Taught Master of Arts in Contemporary Western Philosophy

Introduction

The taught Master of Arts in contemporary western philosophy combines class based interaction (seminars and tutorials) with research. The benefit of this programme is that it bridges the gap between a BA programme that focuses on lecture based tuition and an MA by research that focuses on solitary work.

Programme Overview

The taught Master of Arts in Contemporary Western Philosophy offers responses from various strands of thought or movements in contemporary philosophy to questions raised not only within branches that are traditionally within the remit of philosophy (ethics, logic and metaphysics) but also with the newer branches of philosophy (artificial intelligence, surveillance, communication). The programme will explore themes and motifs that circulate within the discourses of contemporary western philosophy. In this respect, the Master in Contemporary Western Philosophy will go beyond the outdated analytic-continental divide, proposing an eclectic approach that finds a virtue in the cross fertilization of movements and ideas. However, despite the emphasis on the contemporary this programme is not suggesting a tension or disavowal of the past, of the tradition within which contemporary philosophy is embedded. Rather, this programme conceptualizes itself as both a re-invigoration and a broadening of the tradition of western philosophy.

Programme of Studies

PHI 5003 – Critical Engagements with the Philosophy of Communication 10 ECTS
PHI 5004 – Philosophy in the Age of the Media 10 ECTS
PHI 5007 – Ethics and Society 10 ECTS
PHI 5002 – Contemporary Metaphysics 10 ECTS
PHI 5005 – Logic and Laughter 10 ECTS
PHI 5001 – A Philosophical Analysis of Surveillance Societies 5 ECTS
PHI 5006 – Philosophical Foundations of Artificial Intelligence 5 ECTS
PHI 5011 – Dissertation

Total number of ECTS for completion of course

Registration

Students are able to enrol for first term in October or the second term in February.

Duration

The taught Master of Arts in Contemporary Western Philosophy is offered as a day course on a full- or part-time basis. The full-time programme takes three semesters (two semesters of classes, and one semester for the dissertation) to complete while the part-time programme takes six semesters (four semesters of classes and two semesters for the dissertation.).