
Not available this year

PHL204 Philosophy, Politics, Economics - 3 points
Not available this year

PHL205 Metaphysics: Conceptual Engineering - 3 points
Not available this year

PHL209 Artificial Minds vs Real Thoughts - 3 points
Not available this year

PHL216 Wellbeing and the Good Life - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal

PHL207 Existentialism - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

PHL221 Film and Philosophy - 3 points
Not available this year

300 Level Units - 3 credit points**Core Units - 3 credit points**

PHL377 Philosophy in Practice - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

PREREQUISITES

Applied Ethics: Environment, Animals and Society (PHL210)
Nil.

Artificial Minds vs Real Thoughts (PHL209)
Nil.

Asian Studies Project (AST384)
Permission of the Unit Coordinator.

Building Enterprise Skills (MSP200)
Nil.

Career Learning: Managing Your Career (MSP100)
Nil.

Coming into Community (ART101)
Nil.

Critical and Creative Thinking (PHL131)
Nil.

Developing Research Skills and Methods (BAR200)
Nil.

Ethics, Responsibility and Justice (PHL206)
Nil.

Existentialism (PHL207)
Nil.

Film and Philosophy (PHL221)
Nil.

Global Citizenship (ART201)
Nil.

Introduction to Philosophy (PHL130)
Nil.

Inventing the Future (ART102)
Nil.

Meaning and Interpretation (PHL217)
Nil.

Metaphysics: Conceptual Engineering (PHL205)
Nil.

Philosophy in Practice (PHL377)
PHL130 Introduction to Philosophy, PHL131 Critical and Creative Thinking, PHL205 Critical Metaphysics, PHL317 Meaning and Interpretation.

Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PHL204)
nil

Preparing for Professional Community Practice (COD303)
Nil.

Presenting in Public: Writing and Performing for Professional Contexts (ART208)
nil

Professional Placement (ART325)
Enrolment in a Bachelor of Arts course and with the permission of Academic Chair

Public Policy Internship (POL340)
High standard of academic performance.

Real World Learning (MSP201)
Normally completed an equivalent of 24 credit points

Science, Power, Knowledge (PHL222)
Nil.

The Weight of Data (ART202)
Nil.

Wellbeing and the Good Life (PHL216)
Nil.

Working with Indigenous Communities: Internship (AIS308)
Students must have completed at least two (2) units from the Australian Indigenous Studies minor or have sought the approval of the Academic Chair.

Personal Study Plan

Unit Sets:

Year	Semester 1	Semester 2
1		
2		
3		
4		