

## PIU22061 — Texts I

| Module Information |                                     |
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| Module Code        | PIU22061                            |
| Module Title       | Texts I                             |
| Department         | Philosophy                          |
| Year Group         | Senior Freshman                     |
| Module Personnel   | Dr. Ashley Shaw<br>Dr. Jamie Turner |
| Academic Year      | 2026-27                             |
| Credit Weighting   | 10 ECTS                             |
| Semester           | 1                                   |
| Contact Hours      | 22                                  |

| Module Content       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Module Description   | <p>This module involves reading two texts in philosophy. The two texts are:</p> <p><b>Text 1:</b> <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i> by David Hume (d. 1776 CE).<br/>We will be studying David Hume's <i>Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i>. Specifically, we will be reading two chapters from the <i>Enquiry</i>, 'Of Liberty and Necessity' and 'Of Miracles'. We will relate themes and questions in these chapters to issues in contemporary philosophy, e.g., free will, causation, religious faith, and the problem of evil.</p> <p><b>Text 2:</b> Rowland Stout's <i>Passion in Action</i> (OUP, 2025).<br/>This book explores the relationship between emotion and our rational capacity to act for reasons. Stout addresses questions about the metaphysics of mind (e.g. the ontology of emotional states, feelings and experiences), how values are related to emotions (e.g. what it is for something to be fearsome or offensive), and the nature of rationality.</p> |
| Module Learning Aims | The module learning aims are to learn to analyse and interpret two important and philosophically challenging texts,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Module Content

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|                                       | to learn to engage critically with these texts and to learn to relate these texts to concerns outside academia.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Learning Outcomes</b>              | On successful completion of this module, students will be able to: describe and critically evaluate many contemporary moral theories; develop philosophical arguments; carefully read and evaluate philosophical articles and texts; develop philosophical views about questions and topics in areas of philosophy covered.        |
| <b>Indicative Reading / Resources</b> | <p>For text 1: Hume, David. 2007. <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i>. Oxford University Press. Secondary reading materials will be provided for each class.</p> <p>For text 2: <a href="#">Scarantino, Andrea and Ronald de Sousa, "Emotion"</a>, The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Summer 2021 Edition).</p> |

## Assessment

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| <b>Assessment Components</b> | 2 x Essay. 1 x Exam.                                                                               |
| <b>Assessment Details</b>    | Each essay is worth 25% (one per component). Exam has two questions (one per component) worth 50%. |

## Additional Information

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| <b>Prerequisites</b> | None. |
| <b>Co-requisites</b> | None. |