

ST PATRICK'S PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY, MAYNOOTH -
SEMESTER ONE 2023 - 2024 AVAILABLE PHILOSOPHY MODULES TO MU INTERNATIONAL AND ERASMUS STUDENTS

Code	Module Name	Programme	Year	Credits	Sem	Day and Time	Venue	Module Description (Further information is available at : https://sppu.ie/courses/diploma-in-philosophy)
PY135	Phenomenology	HDP/DPA	1 & 2	5	2	Tuesdays, 11-12:50	TL	This is an introduction to phenomenology through the early phenomenologists: Husserl, Edith Stein, Max Scheler and Heidegger. The key concept of intentionality is looked at in the light of Franz Brentano's thought which influenced Husserl. We also deal with the mind's relation to the world and how the early phenomenologists attempt to break out of the Cartesian prison. The history of the early
PY140	History of Medieval Philosophy	HDP/DPA	1 & 2	5	2	Thursdays, 9-10:50	DH	This will be a course covering the history of medieval philosophy. In this course we will look at the philosophical inheritance from the ancient world, and how various thinkers such as St Augustine, Plotinus, Pseudo-Dionysius, Eriugena, Avicenna etc helped to shape the course of medieval philosophy. In considering medieval philosophy in itself we will focus on the big five thinkers: St Bonaventure, St
PY142	The Philosophy of Augustine	HDP/DPA	1&2	5	2	Mondays, 9-10:50	ML	This module is a close reading of the entirety of Augustine's Confessions. This module builds the learner's ability to read primary philosophical texts while also acquainting the learner with one of the foundational texts in western philosophy and Christian philosophy in particular. It focuses specifically on the metaphysics of creation elaborated in the Confessions in concert with the theme of desire and the ordo amoris. It shows that the ordo
PY147	The Philosophy of the Human Person	HDP/DPA	1&2	5	2	Mondays, 11-12:50	HR	This module offers an overview of major philosophical understandings of the human person in the history of philosophy. Figures treated include: Plato, Augustine, Descartes, Nietzsche, Dostoevsky, and C.S. Lewis. It elaborates on the shift from a participatory anthropology rooted in the divine to a modern autonomous conception of the self and anthropology cut away from divine transcendence. It further seeks to show how the
PY126	Aesthetics	HDP/DPA	1&2	5	2	Tuesdays, 9-10:50	FD	This philosophy module in aesthetics will explore fundamental questions about art and beauty. Learners will learn about the nature of art and its role in human experience, the relationship between aesthetic experience and other forms of experience, and the various philosophical theories and debates that have shaped our understanding of the aesthetic realm. Key thinkers studied include: Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, Kant, Hegel and Freud.
PY124	Logical Reasoning and Critical Thinking	HDP/DPA	1	5	2	Weds, 9-10:50	ML	This is a module on logical reasoning and critical thinking and it aims to introduce students to the nature of logic, the logic of terms and propositions, and the nature of deduction in both traditional and mathematical logic. The overall objective of the module is that to instil a logical way of thinking in the student
PY141	Philosophy of Science and Nature	HDP/DPA Year 2	2	5	2	Weds, 11-12:50	HR	This is a course on the philosophy of science and nature and it focuses on two major issues. The first is the philosophy of science and considers the philosophical presuppositions of science. This will involve considerations of the nature of science, its methodology, its demarcation from other sciences, and scientific explanation. The second is the philosophy of nature and considers how philosophical issues can help us to understand the natural world in a way that natural science cannot. As will be seen, it was philosophical considerations of this kind that helped to drive developments in modern science, so that what look like scientific advances are actually advances (or retreats) within the philosophy of nature.

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<https://forms.office.com/e/xD2VWqHMUM>

Notes : 5 credits modules have two one hour lectures per week

All lectures will take place in Loftus Halls, South Campus

Room Legend	
FD	First Divinity - Ground Floor Loftus Halls (beside the stair case)
HR	Homiletics Room - First Floor 2nd door on the Right
DH	Dunboyne Hall - First Floor First door on the Right
TL	Top Loftus - First Floor Loftus Halls (at the end of the corridor)
ML	Middle Loftus - Ground Floor Loftus Halls (to the left as you walk in the main door)
SSR	Sacred Scripture Room - Ground Floor Loftus Halls (access to this room is directly from outside)
LC1	Liturgy Centre 1 - National Centre for Liturgy