

Module Details	
Module Title:	Western Philosophy and the History of Ideas
Module Code:	SAC3008-B
Academic Year:	2019-20
Credit Rating:	20
School:	School of Social Sciences
Subject Area:	Sociology and Criminology
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 3
Pre-requisites:	
Co-requisites:	

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	10
Tutorials	10
Directed Study	180

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1 (Sep - Jan)

Module Aims
You will develop an understanding of the core philosophical concepts, methods and the historical contexts in which they developed.

Outline Syllabus
This module will span the broad intellectual landscape of the Western tradition of thought, beginning in the ancient Athens of Socrates and Plato, torn by the ravages of the Peloponnesian War, and culminating in the twentieth century of Jean-Paul Sartre. This latter era was equally riven by bloody wars fought over competing ideologies. The social and political ideal established by Plato in response to the problems of his time will be traced to its eighteenth-century successor, the Enlightenment, whose clash with romanticism towards the end of that century

profoundly altered the way in which we view the world. This clash has helped to shape the problems of our own time. It is with some of the most pressing of these problems, such as the potentially explosive tensions between competing values, and the revolutionary potential of new technologies, that we shall be engaging throughout this module.

Learning Outcomes

1	a) outline principal philosophical movements in western thought.
2	a) categorise philosophical movements in time and place and discuss philosophical arguments and influential ideas.
3	a) communicate ideas clearly in writing.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Subject areas will be introduced in lectures and discussed in greater depth in seminar sessions and small groups and this will include analysis of specific philosophical issues. There will be tutor observation of your involvement and engagement throughout. Assessment will be in the form of a portfolio and a separate essay.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Coursework	Portfolio with 1500 word commentary	-1500 words	50%
Summative	Coursework	Essay of 2000 words	-2000 words	50%

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>.

Please note:

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