

# 2018 MAJOR – Philosophy

(Qualifying Major for Bachelor of Social Science with the degree of Bachelor of Laws)

Philosophy seeks to answer fundamental questions about human life and inquiry, and to do so using rigorous methods of argument and reasoning. In the philosophy major, you will learn to use these methods and reasoning skills for yourself, applying them to questions such as: Does the mind extend beyond the brain? Are we ever really free to choose? What is the good life? Does God exist? What would a better society look like? Do animals have rights? Do films or novels help us to think better? What is truth? What is knowledge? You will also learn to apply these skills to contemporary social and political issues, such as the environmental crisis, economic inequality, gender relations, immigration and asylum, and indigenous rights. The philosophy major also emphasises intellectual and philosophical breadth. You will study philosophy in one of the most pluralist departments in Australia, taking specialist courses from the three core areas of contemporary philosophy represented by our three specialist subject streams - the Normative and Applied Ethics stream; the European Philosophy stream; and the Mind, Meaning and Metaphysics stream.



**The table below is a suggested first year program guide to support your enrolment.** Please make your selection of units after reviewing the requirements of your award in the 2018 Handbook:

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## Suggested First Year

### Session 1, 2018

### Session 2, 2018

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Code	Unit Name
PHL131 or PHL137	Mind and World Critical Thinking	PHL132 or PHL134	Happiness, Goodness and Justice Formal Logic
SSCI100	Introduction to Social Science	LAWS104	Contracts
LAW115	Foundations of Law	LAW109	Criminal Justice
ACSH100 or Elective	Academic Communication in the Social Sciences and Humanities Choose a People or Planet unit	LAWS108	Law, Lawyers and Society

- You must also meet the general requirements for the degree for which you will qualify.
- It may be possible to satisfy the requirements of your degree by taking a different selection of units in your first year from those suggested above.
- Consider what units you will want to study in second and third year. Prerequisite requirements for those units must be completed prior to enrolment in the higher-level unit.
- All students must complete one People unit and one Planet unit. Criteria and available units can be viewed at [www.handbook.mq.edu.au/2018/Units/Planet](http://www.handbook.mq.edu.au/2018/Units/Planet) and [www.handbook.mq.edu.au/2018/Units/People](http://www.handbook.mq.edu.au/2018/Units/People).
- You can receive specific program advice from the faculty at any stage in your degree by lodging a “Program Advice” enquiry via <http://ask.mq.edu.au>.

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