

PIU 33071 — Political Philosophy.

Module Information	
Module Code	PIU33071
Module Title	Political Philosophy
Department	Philosophy
Year Group	Junior Sophister
Module Personnel	Dr. Adina Preda
Academic Year	2026–27
Credit Weighting	10 ECTS
Semester	1
Contact Hours	2 lectures per week

Module Content	
Module Description	This module will examine the main theories of distributive or social justice in contemporary analytical political philosophy. Distributive justice is about the fair distribution of burdens and benefits in a society and some of the main approaches to this issue that we will look at are liberal egalitarianism, libertarianism (left and right), luck egalitarianism, and relational egalitarianism. We will also look at some of the critiques, alternative approaches, and applications of these theories to areas like health and education.
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module, students will be able to: • Understand, explain and assess the main contemporary theories of distributive/ social justice. • Offer and assess different arguments about justice and fairness. Apply the theories and arguments studied to different domains of justice.
Indicative Reading / Resources	• Matthew Clayton & Andrew Williams (eds.) – Social Justice, Blackwell Publishing, 2004. • Iwao Hirose – Egalitarianism, Routledge, 2015.

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- Serena Olsaretti (ed.) – The Oxford Handbook of Distributive Justice, Oxford University Press, 2018.

Assessment

Assessment Components

Essay and Exam.

Assessment Details

Essay worth 30% and a 3 hour in-person exam, worth 70%.

Additional Information

Prerequisites

None.

Co-requisites

None.