

PHILOSOPHY

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Philosophy is a three-year major subject which may be studied for degree curricula in the Faculty of Humanities. One, or in some cases two, courses in Philosophy are allowed as credits for degree/diploma curricula in the Faculties of Law and Science.

Philosophy 1

The course introduces students to philosophical ideas, issues and methods. Philosophy 1 draws on a range of philosophical traditions and covers metaphysics, epistemology and ethics.

Philosophy 2

The course covers historical and contemporary debates in metaphysics, epistemology and ethics, and includes Philosophy of Religion and Social Justice

Philosophy 3

The course covers historical and contemporary debates. Philosophy consists of four Papers, one of which is an Options Paper. The Options Paper is taught in small groups and focuses on developing philosophical writing skills. Philosophy 3 includes Papers focussed on African Philosophy, Race and Gender.

Philosophy Honours

Honours students normally take four Papers, chosen from a range of topics, and in addition submit an independent research essay. With the permission of the Head of the Department, an Honours student may substitute a research essay written during the year for one of the Papers. The length of the research

essay and the date on which it is to be submitted are laid down in the Faculty of Humanities rules.

Master's Degree

Candidates may take the Master's degree in Philosophy either by examination or by thesis, as recommended by the Head of the Department. Candidates for the degree by examination are normally required to write a number of examinations on topics within their main field of interest, to submit an independent research essay in their first year, and to submit a short dissertation by the end of their second year.

Doctoral Degree

Candidates for this degree are required to complete a research dissertation.

Accounting Ethics

Accounting Ethics is a compulsory module in Accounting. The aim of this course is to alert students to the ways in which our standard decision-making practices can lead us astray when we reason morally and to help them develop some of the skills that will help them avoid similar pitfalls in their professional capacity.

liNtetho zoBomi: Conversations About Ethics, Meaning and Community (formerly known as Existential Conversations):

This course deals with some of the perennial questions that define the discipline of philosophy but, most importantly, it focuses on giving students the opportunity to become more effective ethical agents through, among other things, philosophical reflection. It will be of interest to student who are keen to live in ways that are informed by deep reflection about self and other. This course has no prerequisites and can be taken by anyone who is registered at Rhodes University. It can be taken either as a one-year course, starting in the first or second semester of any given year, or as a semester course (either in the first or the second semester of any given year). It is an offering of the Allan Gray Centre for Leadership Ethics, which is part of the Department of Philosophy. It complements but is not a replacement of courses offered as part of the philosophy major.