

PIU 11013 — Topics in Philosophy II A

Module Information	
Module Code	PIU 11013
Module Title	Topics in Philosophy II A
Department	Philosophy
Year Group	Junior Freshman
Module Personnel	Dr. Adina Preda
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	5 ECTS
Semester	1
Contact Hours	22 hours

Module Content	
Module Description	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. Component one: Freedom This component will first clarify the first of these two contested concepts. We will discuss negative and positive freedom, republican freedom, poverty and freedom, freedom of speech and coercion. Component two: Equality The second component will look at different forms of equality, such as basic equality, formal equality and non-discrimination, equality of opportunity and meritocracy, and equality of social status.
Module Learning Aims	The aim of the module is to clarify and critically examine these two central concepts in political philosophy, as well as the relation between them.
Learning Outcomes	- Be familiar with different understandings of the concepts of freedom and equality. - Critically examine such concepts as well as their use in public debates.

Module Content	
	- Formulate consistent arguments about important political debates, using the concepts examined in the module.
Indicative Reading / Resources	Goodin & Pettit (eds.) – <i>Contemporary Political Philosophy: An Anthology</i>, Blackwell, 2006. Hugh LaFollette (ed.) – <i>Ethics in Practice</i>, Wiley, 4th ed., 2014.

Assessment	
Assessment Components	Attendance/Participation, Essay and Exam.
Assessment Details	Attendance/Participation (10%); 1 essay (40%); 1 in-person exam (50%).

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	None.
Co-requisites	None.