

Capstone Philosophy | PIU44100 (2025-26)

Year	Senior Sophister
ECTS	Credits 20
Contact Hours	4 (4 x1-hour Supervision sessions or equivalent)
Prerequisites	None
Semester	1 & 2
Module Leader	Professor John Divers
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Module Outline:

Within this module you have the opportunity to show, in producing a Dissertation, what you have learned and the skills that you have acquired through 3-4 years of studying Philosophy, within your program. Your Dissertation, while supervised, is essentially a single substantive piece of independent research, in an area of your choosing.

Assessment:

Dissertation (100%)

Recommended Reading List:

Each student will, in consultation with the Supervisor, develop a program of reading, appropriate to the chosen Dissertation project.

Timeline

Before Michaelmas Term	Thinking about a topic. Informal consultation with members of academic staff. Research of Department webpages to identify potential supervisors: academic members of staff with appropriate research interests.
Week 1 Michaelmas Term	Submission of Proposal Form: title, project description and 3 potential supervisors. Projects to be approved and supervisors to be appointed by the Module Leader.
Michaelmas Term	At least 1 meeting with Supervisor (compulsory).
Hilary Term pre-Draft	At least 1 meeting with Supervisor (compulsory). Teaching Week 6/7, submission of draft Teaching Week 10/11 submission Deadline.