

What will I be learning about in this course?

You will study three units:

Unit 1 - Arguments in Action

In this unit you will develop the ability to examine and assess the reliability of simple arguments.

Unit 2 - Knowledge and Doubt

In this unit you will examine theories regarding the nature of knowledge and how it is acquired, you will also study criticisms of these theories.

Unit 3 - Moral Philosophy

In this unit you will examine theories regarding moral decision making and how these theories might be applied to specific situations, you will also study criticisms of these theories.

Assignment

You will have the opportunity to research, in more depth, an area of the course you have a particular interest in.

What learning and teaching approaches will I experience?

You will experience a wide variety of learning and teaching approaches. Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to work individually, in pairs and in small groups, you will experience teacher-led class discussions and whole class debates. You will also have the opportunity to learn using interactive technologies.

What skills will I develop?

You will develop a wide range of skills such as:

- analysing arguments
- recalling, selecting and using specified knowledge
- explaining philosophical ideas and theories
- explaining criticisms of philosophical ideas and theories
- presenting ideas in a logical sequence in an extended piece of writing

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed throughout the course via:

- Regular homework assignments
- A preliminary exam.
- The course assessment will be **graded A-D**.
- The **assignment** will be awarded **20 marks**.
- The exam question paper will be awarded **80 marks**.
- The exam will last **2hr 20 mins**.

What are the homework requirements?

You will be issued with homework on a regular basis and should expect homework once a week.

What might this course lead to in the future?

Academic Progression

Philosophy is a holistic subject. It complements and supports many others you may study at National 4/5, Higher and Advanced Higher. In the Senior Phase, pupils who attain a qualification in Philosophy at National 5 can progress to:

- § **Higher Philosophy**
- § **Higher RMPS**
- § **AH RMPS**

Higher Philosophy is accepted by all universities for general entrance into the majority of courses especially in the faculties of Arts, Social Science and Divinity.

Employment

Some of the career pathways open to philosophy students include journalism, politics, psychology, law, medicine, science, social work, business, and teaching. Philosophy is flexible and the skills you learn can be applied in a myriad of workplace situations.