

AP230/330

The Big Questions: Metaphysics

An exploration of the most basic questions about the whole of reality, including: reality and appearance, being and becoming, universals, change, identity, freedom and determinism.

AP397/398 or AP497/498

Philosophy Seminar

An individual reading course with a supervisor, assessed by a major essay.

AP350

Philosophy of the Human Person

Introduction to philosophical thinking about the human person. The topics covered include nature, agency and subjectivity; the relation between the human body and language; knowledge, freedom and the personal capacity for transcendence; ethics and sexual difference.

AP431

Christianity in a Post-Christian Culture

A study of the contemporary critique of Christianity and the responses to it, focussing on Nietzsche, Max Scheler, and René Girard.

AP432

Ethics and Healthcare Issues

This unit includes: subjective and objective aspects of the human person as a morally responsible agent with a rational and social nature, ethical reasoning in the light of what is the *good of* and *for* persons; the relevance of secular and traditional criteria for determining morally good and bad actions vis-à-vis the Christian tradition and sound reasoning. In light of these foundations and the relevant scientific and/or medical facts, consideration is given to some of the ethical issues in health care.



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You may enrol as:

Degree student

For DipPhil, BTheol or BA/BTheol Degrees

Postgraduate student

Towards a Graduate Diploma or Master's Degree

Non-Degree student

Exams and assessments but without credit

Audit student

No exams or assessment or credit

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Philosophy



Studying Philosophy will confront you with perennial questions about the human person, the world and God that have fascinated great thinkers for over 3,000 years.

From the probing and enquiring mind of Socrates, to the lofty visions of Augustine and Aquinas – from the radical challenge of Descartes and Hume in the Enlightenment, to the critical analysis of Bertrand Russell and the unsettling postmodernism of Heidegger and Derrida in the last hundred years.

The Philosophy program at CTC will introduce you to these figures, and the questions they continue to pose to us. It will enable you to engage in rational enquiry and reflection both on the Christian tradition, and on contemporary issues that confront us in our secular world.

As well as including philosophy units in a BTheol, they can also be studied as part of a **Diploma in Philosophy**.

AP124

Know Thyself: Introduction to Greek Philosophy

Introduction to the foundations of Western philosophy through study of philosophers including Plato and Aristotle, and topics such as nature, being, the soul, the state, art, and God.

AP127

Philosophy of the Human Person

Introduction to philosophical thinking about the human person. Topics include: human nature, subjectivity, the body, language, knowledge, free will, morality, and sexual difference.

AP128

Do Unto Others: Introduction to Ethics

Introduction to foundational principles in Western approaches to ethics. What is good? Why should we act according to it? How do we determine what is ethically good?

AP131

Truth: What is That? Epistemology and Logic

Introduction to fundamental questions about the nature, sources, and reliability of knowledge; study of the principles of logic and clear thinking.

AP204/304

Philosophy of God

This unit deals with language about God, analogy and metaphor; proofs for the existence of God; God's eternity, simplicity, omnipotence, and omniscience; God's relationship with human beings.

AP207/307

The Challenge of Modern Philosophy

A detailed critical reading of Descartes' *Meditations* - one of the most significant texts in Western thought. This unit also studies other crucial authors of the period, including Hume and Kant.

AP221/321

New Directions in Natural Law Theory

A study of contemporary trends to introduce natural law and virtue thinking into ethical debates. Topics include: absolute moral norms, human rights and the common good.

AP222/322

Ideas of the Age

An examination of developments in 20th century continental philosophy that establish the framework for contemporary thought about metaphysics, God and faith. Topics include nihilism, existentialism and phenomenology.

AP225/325

Rediscovering Medieval Wisdom

An exploration of philosophers from Augustine to Thomas More, and their attempts to synthesise religious faith with classical philosophy.

AP229/329

"No Man is an Island": Social and Political Philosophy

A study of ancient and contemporary texts in political philosophy, examining questions including: the basis and purpose of the state's authority, systems of governance, distributive justice.

