

## **PI7101 | Introduction to Philosophical Research**

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<b>Credits:</b>	<b>10 ECTS</b>
<b>Contact Hours:</b>	<b>11 Two Hour Seminars</b>
<b>Pre-requisite:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Semester:</b>	<b>Michaelmas term</b>
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### **Module Outline:**

In this module, we shall be introduced to and critically appraise a variety of approaches to and understandings of philosophical methodology. Typically, we shall examine a general outline of a given 'school of thought' and then tackle an instance of its application 'in action' to a particular topic or issue.

Likely approaches studied shall include analytic philosophy, deflationary quietism, naturalism, and phenomenology, though students will also be encouraged to introduce and pursue their own bespoke interests.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

By this module's completion, students will:

- Understand the motivations and rationales driving a variety of (differing) philosophical methodologies
- Possess the knowledge and skills requisite for adopting and defending their own preferred flavour of philosophical methodology

### **Recommended Reading List**

As circulated by the lecturer at the beginning of the lecture series.

### **Assessment:**

1x 3500-word essay.