

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO STUDY PHILOSOPHY & REASON?

- Complete all homework tasks regularly
- Be prepared to do background reading
- Take part in debating controversial issues and empathising with alternate points of view
- Regular revision

WHAT RESOURCES WILL I NEED?

- All reading material will be provided by your teacher in both paper and electronic access on Matrix.

USEFUL LINKS

- <http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/see/subject-resources/philosophy-reason>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A_CAKYt3GY&list=PLUHoo4L8qXthO958RfdrAL8XAHvk5xuu9

(Crash Course Videos on Philosophy Topics)

LOCATION



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PHILOSOPHY & REASON

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2.00 - 5.00pm

Monday & Wednesday



PHILOSOPHY & REASON | GENERAL SUBJECT

WHAT WILL I BE STUDYING?

CRITICAL REASONING

Critical Reasoning sets out to provide knowledge of widely used inductive reasoning processes. Students recognise and evaluate these and identify their associated fallacies and shortcomings. This is an intensely practical area, involving analysis of reasoning in written and oral form, with a wide range of subject matter. The knowledge and skills gained by students in this area equip them to analyse information rationally. These skills have wide application for students as active participants in their society.

DEDUCTIVE LOGIC

Deductive logic introduces modern symbolic languages as an effective system for the analysis and evaluation of propositions and arguments. The focus on deductive testing and proof strategies has immediate application to formal reasoning. Candidates are introduced to the methods of problem analysis, solution proposal and strategy choice. The course allows for experience with computer programming languages.

PHILOSOPHY

The study of Philosophy allows the candidate to recognise the relevance of various philosophies to different social, ethical, and religious positions, and to understand that decision making in these arenas is the product of both an acceptance of a particular body of beliefs, and of specific modes of reasoning. Study in this area is especially useful since it allows for the application of reasoning

skills learned in the Critical Reasoning and Deductive Logic areas of study. The constant emphasis on the importance of consistency of reasoning, and of being able to justify positions, allows candidates to develop rational views on major issues which they may previously have viewed irrationally.

UNIT 1 FUNDAMENTALS OF REASON

- The learning consists of the fundamental concepts, skills, knowledge and understanding of the discipline of philosophy. There are no discrete topics in this unit. There will be a focus on developing tools to analyse and create arguments, as well as detect fallacious reasoning.

UNIT 2 REASON IN PHILOSOPHY

- Topic 1: Philosophy of religion (Problem of Evil)
- Topic 2: Philosophy of science (Empiricism)
- Topic 3: Philosophy of mind (Dualism, Brain in a Vat)

UNIT 3 MORAL PHILOSOPHY AND SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

- Topic 1: Moral philosophy (Utilitarianism, Deontology and Virtue Ethics)
- Topic 2: Philosophical schools of thought (Stoicism)

UNIT 4 SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

- Topic 1: Rights-Basis of citizen rights and obligations
- Topic 2: Political Philosophy-Liberalism, Communism, Anarchism, Social Democracy, Libertarianism

HOW WILL P & R BE USEFUL?

PHILOSOPHY AND REASON MAY HELP WITH:

- an improved ability to think clearly, analytically, and creatively
- a critical, open-minded, and unprejudiced approach to the use of logical analysis,
- the ability to appreciate the processes of science and the humanities by dealing directly with the underlying rational bases of such fields as natural and social science, mathematics, linguistics, law, and computing
- an improved ability to interpret verbal information and to express themselves clearly,
- an improved understanding of the underlying cultural, social, moral and religious structures of the world.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

SUMMATIVE INTERNAL ASSESSMENT UNITS 3 & 4

- Assessment 1 – Examination **25%**
- Assessment 2 – Extended response **25%**
- Assessment 3 – Extended response **25%**

SUMMATIVE EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT UNITS 3 & 4

- Examination **25%**

PRACTICE ONLY ASSESSMENT

Practice exams are given in May and August, with class tests in June. Exams in August provide a rehearsal for the exams at the end of the year.