



Radiance Hobart
Counselling & Self-Development

Philosophy for Beginners Online Course Content

Philosophy for Beginners is a course to help you think well. It consists of information to help the non-philosopher understand the main tenants of Philosophy and why they are important.

The course assumes no prior knowledge. Information is presented in simple language, and technical terms are explained.

Philosophy is not only a field of academic study, it is also important to living well.

Understanding Philosophy and being able to think philosophically helps you to do many useful things, such as evaluate an argument, detect flaws in reasoning, and understand the ethical implications of decisions.

It is also an extremely enjoyable activity that informs, stretches the brain, and introduces new perspectives on important questions and topics.

Philosophy is immensely valuable and adds richness to life.

There are five modules in the course, each containing several units. Module 1 consists of 8 units, and the remaining 4 modules consist of 6 units each, making a total of 32 units in all.

Each explores an important topic, leaving you with much to think about. In a live course, we could discuss issues in person.

As we cannot do this here, there are questions listed at the end of each unit for you to reflect on. A comprehensive workbook is provided for each module containing notes, summaries, reflection questions and references.

Module 1 introduces Philosophy and what it means to 'do philosophy.' Philosophical inquiry is explained, along with its major areas of interest.

Important topics in Philosophy include existence, knowledge and ethics. The remaining modules continue to explore and expand these topics.

Philosophy is full of questions, such as: What does it mean to exist and what kinds of things exist?

What is knowledge and how can we have it - indeed, can we ever have it? What does it mean to be a good person?

How should I live my life? For whom and what am I responsible for? Philosophical questions have several perspectives so you are left with plenty to think about.