

PIP88191 — PhD Proseminar

Module Information	
Module Code	PIP88191
Module Title	PhD Pro Seminar
Department	Philosophy
Module Personnel	Dr Farbod Akhlaghi
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	5 ECTS
Semester	Semester 1 – Michaelmas Term
Contact Hours	22 hours

Module Content	
Module Description	The PhD Proseminar introduces first year PhD students to the research and management skills necessary to complete their second year Confirmation interview and, ultimately, to complete their PhD. The module will involve meeting for seminars covering research skills, including planning and time management, research methods, writing and publishing, presentation skills, networking and conferences, and early academic job market preparedness. Students will also actively participate in Departmental Colloquia, write a response essay to a paper in the area of their doctoral research, and give a presentation on their research in preparation for their Confirmation interview.
Module Learning Aims	
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module, students will be able to: • Begin to carefully consider and compose the materials required for their second year Confirmation interview. • Identify, reflect on, and address challenges related to the management of their research, including practical challenges such as time management and theoretical challenges related to content areas.

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	• Explain and defend their research to others in the form of a presentation, including providing appropriate slides or handouts. • Actively participate in colloquia, including reflecting upon the kinds and types of questions one can ask about research being presented.
Indicative Reading / Resources	N/A

Assessment

Assessment Components	Attendance at, and active participation in, seminars for this module and at Departmental Colloquia (10%) One, 3000-Word Response Essay (50%) One Research Presentation (40%)
Assessment Details	

Additional Information

Prerequisites	None
Co-requisites	None
Any other information	In this module, the use of Generative AI is prohibited in any form for the planning, preparation, and production of any coursework or presentations. This includes the use of Generative AI for brainstorming, research/learning assistance, writing assistance, or the inclusion of material/content generated directly or indirectly by such AI. You will be asked to declare in a coversheet that you have not used AI for these or any other purposes related to the production of your coursework at the time of submission, and to declare this before any presentation.