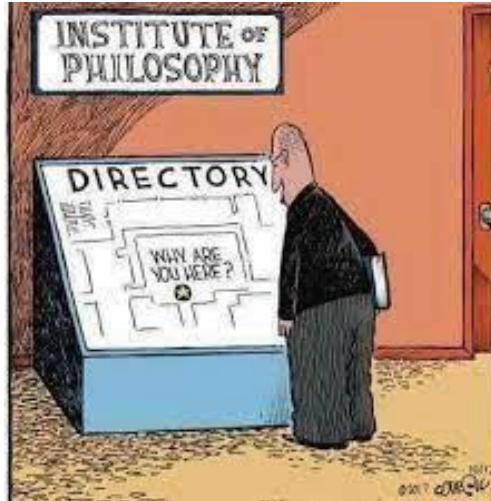


# SECOND YEAR PHILOSOPHY UCC 2024-2025



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**INTRODUCTION TO 2nd YEAR PHILOSOPHY  
SPECIAL LECTURE – ALL WELCOME**

**Tuesday 10th September, 11-12, Cummins G10  
(formerly Civil Eng Bld)**

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# Online Learning Resource

Whether you are studying wholly online, in person, or anywhere in between, UCC aims to prepare their students and ensure they have the digital skills to succeed in their course and succeed in the working world. We hope you find this page helpful, and feel free to dip in and out of this resource whenever you need to. You can also bookmark this page for future reference:

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/skillscentre/academicwritingstudyingresources/knowwheretogo/>

## **SECOND YEAR PHILOSOPHY 2024-2025**

**IMPORTANT:** All classes will occur in real time as per the timetable, face-to-face.

### **First Semester:**

#### **PH2002 Reasoning and Argument (5 credits) – Dr. Joel Walmsley**

*Tuesdays 11am-12 noon: Cummins Building (formerly Civil Eng Building) G10 Thursdays*

*9-10am: Cummins Building (formerly Civil Eng Building) G10*

#### **PH2004 An Introduction to Political Philosophy (5 credits) – Dr. Vittorio Bufacchi**

*Mondays 11am-12 noon, Kane B10A*

*Wednesday 10-11am, Boole 6*

#### **PH2023 Chinese Philosophy (5 credits) – Dr. Adam Loughnane**

*Mondays 1-2pm, Western Gateway Building G09*

*Wednesdays 12 noon-1pm, Kane G18*

#### **PH2034 Capitalism and Welfare (5 credits) – Prof. Don Ross**

*Mondays 3-4pm WGB G13*

*Tuesdays 1-2pm Kane B10A*

#### **PH2035 Roman Political Thought: Cicero (5 credits) – Dr. Vittorio Bufacchi**

*Wednesdays 1-2pm WW5 Thursdays*

*10-11am AL G18*

#### **PH2036 Existentialism (5 credits) - Dr. Adam Loughnane**

*Mondays 10-11am Boole 6 Tuesdays*

*9-10am WW9*

### **Second Semester:**

#### **PH2006 Philosophy of Mind and Consciousness (5 credits) – Dr. Joel Walmsley**

*Monday 11am-12noon, Boole 5*

*Wednesdays 2-3pm WW6*

#### **PH2012 Philosophy of Knowledge (5 credits) – Dr. Bengt Autzen**

*Mondays 1-2pm Aras na Laoi G18 Wednesdays*

*11am-12 noon Boole 6*

#### **PH2017 Feminist Philosophy (5 credits) – Dr. Evelien Geerts**

*Tuesdays 2-3pm O’Rahilly Bldg 212*

*Thursdays 3-4pm O’Rahilly Bldg 212*

**PH2018 Violence and War (5 credits) – Dr. Vittorio Bufacchi**

*Mondays 3-4 pm, Boole 2*

*Wednesday 9-10, CPB (Cavanagh Pharmacy Building) LG51*

**PH2019 Philosophy of Science (5 credits) –Dr. Bengt Autzen and Prof. Don Ross**

*Mondays 10-11am ORB 123*

*Thursdays 1-2pm West Wing 5*

**PH2028 Applied Ethics (5 credits) – Dr. Jason Dockstader and Dr. Juliana de Albuquerque**

*Tuesdays 3-4pm, Food Science Bldg A1*

*Thursday 4-5pm, Boole 2*

**GR2043 Ethics and Philosophical Ways of Living in Antiquity – Dr. Crystal Addey, Department of Classics – [crystal.addey@ucc.ie](mailto:crystal.addey@ucc.ie)**

*Wednesday 12-1pm in Boole 6 and 4-5pm in Kane G20N*

Room abbreviation details

AL - Aras na Laoi

FSB - Food Science Building

Conn - Connolly Building (across from the River Lee Hotel)

CEC - Cork Enterprise Centre, North Mall

CPB - Cavanagh Pharmacy Building

Kane - Kane (Science) Building

WW – West Wing

ORB - O'Rahilly Building

BHSC – Brookfield Health Sciences Complex

CE – Civil Engineering Building

LL – Boole

Elect - Electrical Engineering Building

WGB – Western Gateway Building

**REQUIREMENTS**

If you are taking 30, 40, or 50 Credits of Philosophy, you **MUST** take PH2002 (5 Credits), plus the remainder of your credits from the following options:

GR2043; PH2017; PH2018; PH2028; PH2034; PH2006; PH2012; PH2019; PH2004; PH2023; PH2035; PH2036

If you are taking 10 or 20 Credits of Philosophy, then you may take any combination of modules.

**NB FOR HONOURS STUDENTS:**

The marks assigned in the Second Year are carried forward to Third Year and constitute one third of a student's final B.A. marks.

**NOTE:**

The full regulations governing the selection of courses and the number of modules required are to be found in the Academic Programme Catalogue: <https://ucc-ie->

[public.courseleaf.com/programmes/](https://public.courseleaf.com/programmes/) Information on modules can be found here:  
<https://www.ucc.ie/admin/registrar/modules/?prefix=PH>

### !!! TIMETABLE CLASHES !!!

Due to restrictions in teaching spaces, clashes in your timetable will unfortunately be unavoidable. If you have a clash, you **cannot** take both modules. You must choose between the modules that clash since you are categorically forbidden to register for modules that clash in your timetable with other modules in Philosophy or in any other department across UCC.

## MODULE OPTIONS IN FIRST SEMESTER

### PH2002 – Reasoning and Argument – Dr. Joel Walmsley

- **Course Description:** The objective of this module is to acquaint students with the variety of forms of reasoning that may be used in arguments in general, and in philosophical texts in particular. The aim is to enable students (a) to evaluate the cogency of arguments that they come across; and (b) to develop arguments of their own that meet the standards for good reasoning. The main focus of the module will be on the study of arguments: the forms that they take, the language they use, and some techniques for reconstructing and evaluating them. We will also examine some formal methods for (re-)constructing and evaluating arguments, especially using truth tables and propositional logic.
- **Readings:**
  - a) Textbook: Howell, T., and G. Kemp (2015) *Critical Thinking: A Concise Guide* (Routledge) available via the UCC Book shop.
  - b) Book companion website:  
<http://www.routledgetextbooks.com/textbooks/9780415820929/>
  - c) For the latter parts of the course, we will supplement the textbook with additional material that will be made available on Canvas.
- **Assessment:** Total marks 100: 2 x in-class tests worth 50 marks each.
- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom delivery.

### PH2004 Introduction to Political Philosophy (5 credits) – Dr. Vittorio Bufacchi

- **Course Description:** This module is an introduction to political philosophy as seen through the works of some of the major thinkers of the Western tradition. The focus will be on the social contract tradition, in particular the works of Hobbes, Locke and Rawls.
- **Readings:**  
Hobbes, *Leviathan*. Further readings on Canvas.
- **Assessment:** Total marks 100: Continuous Assessment 100 marks - 1 x in class test 50 marks; 1 x 2,500 word essay 50 marks.
- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom delivery.

### PH2023 Chinese Philosophy (5 credits) – Dr. Adam Loughnane

- **Course Description:** This module introduces the major schools of philosophy that developed in ancient China before the 2nd Century BCE, which have been fundamental to its intellectual, religious, social-political, and aesthetic history. Those include various schools of Daoism, Buddhism, and Confucianism. Student will be guided through the ideas and practices from the most influential Chinese philosophers such as Laozi, Zhuangzi, and Confucius as well as the four major schools of Chinese Buddhism (Ch'an, Huayan T'ian-t'ai, Consciousness Only) with a brief look at their Indian Buddhist origin. Throughout the module we explore the different conceptions of reality in the diverse schools and the associated understandings of consciousness, ethics, knowledge, language, and perception. A major theme throughout the course will be how the different Chinese philosophers construe the ontologically negative, that is; emptiness, nothingness, and non-presence.
- **Readings:** All readings to be made available on Canvas.
- **Assessment:** Total marks 100 - 1 x 2,500 word essay 40 marks; 1 x in-class test 40 marks; attendance and participation 20 marks.
- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom delivery.

### PH2034 Capitalism and Welfare (5 credits) – Prof. Don Ross

- **Course Description:** This module will explore the following questions: What makes an economy 'capitalist' in its structure and organization? Why and how did capitalism arise and spread? Why has it become the dominant economic and social model in the world? What are the main arguments used in defense of capitalist institutions, and how well do these arguments stand up to criticisms? What are the main social and moral problems caused or exacerbated by capitalist institutions? How might these institutions plausibly be reformed or replaced in response to the identified problems? In the concluding part of the course, we'll focus on a specific challenge looming for capitalist societies: how can they preserve their stability, and provide reasonable expectations of decent lives for the majority of their citizens, if automation comes to make most normal human skill and talent levels uncompetitive with machines?
- **Readings:**
  - 1) Samuel Bowles, Richard Edwards, and Frank Roosevelt, *Understanding Capitalism*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (2005, Oxford University Press): available through the UCC Lowercase bookshop. Students can also lease an e-version through <https://uccshop.ie/shop/understandingcapitalism/>
  - 2) Guy Standing, *Basic Income and How We Can Make it Happen* (2017, Penguin): available through the UCC Lowercase bookshop
  - 3) Philippe van Parijs, *What's Wrong With a Free Lunch?* (Beacon, 2001): e-copy on Canvas.
- **Assessment:** Continuous Assessment 100 marks. 2 x assignments – assignment 1 (1,600 words) worth 25 marks and assignment 2 (1,600 words) worth 75 marks.
- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom delivery.

### PH2035 Roman Political Thought: Cicero (5 credits) - Dr. Vittorio Bufacchi

- **Course Description:** Cicero is arguably the most influential political philosopher of the last 2000 years, perhaps even more influential than Plato, since Cicero was more than a philosopher: he also held the highest political office in the Roman Republic. The focus of this module will be the last 100 years of the Roman Republic, and in particular the philosophical



works of Cicero. We will read about life (and death) in Ancient Rome, while examining Cicero's key writings on a range of philosophical topics: the ideal polity and constitution, Republicanism, friendship, moral duties, old age and death.

- **Readings:** Cicero: *On Living and Dying Well* (Penguin 2012); Bufacchi *Why Cicero Matters* (Bloomsbury 2023).
- **Assessment:** Total marks 100: 2 x in class tests 50 marks each; 1 presentation.
- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom delivery.

### PH2036 Existentialism (5 credits) – Dr. Adam Loughnane

- **Course Description:** The extremes of human experience have been contemplated by Eastern and Western thinkers beyond traditional philosophic categories of logic, epistemology, ethics, and metaphysics in a movement we refer to as "existentialism". In this module, we explore Western existential philosophers such as Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, de Beauvoir, Sartre, and Heidegger, as well as existential aspects of Asian philosophies such as Buddhism, Daoism, and the Kyoto School writings of Nishitani Keiji. We also read the works of existential literary figures, such as Dostoyevsky, Kafka, Camus, Oe, or Kawabata. Throughout the module we apply existentialist frameworks to explore states of human experience such as nihilism, authenticity, the feeling of the absurd, emptiness, or existential nausea, as well as positive feelings such as exalted joy, contentment, ecstasy, serenity, and enlightenment. The leading question throughout our explorations is, "how can existential thought contribute in concrete ways to our everyday life and our philosophical well-being?".
- **Readings:** All readings to be made available on Canvas.
- **Assessment:** Total marks 100: 1 x in-class test 50 marks; 1 x 2,500 word essay 50 marks
- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom delivery.

## MODULE OPTIONS IN SECOND SEMESTER

### PH2006 Philosophy of Mind and Consciousness (5 credits) - Dr. Joel Walmsley

- **Course Description:** Our minds seem to be at once both the thing that we know best and the thing that eludes our best efforts at theory-building. This module introduces students to current philosophical debates about the nature of mind and its place in the natural world. Prominent theories of mind will be considered with particular attention paid to their capacity to capture the first-personal, the apparently private, and experientially rich nature of mental life.
- **Readings:** Further readings on Canvas. A selection of primary and secondary readings, to be made available via Canvas.
- **Assessment:** Total marks 100: 1 x 2500 word essay (50 marks); 1.5hr Summer Written Exam (50 Marks).
- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom delivery.

### PH2012 Philosophy of Knowledge (5 credits) - Dr. Bengt Autzen

- **Course Description:** Epistemology, or 'the theory of knowledge', is one of the central branches of philosophy, tracing back to ancient Greece. Our approach, however, will be contemporary rather than historical: we will study key epistemological debates in 20th century analytic philosophy, mostly by looking at some deeply puzzling sceptical arguments and paradoxes. Topics to be covered include the nature of knowledge and justification, scepticism and possible

responses to it, perception and perceptual knowledge, a priori knowledge, inductive reasoning, probability and degrees of belief.

- **Readings:** Sven Bernecker *Reading Epistemology* (2006, Blackwell). Further readings on Canvas.
- **Assessment:** Total marks 100: 1 x online test 50 marks; 1 x 2500 word essay 50 marks
- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom delivery.

### PH2017 Feminist Philosophy (5 credits) – Dr. Evelien Geerts

- **Course Description:** This module introduces students to a variety of feminist philosophical and critical theoretical perspectives vis-à-vis the Western philosophical canon. Writing from a variety of situated, embodied perspectives, feminist philosophers and critical theorists challenge several areas of traditional philosophy. The aim of this course is to explore some of these areas while reflecting upon topics such as subjectivity, the body and embodiment, freedom, agency, and autonomy, knowledge production, and so forth. Special attention will be paid to feminist philosophies and critical theories that raise questions about the nature of sex and gender, sex and gender's entanglements with race/ethnicity and able-bodiedness, and how these entanglements have influenced feminist philosophical and critical theoretical knowledge production.
- **Readings:** All readings will be available on Canvas.
- **Assessment:** Total marks 100: 1 x 2,500 word essay (40 Marks); 1 x in class test (40 Marks); 1 x peer review report (20 Marks).
- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom delivery.

### PH2018 Violence and War (5 credits) - Dr. Vittorio Bufacchi

- **Course Description:** A philosophical analysis of the meaning and ethics of violence. This module will try to answer two key questions: What is violence? Can violence be justified?
- **Readings:** All reading will be available on Canvas.
- **Assessment:** Total marks 100: 1 x 2,500-word essay 50 marks; 1 x in class test 50 marks.
- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom delivery.

### PH2019 Philosophy of Science (5 credits) – Prof. Don Ross and Dr. Bengt Autzen

- **Course Description:** This module will provide an introduction to some of the most important debates in contemporary philosophy of science. The first part of the module will examine some famous philosophical theories *about* science in general—e.g., from Karl Popper and Thomas Kuhn—and related concepts such as the problem of induction, falsification, reductionism, scientific revolutions and the rationality of theory choice. In the second part of the module, through the case study of David Deutsch's (2011) *The Beginning of Infinity*, we will examine how these, and other, concepts can be applied both within quantum physics and also, peripherally, to evolutionary biology and social science. Although previous knowledge of any particular science is, of course, welcome, it is neither required nor expected.
- **Readings:**
  - 1) James Ladyman (2001) *Understanding Philosophy of Science* (Routledge): available through the UCC *Lowercase* bookshop and online via the UCC library.
  - 2) David Deutsch (2011) *The Beginning of Infinity* (Penguin): available through the UCC *Lowercase* bookshop
  - 3) Further supplementary readings (including extracts from Hume, Popper, Kuhn and others): available electronically through the module Canvas page.
- **Assessment:** Total marks 100: 1 x online test 50 marks; 1 x 2500 word essay 50 marks

- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom deliver.

### PH2028 Applied Ethics (5 credits) – Dr. Juliana de Albuquerque and Dr. Jason Dockstader

- **Course description:** In this course we will begin by outlining and examining the bases of ethical theory before applying these theoretical frameworks to important instances of real-world ethical issues. In particular, we look at issues like immigration, humanitarian intervention, world hunger, capital punishment, reparations and more.
- **Readings:** Will be available on Canvas. Required book: *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics*, 2nd Edition, edited by Cohen and Wellman
- **Assessment:** Total Marks 100: 1 x in-class test, 1 x 2,000 word essay; 2 presentations.
- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom delivery.

### GR2043 Ethics and Philosophical Ways of Living in Antiquity – Dr. Crystal Addey (Department of Classics)

- **IMPORTANT:** If you want to take this course, please e-mail Dr. Crystal Addey and tell her you want to take her module, [crystal.addey@ucc.ie](mailto:crystal.addey@ucc.ie)
- **Course Description:** This module introduces a range of ancient Greek and Roman philosophical approaches towards a diverse range of issues, including death, mortality and immortality; friendship; love; gender, marriage and children; harm, violence and suffering; and religion and philosophical exercises. The module also explores the role(s) of philosophy in antiquity as a guide for daily life, conduct and ethics.
- **Readings:** TBD.
- **Assessment:** Total Marks 100: Formal Written Examination 70 marks; Continuous Assessment 30 marks (1 x 2,000 word essay).
- **Mode of Teaching:** Face-to-face classroom delivery.

### PRACTICAL QUESTIONS AND GENERAL QUERIES:

Your Second-Year Director of Studies is Dr. Vittorio Bufacchi: [v.bufacchi@ucc.ie](mailto:v.bufacchi@ucc.ie) Dr. Bufacchi may be contacted about any practical queries, problems etc. that arise in connection with your study of philosophy in your second year.

### PASTORAL CARE

We appreciate that students experience unforeseen, and sometimes ongoing, personal difficulties during their time with us. We in the department of Philosophy want to ensure you of our support during these times and encourage you to leave us know of any difficulties as soon as you feel comfortable to. We will respect your privacy and assure confidentiality.

During the academic year, should you run into difficulties to meet deadlines, please remember that you have the option to request an extension. Always consult with your lecturer.

If you wish to talk to someone in the department about academic or personal issues, please contact Prof. Don Ross ([don.ross931@gmail.com](mailto:don.ross931@gmail.com) or [don.ross@ucc.ie](mailto:don.ross@ucc.ie)), or another member of staff you feel comfortable with. For personal or medical issues, you may also wish to contact the office of Student Counselling and Development, <https://www.ucc.ie/en/studentcounselling/>, who will offer free, confidential, professional advice on any personal issues affecting your work or wellbeing:

- By Phone: (021) 490 3565
- By Email: [counselling@ucc.ie](mailto:counselling@ucc.ie)

## AUTUMN SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATIONS

Students who fail a module in Second Year will need to undertake work as part of the "Supplemental" examinations process in August 2024. This usually includes a written exam and/or repeat essay, but precise details for each module can be found in the Book of Modules here: <https://www.ucc.ie/modules/>. Please note: Autumn Supplemental marks are usually capped at 40% (see "Mitigation" below).

## MITIGATION

If you have experienced personal or medical difficulties that you feel contributed to you failing or to not sitting your exams, you can make an application for "Mitigation". A successful mitigation application will waive the capping of the 40% mark for the Autumn Supplemental Examination. Further details and application form on the mitigation process are available on this link: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/media/support/recordsandexaminations/documents/MitigationApplicationForm-WaiverofCapping-1.docx>

## MEDICAL CERTS

If a student misses a required element for medical reasons, s/he must submit a medical certificate to verify the reason for the absence on that date. Students are required to submit medical certificates within two weeks of their absence. Medical certificates submitted after more than two weeks of the absence from a required element may not be accepted by the department.

## PLAGIARISM

**Plagiarism** is the copying or misappropriation of ideas (or their expression), text or data without permission and due acknowledgement. It is the presentation of another person's ideas or words as though they were the student's own.

*All work submitted as part of the requirement for any examination or assessment in the Philosophy Department must be expressed in the student's own words and incorporate their own ideas and judgments.*

Direct quotations from the published or unpublished work of another *must* always be clearly identified as such by being placed in quotation marks, and a full reference to their source must be provided in the proper form.

A single unacknowledged long quotation from a single source, or a series of short quotations from several different sources, if not clearly identified as such, constitute plagiarism. Furthermore, if another person's ideas or judgments are summarized, the student must refer to that person in his/her text, and include the work to which reference is made in the bibliography.

Use of additional tools such as ChatGPT should be cleared by lecturer and, in any case, be acknowledged in assignments. Failure to do either may constitute plagiarism.

Plagiarism is a serious offence for which there is a range of serious penalties.

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