

Course Essentials

Meet Your Course Team

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Details of all staff can be found in the **Class register**, under **Details and Actions**.

Intended Learning Outcomes (What You Will Learn)

Upon successful completion of this course you will be able to:

- Understand central topics in philosophy of medicine
- Appreciate the nature of philosophical scholarship
- Use a range of transferrable skills

Teaching Methods and Programme (How You Will Learn)

Teaching will be in the form of lectures and tutorials (on the King's College Campus in Old Aberdeen).

The **lectures** introduce a topic and cover important concepts, ideas, and arguments. Lecture slides are made available on the course website beforehand, enabling you to focus on the content and take notes selectively. You are welcome to ask for clarifications during lectures, but longer discussions will be resumed in the tutorials.

Tutorials explore the lecture topics in greater depth. To this end you are required to **read in advance the compulsory reading** for each tutorial. Read the text with the following questions in mind: 1) What are the main claims? 2) How are they supported? 3) Do you agree/disagree with the claims or arguments? Why? It's not at all important that you get these questions 'right' at this stage. Instead, think through what is being claimed, have a stab at answering the three questions, and take a note of where you get stuck. Tutorials are the best place to ask for any clarifications or issues that you came across when reading the texts or during lectures. Importantly, they are the place to try out your views and ideas on the topic, in discussion with your peers and me.

Advice about how to read philosophical text will be provided at the start of the course. You should also consult the "Guidelines on Reading Philosophy", available on the course website at MyAberdeen. You will be able to view your personal timetable on MyTimetable (<https://abdn.site/mytimetable>).

Content Advice

This course will include references to race, sex, and sexual orientation, which some students may find challenging. If you feel you may be affected by this topic/material, please contact the Course Coordinator to discuss this in advance of the class. Please note that confidential and impartial support is available from the Student Advice and Support Office (<https://abdn.site/student-support>). If you wish to speak to a Student Support Adviser, please email student.support@abdn.ac.uk (<mailto:student.support@abdn.ac.uk>).

Assessment (How We Will Assess What You've Learned)

Assessment Title in the Gradebook Weighting (%)

Essay 80

Tutorial participation 10

Conference presentation and participation 10

The **Course Assessment folder** has **further details**, such as due dates, detailed instructions, marking criteria, submission procedures, grades/feedback provision. In the Course Assessment folder you will also find guidance on academic integrity and policies on extensions and penalties for late submission of coursework.

Reassessment (Resit)

If you fail the course (overall course grade of E1 or less) you will be given an opportunity for a resit. You are not automatically registered for reassessment and will need to apply as outlined in the university's Reassessment Guidance (<https://abdn.site/reassessment-guidance>).

The reassessment (resit) for this course will be one

Essay (5000 words, 100% weighting)

Monitoring Attendance and Engagement

We monitor your attendance and engagement (<https://abdn.site/student-monitoring>) to identify if you might be experiencing difficulties which could affect your ability to continue with this course.

The attendance and engagement requirements for this course are:

You are required to:

- Attend all tutorials
- Read the compulsory text in advance of each tutorial
- Submit an essay for summative assessment
- Present at the course conference

If you don't meet the attendance and engagement requirements for this course we will contact you to check in and offer support. However, if you fail to respond, you will be removed from this course.

How we collect student feedback

Class Reps

Class Reps are elected at the beginning of the course and represent your views and concerns. They work together with staff, and have the opportunity to provide feedback at Staff-Student Liaison Committee (SSLC) meetings. Class Reps are instrumental in ensuring we hear your feedback.

Course Feedback Forms

Towards the end of the course you will be asked to provide feedback on the course, through completion of an anonymous [Course Feedback Form \(https://abdn.site/course-feedback\)](https://abdn.site/course-feedback). We read this feedback, share it with our External Examiners, and discuss how we will act on the feedback you provide.

Accessibility Information

We aim to make our learning resources digitally accessible. [Ally \(https://abdn.site/ally-for-students\)](https://abdn.site/ally-for-students) offers alternative formats for content, and lecture recordings will have auto-generated captions but these might contain errors. If you need help accessing content or have questions about accessibility, contact your Course Coordinator. For issues with video captions, contact [accessible-elearning@abdn.ac.uk \(mailto:accessible-elearning@abdn.ac.uk\)](mailto:accessible-elearning@abdn.ac.uk) with your course code and the specific lecture recording(s).