



## **Module Specification**

### **Advanced Philosophical Texts**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Advanced Philosophical Texts

**Module code:** UZRY8W-15-3

**Level:** Level 6

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 15

**ECTS credit rating:** 7.5

**Faculty:** Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

**Department:** HAS Dept of Social Sciences

**Partner institutions:** None

**Field:** Philosophy

**Module type:** Standard

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Excluded combinations:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**Continuing professional development:** No

**Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements:** None

## Part 2: Description

**Overview:** Not applicable

**Features:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** This module is designed to enable an in-depth reading of philosophical texts at an advanced level. Since the study of philosophical texts is demanding, this module will focus on a small number of key philosophical texts with a view to developing the relevant philosophical skills

**Outline syllabus:** This module is intended to provide a vehicle for an intensive study of particular philosophical texts. The text chosen for the course will therefore vary depending on the specialism of the module leader, but possible texts include:

Schelling's Philosophical Investigations into the Nature of Human Freedom;  
Deleuze's Difference and Repetition; Heidegger's Being and Time; Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception.

### **Part 3: Teaching and learning methods**

**Teaching and learning methods:** Students will be guided in close readings of selected text(s), which will provide examples of the practice of presenting a series of interrelated arguments and developing a thesis. The module will provide advanced training in philosophy, and an opportunity to study the work of a range of thinkers at Level Three, who will challenge the views of some of the thinkers studied at Level Two.

**Module Learning outcomes:** On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

**MO1** Use a range of logical, analytic and theoretical tools, at the appropriate level, in the analysis of philosophical problems addressed in the texts studied through essay writing, seminar presentation and discussion

**MO2** Demonstrate skills in the presentation and analysis of arguments

**MO3** Apply philosophical reasoning to problems encountered in the taught texts

**MO4** Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of particular philosophical texts taught in the module

**MO5** Demonstrate reflective skills and the ability to summarise complex discussions

**MO6** Demonstrate the ability to organise and summarise material, engage in close textual analysis, and to present material and arguments clearly while under pressure

**Hours to be allocated:** 150

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

Face-to-face learning = 36 hours

Total = 150

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html>

## **Part 4: Assessment**

**Assessment strategy:** The module will be assessed by a portfolio (60%) and a one hour open book written exam (40%).

The portfolio will include activities such as participation in a symposium with peers on the module, and a reflective piece writing up the discussions that took place there (2,000 words). The exam will be open book as this is appropriate to the module's emphasis on close engagement with a philosophical text. Students will be permitted to take a specified text into the exam with them, however the exam questions will be unseen.

**Assessment tasks:**

**Examination** (First Sit)

Description: One hour unseen exam

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO6

**Portfolio** (First Sit)

Description: Portfolio

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

**Examination** (Resit)

Description: One hour unseen exam

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO6

**Portfolio** (Resit)

Description: Portfolio

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

**Part 5: Contributes towards**

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study: