

## 1. Course Title – Philosophy

### General information

Language of instruction	English
Taught hours	24
Credits	5
Lecturers	Lamberts Van Assche Pieter

### Objectives

The general competencies covered include: reflecting critically and ethically and seeking to act sustainably. 'Philosophy' fits entirely within this framework.

In the classes, students will discuss all aspects of the phenomenon of society and the moral dilemmas it brings. Topics that will be discussed include: loyalty, service to society (e.g. national service or standing army), the individual's right to self-determination (self ownership), the sale of organs, outsourcing surrogacy, marketing, paternalism, same sex marriage, affirmative action, equal opportunities, income distribution, migration.

Using their powers of reasoning, the students will identify responses to these dilemmas against the background of three legal approaches: the consequentialist, the deontological and the teleological. They are able to elucidate ethical dilemmas from different perspectives.

They will discourse applying the theories of Bentham, Mill, Nozick, Kant, Rawls and Aristoteles in turn. At the same time, they will learn to theoretically characterise the basics of these different approaches.

### Learning outcomes

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### Requirements

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## 2. Educational activities

### Course content

This course module represents a more in-depth look at chapter six of 'Philosophy in social work'.

The following will be discussed in turn:

The moral side of murder and Jeremy Bentham

Bentham; the Queen vs Dudley and Stevens; Putting a price tag on life; Mill: individual rights

Do we own ourselves? (Libertarianism)

Markets and morals

Mind your motive (Kant)

Hired guns and Pregnancy for pay

Rawls

Affirmative action, Aristotle

Patriotism, loyalty and immigration

The ethics of migration

### Teaching methods

Lectures + discussion on the topics.

## 3. Evaluation

### Type and form

Traditional written examination with closed questions and open questions.

### Learning resources used

Book, internet course and articles

Sandel, M. J. (2010). Justice: what's the right thing to do?. Macmillan.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBdfcR-8hEY>

### Method of testing

### Explanatory notes

Resits

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