

# 2019 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 at Macquarie 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 session for students beginning in Session 2, 2019.** Please make your selection of units after reviewing the requirements of your award in the 2019 Handbook:

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Suggested First Session	
Session 2, 2019	
Unit Code	Unit Name
SSCI100	Introduction to Social Science
LAW115	Foundations of Law
PHL132	Happiness, Goodness and Justice
ACSH100 or Elective	Academic Communication in the Social Sciences and Humanities  Choose an elective unit

- 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 session 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.
- 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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