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**NOTRE DAME**  
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# **COURSE REGULATIONS:**

## **BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (BPHIL)**

## **BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HONOURS) [BPHIL (HON)]**

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**COURSE CODE: 3311 AND 3312**

<b>Applicability:</b>	These Course Regulations apply to all students who commenced as from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2008
<b>Responsible Executive:</b>	Dean
<b>Responsible Office:</b>	School of Philosophy & Theology
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Senior Administrative Officer
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## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

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### 1.1 Introduction

These Bachelor of Philosophy Course Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the degree course at the University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General University Regulations and the School of Philosophy & Theology Regulations.

### 1.2 Interpretation

The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University's General Regulations and the School of Philosophy & Theology Regulations.

### 1.3 Alterations made to Course Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Bachelor of Philosophy degree, the amendments will automatically apply to all students enrolling for the first time in the degree in the year immediately following the adoption of the amendments.

### 1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University

The Bachelor of Philosophy degree is available on the Fremantle and Sydney Campuses.

## **CHAPTER 2: ENTRY CRITERIA**

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The standard entry criteria as detailed in the School of Philosophy & Theology Regulations and University's General Regulations apply to this degree program.

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**CHAPTER 3: DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**


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**3.1 Structure**

In order to graduate with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, a student must complete a minimum of 24 units, comprised of 16 compulsory units and 8 elective units.

**3.1.1 Compulsory units**

This degree comprises of the following compulsory requirements:

- (a) A minimum of 13 approved units in Philosophy and/or Ethics (325 credit points).  
A full list of approved units is presented as Appendix A. A minimum of 4 of these 13 units must be taken at the 300 level.
- (b) The Core Curriculum units: PH100 Philosophy, ET100 Ethics, and TH101 Theology (75 credit points).
- (c) A maximum of 8 general elective units (200 credit points).

**3.1.2 Elective units**

- (a) A maximum of 8 general elective units (a total of 200 credit points) shall be undertaken. A student may choose from any discipline other than Philosophy and Ethics with the approval of the Course Coordinator.
- (b) A maximum of 4 general elective units can be taken at the 100 level if no Major or Minor is chosen.
- (c) While students may choose general elective units from any discipline in the University (provided that relevant entry requirements and prerequisites are met and the School offering the unit gives approval), a student may use their 8 general elective units to complete a Major as listed in 3.1.3.
- (d) While students may choose general elective units from any discipline in the University (provided that relevant entry requirements and prerequisites are met and the School offering the unit gives approval), a student may use their 8 general elective units to complete a Minor (6 units for a Minor plus 2 general electives) in another discipline area, as listed in 3.1.4.

**3.1.3 Majors**

- (a) The following Majors are permitted within the Bachelor of Philosophy:
  - (i) Theology
  - (ii) History
  - (iii) English Literature
  - (iv) Politics
  - (v) Behavioural Science
  - (vi) Legal Studies
  - (vii) Social Justice
- (b) Other Majors offered by Schools of the University may be permitted with the approval of the Dean of Philosophy & Theology.

**3.1.4 Minors**

- (a) The following Minors are permitted within the Bachelor of Philosophy:
  - (i) Theology
  - (ii) History
  - (iii) English Literature
  - (viii) Politics
  - (ix) Behavioural Science
  - (x) Legal Studies
  - (xi) Social Justice
- (b) Other Minors offered by Schools of the University may be permitted with the approval of the Dean of Philosophy & Theology.

**3.1.5 Specialisations**

There are no specialisations permitted within the Bachelor of Philosophy.

### 3.2 Practicum or Internship requirements

There are no practicum or internship requirements associated with the Bachelor of Philosophy degree.

### 3.3 Approved unit substitutions

Unit substitutions are only allowed with the written approval of the Dean of the School.

### 3.4 Course duration

#### 3.4.1 Standard Duration

- (a) The standard duration of the Bachelor of Philosophy is 3 years of full time study.
- (b) Students are able to enrol in the degree on a part-time basis
- (c) The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Bachelor of Philosophy is the same as that outlined in the General Regulations for an undergraduate degree course.

#### 3.4.2 Accelerated Duration

An accelerated mode is not available for the Bachelor of Philosophy.

### 3.5 Graduation

A minimum of 600 credit points drawn from the approved course structure is required in order for a student to graduate with the pass degree Bachelor of Philosophy.

### 3.6 Honours

The following Regulations must be read in conjunction with the *Policy: The Award of a Degree with Honours*.

#### 3.6.1 Admission to an Honours program

- (a) Admission to the Bachelor of Philosophy with Honours is by application (in accordance with School procedures) and is subject to approval by the Dean.
- (b) Enrolment in the Bachelor of Philosophy Honours program on a part-time basis with the permission of the Dean is permitted.

#### 3.6.2 Selection criteria

- (a) The following selection criteria will be used for a student applying to enrol in an Honours program:
  - (i) The achievement of an average mark of 70% across all units of study in the Bachelor of Philosophy degree course.
  - (ii) No instance of a "Fail" grade in any unit studied as part of the Bachelor of Philosophy degree course.
  - (iii) No instance of confirmed (documented) misconduct or violation of academic integrity.

#### 3.6.3 Compulsory Honours coursework units

There are no compulsory coursework units for a student enrolled in the Bachelor of Philosophy Honours program.

#### 3.6.4 Compulsory Research component

The Honours component requires the completion of a research thesis, which is to be no less than 30,000 and no more than 35,000 words in length.

#### 3.6.5 Examination of Research component

Examination of the Honours research component within the Bachelor of Philosophy is detailed in the *Guideline: Examination of Honours Research Components*.

#### 3.6.6 Awarding Honours

Honours within the Bachelor of Philosophy is awarded as a graded pass.

### ***End of Regulations***

## APPENDICES

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### APPENDIX A: LIST OF APPROVED PHILOSOPHY UNITS FOR THE BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY

A minimum of 13 approved units drawn from the list below in Philosophy (and/or Ethics) (a total of 325 credit points) are required in order for a student to graduate with the degree of *Bachelor of Philosophy*. A minimum of 4 units must be taken at the 300 level.

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| 1.  | PH271/PH371  | Logic and Critical Thinking                      |
| 2.  | PH221/PH321  | Philosophy of the Human Person                   |
| 3.  | PH290/PH390  | History of Philosophy 1: Ancient Greek & Roman   |
| 4.  | PH211/PH311  | History of Philosophy 2: Medieval                |
| 5.  | PH213/PH313  | History of Philosophy 3: Modern                  |
| 6.  | PH214/PH314  | History of Philosophy 4: Contemporary            |
| 7.  | PH251/PH351  | Metaphysics: Philosophies of Being and Existence |
| 8.  | PH252/ PH352 | Philosophy of Religion                           |
| 9.  | PH230/ PH330 | Epistemology: Ways of Knowing                    |
| 10. | PH231/ PH331 | Cosmology and Philosophy of Science              |
| 11. | PH215/ PH315 | Philosophy of Love and Friendship                |
| 12. | PH255/ PH355 | Myth and Meaning                                 |
| 13. | ET205/ET305  | Moral Philosophy                                 |
| 14. | ET301        | Business Ethics                                  |
| 15. | ET302        | Ethical Issues in Professional Life              |
| 16. | PH208/ PH308 | Natural Law                                      |
| 17. | PH241/ PH341 | Political Philosophy                             |
| 18. | PH350        | Special Topics in Philosophy and Ethics          |
| 19. | PH320        | Directed Individual Study                        |

**APPENDIX B: COURSE STRUCTURE FOR BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY - RECOMMENDED PLAN OF STUDY:**

<b>YEAR ONE</b>						
<b>Semester One</b>			<b>Semester Two</b>			
<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Credit Points</b>	<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Credit Points</b>	
PH100	Introduction to Philosophy	25	PH271	Logic and Critical Thinking	25	
ET100	Introduction to Ethics	25	PH221	Philosophy of the Human Person	25	
TH101	Introduction to Theology	25	PH290	History of Philosophy 1: Ancient Greek and Roman	25	
	General Elective 1	25		General Elective 2	25	
<b>Credit Point Total for Y1 S1</b>		100	<b>Credit Point Total for Y1 S2</b>		100	
					<b>Total Credit Points Year One</b>	200
<b>YEAR TWO</b>						
<b>Semester One</b>			<b>Semester Two</b>			
<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Credit Points</b>	<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Credit Points</b>	
PH211	History of Philosophy 2: Medieval	25	PH213	History of Philosophy 3: Modern	25	
PH230	Epistemology: Ways of Knowing	25	PH231	Cosmology and Philosophy of Science	25	
ET205	Moral Philosophy	25	PH215	Philosophy of Love and Friendship	25	
	General Elective 3	25		General Elective 4	25	
<b>Credit Point Total for Y2 S1</b>		100	<b>Credit Point Total for Y2 S2</b>		100	
					<b>Total Credit Points Year Two</b>	200
<b>YEAR THREE</b>						
<b>Semester One</b>			<b>Semester Two</b>			
<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Credit Points</b>	<b>Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Credit Points</b>	
PH314	History of Philosophy 4: Contemporary	25	PH352	Metaphysics: Theories of Being and Existence	25	
PH341	Political Philosophy	25	PH355	Myth and Meaning	25	
	General Elective 5	25		General Elective 7	25	
	General Elective 6	25		General Elective 8	25	
<b>Credit Point Total for Y3S1</b>		100	<b>Credit Point Total for Y3 S2</b>		100	
					<b>Total Credit Points Year Three</b>	200
					<b>TOTAL COURSE CREDIT POINTS</b>	<b>600</b>

**APPENDIX C: COURSE STRUCTURE FOR BACHELOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HONOURS) -  
RECOMMENDED PLAN OF STUDY:**

YEAR ONE						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	
PH100	Introduction to Philosophy	25	PH271	Logic and Critical Thinking	25	
ET100	Introduction to Ethics	25	PH221	Philosophy of the Human Person	25	
TH101	Introduction to Theology	25	PH290	History of Philosophy 1: Ancient Greek and Roman	25	
	General Elective 1	25		General Elective 2	25	
<b>Credit Point Total for Y1 S1</b>		100	<b>Credit Point Total for Y1 S2</b>		100	
					<b>Total Credit Points Year One</b>	200
YEAR TWO						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	
PH211	History of Philosophy 2: Medieval	25	PH213	History of Philosophy 3: Modern	25	
PH230	Epistemology: Ways of Knowing	25	PH231	Cosmology and Philosophy of Science	25	
ET205	Moral Philosophy	25	PH215	Philosophy of Love and Friendship	25	
	General Elective 3	25		General Elective 4	25	
<b>Credit Point Total for Y2 S1</b>		100	<b>Credit Point Total for Y2 S2</b>		100	
					<b>Total Credit Points Year Two</b>	200
YEAR THREE						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	
PH314	History of Philosophy 4: Contemporary	25	PH352	Metaphysics: Theories of Being and Existence	25	
PH341	Political Philosophy	25	PH355	Myth and Meaning	25	
	General Elective 5	25		General Elective 7	25	
	General Elective 6	25		General Elective 8	25	
<b>Credit Point Total for Y3S1</b>		100	<b>Credit Point Total for Y3 S2</b>		100	
					<b>Total Credit Points Year Three</b>	200
YEAR FOUR						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Points	
SH91712	Supervised Honours Philosophy	100	SH91712	Supervised Honours Philosophy	100	
<b>Credit Point Total for Y4S1</b>		100	<b>Credit Point Total for Y4 S2</b>		100	
					<b>Total Credit Points Year Four</b>	200
					<b>TOTAL COURSE CREDIT POINTS</b>	<b>800</b>