



## Moral Philosophy | PIU33021

Year	Senior Fresh
ECTS Credits	10
Contact Hours	22 Lectures
Pre-requisite	None
Semester	1
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### Module Outline:

Moral Philosophy can be split into three broad camps; normative ethics, applied ethics, and metaethics. In this module we will look at all three. In the first half of the module, before reading week, we will explore metaethics.

### Key Questions/Topics

- What is the good?
- Is there such a thing as moral truth?
- Is all moral discourse erroneous?
- Is morality objective?
- What is subjectivism?
- What is moral anti-realism?
- What is moral realism?

In the second half of the module, after reading week, we will look at key topics in applied ethics and normative theory.

### Key Topics

- Feminist Ethics
- The Big Three: Virtue Ethics, Utilitarianism, Kantian Ethics
- Climate Change Ethics
- Animal Ethics
- Euthanasia
- Abortion



## Assessment:

### Essay

2 essays. Each essay is worth 25%.

Each essay is 2500 words max.

### Exam

2 exam questions.

Worth 50%.

## Recommended Reading List:

An extended reading list will be circulated once the module has begun. The readings below will put you in good stead for starting the course.

- David Copp, Introduction: Metaethics and Normative Ethics, from the Routledge Handbook of Ethical Theory, Section 2
- Mark Van Roojen, Moral Cognitivism vs Non-Cognitivism:  
<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/moral-cognitivism/>

Alexander Miller's Introduction to Contemporary Metaethics will be a very useful resource for the first half of the course. I'd highly recommend reading at least the introduction to prepare for week 1.