

Topics in Philosophy II B | PIU11012

Year	Junior Fresher
ECTS Credits	10
Contact Hours	26 hours (22 x lectures and 4 x tutorials)
Pre-requisite	None
Semester	2
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Module outline:

Component one: Freedom and equality

The values of freedom and equality feature prominently in much political discourse as well as most political theories. It is often thought that they can come into conflict because pursuing egalitarian policies in society may undermine individual freedom. This component will first clarify these two contested concepts and will ultimately examine the possible conflict between them. Among the topics discussed will be: positive and negative freedom, freedom and money, collective unfreedom, basic equality, equality of opportunity, equality of condition.

Component two: Justice and morality

It is generally agreed that the domain of morality is wider than that of justice and that not all moral requirements can be legitimately enforced. This component will aim to clarify these concepts and examine the connection between them. Among the topics discussed will be: perfect and imperfect duties, duties and values, supererogation, directed duties, justice and rights, and the good society.

Assessment:

2 Essays 50% (one from each component): 1 Examination (two exam answers in total, one per each component) 50%.

Recommended Reading List:

An extensive and detailed reading list will be made available at the start of the module. But among the essential readings for the early weeks of the course will be

- Swift, A. *Political Philosophy: A Beginners' Guide for Students and Politicians*, 4th ed., 2019, Polity