



# Philosophy SL

## Units

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### Year 1

#### Unit 1: Course Overview

- 1:1 - Getting Started
- 1:2 - Introducing Philosophy SL
- 1:3 - Assessment and Tools

#### Unit 2: Introduction to Philosophy

- 2:1 - The Nature of Philosophy
- 2:2 - Philosophy as an Activity
- 2:3 - The Notion of 'Doing Philosophy'
- 3:1 - Introduction to Philosophical Issues
- 3:2 - Characteristics of a Philosophical Issue
- 3:3 - Identification, Analysis and Evaluation
- 4:1 - Assessment Criteria: How Do They Work?
- 4:2 - Assessment Criteria: What Do They Mean?

#### Unit 3: Fundamentals of Ethics

- 5:1 - Normative, Descriptive, Applied and Meta Ethics
- 5:2 - Making Evaluative Judgements
- 5:3 - Case-Studies: Making Evaluative Judgements

- 6:1 - The Meaning of 'Ethics'
- 6:2 - Ethics in the Public Arena
- 6:3 - Nature and Function of Public Documentation in Ethics
- 7:1 - Ethical Evaluation: Part One
- 7:2 - Ethical Evaluation: Part Two
- 7:3 - Conflicts of Interest in Ethical Evaluation
- 8:1 - The Definition and Nature of Moral Values
- 8:2 - Moral Values: Universal or Particular
- 8:3 - Moral Values: A Practical Application
- 9:1 - Morality and Moral Evaluation
- 9:2 - Making a Moral Judgement and Performing a Moral Evaluation
- 9:3 - Ethical Evaluation vs. Moral Evaluation of a Real-Life Issue

#### Unit 4: Moral Theories: Consequentialist

- 10:1 - Introduction to Moral Theories
- 10:2 - General Typology of Moral Theories: The Basics
- 10:3 - Self-centred vs. Other-centred Moral Theories
- 11:1 - Typology of Moral Theories: A Practical Application
- 11:2 - Teleological or Consequentialist Moral Theories

11:3 - Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill  
12:1 - Act, Rule, Ideal and Preference Utilitarianism  
12:2 - A Utilitarian Analysis of Real Life Situations  
12:3 - Situation Ethics: Beyond Utilitarianism

### **Unit 5: Moral Theories: Deontological**

13:1 - What are Deontological/Duty-based Moral Theories?  
13:2 - Kantian Moral Theory  
13:3 - Natural Law Theory and Divine Command Theory  
13:4 - Practical Application: A Deontological Analysis  
14:1 - Virtue Ethics  
14:2 - Approaches to Virtue Ethics  
14:3 - Practical Application: A Virtue Ethics Evaluation  
15:1 - Moral/Ethical Relativism  
15:2 - Moral/Ethical Relativism: A Practical Application  
15:3 - Revision and Preparation for the Formal Assessment Exercise  
16:1 - Review and Analysis of a Sample Student  
16:2 - Formal Assessment Exercise: Ethics  
16:3 - Introduction to the Philosophy Internal Assessment

### **Unit 6: Introduction to the Republic**

17:1 – Contrasting Units of Study: Themes Versus Original Text

17:2 - Introduction to Greek Philosophy: Ancient Thinkers and the Pre-Socratics  
17:3 - Socrates and the Sophists  
17:4 - Plato's Dialogues Before the Republic  
18:1 - The Political Context of The Republic  
18:2 - Introduction to the Republic  
18:3 - What is Justice?  
18:4 - Justice in the Original Polis  
19:1 - Justice in the Plato's Ideal State  
19:2 - Justice in the Self  
19:3 - "Myth of the Metal" – The "Foundation Myth"  
20:1 - The Place and Status of Women in the State  
20:2 - The First Stages of Education  
20:3 - War and Education  
21:1 - Portrait of the Philosopher  
21:2 - Knowledge and Opinion

### **Unit 7: Plato's theory of knowledge**

22:1- The Enemies of Philosophy  
22:2 - The Allegory of the Ship of State  
22:3 - The Simile of the Sun  
23:1 - The Divided Line  
23:2 - The Allegory of the Cave  
24:1 - Mathematical Studies and Dialectic  
24:2 - The Philosopher's Education

### **Unit 8: Political Philosophy**

25:1 - The End of the Perfect State  
25:2 - Imperfect States – Timocracy  
25:3 - Oligarchic and Democratic States and Characters  
26:1 - Tyranny and the Tyrannical Character  
26:2 - On the Nature of Pleasure

26:3 - Is the Philosopher the Happiest Person?  
27:1 - Allegory of the Many-headed Monster  
27:2 - Plato, Precursor of Freud?  
28:1 - Prescribed Text Question and Approach  
28:2 - Revision and Reinforcement Exercises

### **Unit 9: Plato's Influence & End of Year Exam**

29:1 - End of Year Examination Preparation  
29:2 - End of Year Examination – Paper 1

29:3 - End of Year Examination – Paper 2  
30:1 - The Laws or Beyond The Republic  
30:2 - Comparison Between The Republic and The Laws  
30:3 - Plato's Republic and More's Utopia  
31:1 - Plato's Legacy: Aristotle, Plotinus, Hegel  
31:2 - Nietzsche the Inverted Platonist  
32:1 - Iris Murdoch and the Reality of the Good  
32:2 - Karl Popper and Plato's Totalitarian State  
33:1 - Internal Assessment Exploration Week

## **Year 2**

### **Unit 1: Are Humans Special?**

34:1 - What is a human being? An introduction  
34:2 - What is a human being? Key themes and questions  
34:3 - What is a person? Necessary and sufficient condition  
35:1 - Are human beings special? A religious perspective  
35:2 - Are human beings special? Personal response  
36:1 - Are humans special? A Darwinist response  
36:2 - Are humans special? Implications of the Darwinist perspective  
36:3 - What is the difference between animals and humans?

37:1 - Can machines be persons? Part 1  
37:2 - Can machines be persons? Part 2  
37:3 - Are human beings special? Conclusion

### **Unit 2: What are we made of?**

38:1 –What is the Mind?  
38:2 - Dualism  
38:3 - Dualism Today  
39:1 - Materialism  
39:2 - Functionalism and Computer Functionalism  
40:1 - Criticisms of Materialism  
40:2 - Conclusion  
40:3 - Assessment/Independent Work

41:1 - Internal Assessment Skills Review  
41:2 - Internal Assessment Skills Review 2  
42:1 - Exploring Core Theme Topics  
42:2 - Applying the Core Theme Skills

### **Unit 3: Theories on the self**

43:1 - Am I Alone? Introduction to Solipsism  
43:2 - Am I Alone? Responses to Solipsism  
43:3 - Internal Assessment Skills Review 3  
44:1 - Are we Naturally Selfish? Hobbes  
44:2 - Are we Naturally Selfish? Hobbes, Darwin, Dawkins  
44:3 - Are we Naturally Selfish? Rousseau  
44:4 - Are we Naturally Selfish? Evaluation and Conclusion  
45:1 - Internal Assessment Skills Review 4  
46:1 - Introduction to Personal Identity  
46:2 - Personal Identity: Does My Body Make Me Who I Am?  
46:3 - Personal Identity: Descartes and Locke  
47:1 - Personal Identity: Famous Thought Experiments  
47:2 - The Self: Is There a 'I' Inside me?  
47:3 - The Self: An Eastern Perspective  
47:4 - Personal Identity and the Self: Conclusion  
48:1 - Internal Assessment Skills Review 5

48:2 - Internal Assessment Consent Form

### **Unit 4: Submitting the IA**

49:1 - Final Assessment Preparation I  
49:2 - Final Assessment Preparation II  
50:1 - Trial Exam Paper 1  
50:2 - Trial Exam Paper 2

### **Unit 5: Freedom and Determinism**

51:1 - Are we Free? Introduction to Freedom and Determinism  
51:2 - Are we Free? Vocabulary and Main Positions  
51:3 - Are we Free? A Personal Response  
52:1 - Are we Determined by Society? The Nature vs. Nurture Debate  
52:2 - Are we Determined by Nature? Neo-Darwinist Theories of Human Nature  
52:3 - Are we Determined by Nature? Marx's Socio-Economic Determinism  
53:1 - Internal Assessment Submission  
54:1 - Gender and Social Conditioning  
54:2 - The Social Construction of Gender  
54:3 - Essay Practice: Biological and Social Determinism  
55:1 - Am I Determining Myself? Freud  
55:2 - Am I Determining Myself? Karma  
55:3 - Determinism: A Bigger Picture  
56:1 - Am I Still Free? Criticisms of Determinism  
56:2 - Am I Condemned to be Free? Sartre's Existentialism

57:1 – Criticism of Existentialism  
57:2 – Assessment Practice: Freedom  
and Determinism

**Unit 6: Revision**

58:1 – Core Theme Revision: Material  
Covered And Exam Instructions

58:2 – Core Theme Revision:  
Favourite Issues and a Focus on  
Stimuli

59:1 - Core Theme Revision:  
Introductions and Essay Plans

59:2 - Core Theme Revision: Essay  
Writing Skills and Practice Essay

60:1 – Optional Theme Revision:  
Material Covered and Exam  
Instructions

60:2 – Optional Them Revision: Essay  
Writing Skills and Review of Sample  
Student Responses

60:3 - Optional Them Revision: Final  
Practice Written Response

61:2 – Prescribed Text Revision:  
Material Covered and Exam  
Instructions

62:1 - Prescribed Text Revision: 11  
Major Themes Revisited

62:2 - Prescribed Text Revision: Self-  
Assessed Practice Written Response