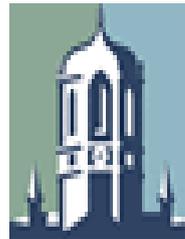




# PHD PROGRAMMES

Graduate Handbook 2021-22

PHILOSOPHY DISCIPLINE



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## **Introduction**

Welcome to Graduate Studies in Philosophy at NUI, Galway. The information in this booklet is intended to supplement the information and guidelines that will be issued to you at Orientation by the College of Arts and Graduate Studies. The College of Arts webpage is available at <http://www.nuigalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/>. The Graduate Studies webpage is available at: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/graduate-studies/>.

## **Location**

The Philosophy Discipline is located at Morrisroe House, 19 Distillery Road

## **Dates of teaching semesters**

**Semester One:** Monday 6th September – Friday 26th November

**Semester Two:** Monday 10th January – Friday 1st April

## **The Student, Supervisor and Graduate Research Committee**

All students are assigned a supervisor. Co-supervision by two members of staff is possible in particular cases. Students are also assigned a Graduate Research Committee (GRC), which comprises three members of staff other than your supervisor. The GRC meets with the student at least once a year to assess the student's progress and to make recommendations about progression through the PhD programme. Your primary relationship is with your supervisor, supported by the members of your GRC and the Programme Director. All supervisor-supervisee relationships are different and it will be up to you and your supervisor to agree how best to conduct your supervisory meetings. You may agree a policy for proceeding in writing if you both think that would be useful. In the event that you encounter a problem with your supervisor, you should approach either your GRC or the Programme Director for advice in the first instance.

## **Dates of GRC meetings:**

Students usually meet their GRC in May. Students are advised to avoid making plans for travel during this month until they have been informed of the date of their GRC meeting. If there are dates during this month when you cannot attend, these dates should be communicated to the

programme Director well in advance. Both students and their supervisors are asked to submit detailed reports of the student's progress in advance of the meeting. The relevant forms and dates of the meeting will be communicated to you in the course of the second semester.

### **Important information for new PhD researchers:**

All new students must attend orientation at the beginning of their period of registration. This orientation session is independent of that provided in the Philosophy Discipline and attendance is recorded. For further information on orientation, see <http://www.nuigalway.ie/graduate-studies/currentstudents/postgraduateresearchstudentsorientation/>

The following link contains useful practical information for new PhD students and should be consulted carefully:

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/graduate-studies/currentstudents/newstudentguides/>

### **General information for all PhD students:**

Most of the practical information that you will require as a PhD student at NUI, Galway regarding university guidelines, regulations and forms for research degrees can be found in the graduate student handbook, which is available online at:

[http://www.nuigalway.ie/media/graduatestudies/files/university\\_guidelines\\_for\\_research\\_degree\\_programmes.pdf](http://www.nuigalway.ie/media/graduatestudies/files/university_guidelines_for_research_degree_programmes.pdf)

The handbook contains information on your responsibility as a research student, the student-supervisor relationship, the role of the GRC along with other practical information that you may require along the way.

### **The Structured PhD at NUI, Galway:**

The Structured PhD includes a taught element in addition to the traditional research component. Students must choose from a range of discipline-specific and generic skills modules. For further information of the requirements of the Structured PhD, see <http://www.nuigalway.ie/graduate-studies/currentstudents/structuredphds/>

Information on the range of modules on offer to students registered on the Structured PhD may be found at: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/graduate-studies/currentstudents/gsmodes/>

The Philosophy Discipline offers a range of discipline-specific modules. A list of the full range of Philosophy modules on offer is available in the Appendix to this handbook on p. 14ff.

### **Skills Training:**

For information on research skills training resources, see <http://www.nuigalway.ie/graduate-studies/currentstudents/training-resources/>

### **Writing your PhD thesis:**

Your supervisor will provide you with topic-specific advice about writing your thesis. However, you may also find Patrick Dunleavy's *Authoring a PhD: How to Plan, Draft, Write and Finish a Doctoral Dissertation*, (Palgrave, 2003) useful: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Authoring-PhD-Doctoral-Dissertation-Palgrave/dp/1403905843/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1501517994&sr=8-2&keywords=writing+a+phd+thesis](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Authoring-PhD-Doctoral-Dissertation-Palgrave/dp/1403905843/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1501517994&sr=8-2&keywords=writing+a+phd+thesis)

### **Information for advanced PhD students:**

Advanced PhD students and those near to completion may find the following sources of information useful:

**University write-up bursary:** <http://www.nuigalway.ie/graduate-studies/currentstudents/write-up-bursary/>

**Communicating Research Booklet:** <http://www.nuigalway.ie/graduate-studies/currentstudents/research-booklet/>

**PhD viva guide:** <http://www.nuigalway.ie/graduate-studies/currentstudents/viva/>

### **Information for International Students:**

Information for international students may be found at: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/>

### **Potential sources of funding for PhD research:**

Irish Research Council: see [www.irc.ie](http://www.irc.ie)

Hardiman Research Scholarship: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/hardiman-scholarships/>

Galway Doctoral Scholarship: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/phd-research-degrees/scholarships/>

### **Philosophy research seminars**

It has been a long-standing tradition in the Philosophy Discipline for postgraduate students and staff to present their research to their peers and members of the Discipline at least once a year. The rationale behind these presentations is to offer students a supportive environment in which to gain practice and confidence in presenting their research in a public format. This tradition is very much in keeping with university policy that students present their research publically ([http://www.nuigalway.ie/media/graduatestudies/files/university\\_guidelines\\_for\\_research\\_degree\\_programmes.pdf](http://www.nuigalway.ie/media/graduatestudies/files/university_guidelines_for_research_degree_programmes.pdf)) and is considered a necessary skill by the IUA (<http://www.iua.ie/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/IUA-PhD-Graduate-Skills-Statement-20141.pdf>). Graduate research presentations are also designed to foster a sense of community amongst graduate researchers in Philosophy.

The format in which these presentations are given should be discussed with the convenor of the events, which is usually the Programme Director. Advice about the topic and intellectual content of your presentation should be sought primarily from your supervisor. Although the Discipline has not been prescriptive about the manner of the presentations, it is useful to prepare a visual aid, such as a handout or PowerPoint presentation. It is also useful to give a copy of your research paper to the Programme Director for distribution to the audience at least one week prior to the event. A title and abstract of the paper should be sent to the Programme Director one week in advance of the presentation. Although the Discipline Administrator will send e-mail notification of your presentation to members of the Discipline and other potentially interested parties, students are advised to give both their supervisor and members of their GRC advance notice of the date of their presentations. GRC members and supervisors are encouraged to attend the presentations when circumstances permit.

It has also been a long-standing tradition that students support their fellow researchers by attending and participating in the research seminars.

### **Essay writing and referencing**

For guidelines on writing an essay and referencing, see <http://www.nuigalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/humanities/disciplines-centres/philosophy/examinations/>

## **Academic Writing Centre**

The Academic Writing Centre offers advice on academic writing. For further information, see [www.library.nuigalway.ie/awc/](http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/awc/)

## **Plagiarism**

The university has a strict code of practice for dealing with plagiarism. The code is implemented by a designated Plagiarism Advisor in the Philosophy Discipline to whom all cases of suspected plagiarism will be referred. For detailed information on the university code of practice, see <http://www.nuigalway.ie/plagiarism/>

## **Class representative**

Students will elect a class representative who will mediate between the student body and the Philosophy Discipline. In general, the class representative meets with the Director of the programme at least once a semester. Students may consult with the PhD Director or a member of staff directly if they wish. Staff are always happy to discuss any issues that may arise either with individual students or through the mediation of the class representative.

## **Student Services**

For information and advice on career development, disability support, mature student's services, societies and sport, accommodation, crèche services, financial aid, student health, Chaplaincy services, counselling, health and well-being, see Student Services: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-services/>

## **Student Information Desk**

For replacement ID cards, exam transcripts, registration and custom statements, change of name/address, validation and stamping of forms, course withdrawal and lost and found, see [www.nuigalway.ie/sid/](http://www.nuigalway.ie/sid/)

## **Campus Map:**

[http://www.nuigalway.ie/media/buildingsoffice/files/maps/M12122\\_General\\_CampusMapWEBpdf220217.pdf](http://www.nuigalway.ie/media/buildingsoffice/files/maps/M12122_General_CampusMapWEBpdf220217.pdf)

## The College Library

The James Hardiman Library is located in the Hardiman Research Building, which is a few paces away from the Philosophy Discipline on Distillery Road. For further information, see <http://library.nuigalway.ie/>

**The Student Union:** <http://su.nuigalway.ie/>

## The Moore Institute:

The mission of the Moore Institute is to develop and support interdisciplinary research activity across the spectrum of humanities, culture, and social studies at NUI, Galway, fostering international networks and building a reputation for original, path-breaking research.

<http://mooreinstitute.ie/>

## Contacts in the Philosophy Discipline:

<b>PhD Programme Director:</b> Dr. Tsarina Doyle	Room 101, Morrisroe House, 19 Distillery Road E-mail: <a href="mailto:tsarina.doyle@nuigalway.ie">tsarina.doyle@nuigalway.ie</a>
<b>School Administrator:</b> Ms. Maria Bernal-Navarro	<a href="mailto:Philosophyadmin@nuigalway.ie">Philosophyadmin@nuigalway.ie</a>
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Dr. Nick Tosh	Morrisroe House, Room 203, 19 Distillery Road E-mail: <a href="mailto:nick.tosh@nuigalway.ie">nick.tosh@nuigalway.ie</a>

**Desk space in the Hardiman Research Building:**

Most PhD students avail of desk space in the Hardiman Research Building. To apply for desk space, please complete the following form and return to Martha Shaughnessy at [martha.shaughnessy@nuigalway.ie](mailto:martha.shaughnessy@nuigalway.ie)

**COLLEGE OF ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND CELTIC STUDIES**

**Desk Allocation/Renewal Form**

**Please complete the form below and leave on this desk for collection.**

<b>DESK NO</b>	
<b>APPLICANT DETAILS</b>	
SURNAME	
FIRST NAME(S)	

ID NUMBER	
TELEPHONE Please ensure you are contactable at this number	
EMAIL Please ensure you are contactable at this email address	

DEGREE DETAILS	
DISCIPLINE	
SUPERVISOR(S)	
YEAR OF STUDY (e.g. Year 1, etc.)	
PROJECTED DEGREE COMPLETION DATE	

USE OF DESK	
DESK REQUIRED FOR ACADEMIC YEAR?	
DESK REQUIRED EVERY DAY?	
WILLING TO SHARE DESK? (YES/NO)	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?	

<b>DATE</b>	
<b>SIGNATURE</b>	

If you intend to be away from your desk for two weeks or more, you **MUST** inform Martha Shaughnessy at [martha.shaughnessy@nuigalway.ie](mailto:martha.shaughnessy@nuigalway.ie). Please note that the College reserves the right to consult the electronic record of swipe card usage in cases where it is suspected that desks are not being used regularly.

### **University policies and procedures relating to students:**

For information on anti-bullying policy for students; alcohol policy; supports for students experiencing pregnancy, maternity and paternity; authorised absences; drug policy; student sexual harassment policy; mental health strategy; student code of conduct and other university policies relating to students, see <http://www.nuigalway.ie/student-services/policies/>



## Appendix

### Structured PhD (Philosophy) 2021/2022

The Structured PhD at NUI, Galway includes a taught element in addition to the traditional research component. Students must choose from a range of discipline-specific and generic skills modules to the value of 30 ECTS in total. For further information of the requirements of the Structured PhD, see <http://www.nuigalway.ie/graduate-studies/currentstudents/structuredphds/>

Information on the range of modules on offer to students registered on the Structured PhD may be found at: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/graduate-studies/currentstudents/gsmodes/>

The Philosophy Discipline offers a range of discipline-specific modules. These include:\*

Title	Module Code	Instructor
Research Ethics	SPA459	Dr. Heike Felzmann
Political Values in the Modern World	PI6102	Dr. Richard Hull
Philosophy Seminar: Participation and Management	PI504.II	Dr. Tsarina Doyle
Ethics and Artificial Intelligence	PI6110	Dr. Heike Felzmann
Philosophy of Emotion	PI6101	Professor Felix O Murchadha

Knowledge and Value in Modernity	PI6103	Dr. Tsarina Doyle
Phenomenology of Art & Culture	SPA442	Dr. Gerald Cipriani
Public Philosophy and Civic Education	PI6111	Dr. Lucy Elvis

\*Module offerings vary from year to year

### MODULE DESCRIPTIONS

#### **SPA459 Research Ethics – Dr. Heike Felzmann**

This course will familiarise students from the humanities and social sciences with concepts, issues and procedures in research ethics. The course aims to provide a general introduction to contemporary research ethical concerns while facilitating reflection on the ethical issues arising in students' own research. Topics covered include: research integrity, research ethics concepts and their application, research ethics infrastructure, academic responsibilities and society.

#### **PI6102 Political Values in the Modern World – Dr. Richard Hull**

This course will look at the ways in which political values interact with the modern world. It will begin with an introduction to central political and ethical theories along with exploration of key distinctions that tend to be relied upon, whether implicitly or explicitly. It will then focus on current issues in political theory, concentrating on themes such as justice, equality, freedom, toleration and genetics. It will look at how these themes are contested in modern diverse democracies.

#### **PI6110 Ethics and Artificial Intelligence - Dr. Heike Felzmann**

Artificial intelligence technologies have evolved dramatically in recent years, impacting on many areas of human life. Societal responses to these developments have ranged from enthusiastic optimism to deep suspicion. The module will explore prominent ethical issues arising in relation to the design, use and societal impact of Artificial Intelligence. Topics addressed in the module include Philosophy of Technology, Value Sensitive Design,

Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI), Privacy and consent, Contextual integrity, Transparency and explainable AI, Trust and Trustworthiness, Datafication, Algorithmic surveillance, Algorithmic Bias, Autonomous artificial agents and responsibility, and Human replacement.

**PI504 Philosophy Seminar: Participation and Management - Dr. Tsarina Doyle**

This module allows students to do a substantial presentation of their research at discipline level, and to receive training and experience in both chairing seminars and contributing to them. Assessment is based on the presented paper in semester 1 or 2.

**PI6101 Philosophy of Emotion – Professor Felix O Murchadha**

This course will explore emotion and feeling from a phenomenological perspective. Taking account of classical phenomenological texts and contemporary debates, this course will consist in a discussion of the nature of emotion, an analysis of specific emotions and finally an exploration of some broader themes with respect to emotion, specifically with respect to the constitution of the self and the nature personhood.

**PI6103 Knowledge and Value in Modernity – Dr. Tsarina Doyle**

This module will examine the issues of Value and Knowledge in the historical context of Modernity. Attention will be given to such issues as the character of human subjectivity, the relation between mind and world, objectivity, the status of natural science and human values, and the character of modern culture. A range of modern philosophers will be discussed, including Hume, Kant and Nietzsche. Attention will also be given to the intersections between modern and contemporary arguments.

**SPA442 Phenomenology of Art & Culture – Dr. Gerald Cipriani**

The module explores the *phenomenology* of art and culture. The lectures draw from the philosophical tradition that seeks to disclose and understand the formation of meaning as it appears in practice, perception and interpretation. The module therefore introduces the students to the methods and styles of phenomenology with particular reference to the visual arts and cultures. Phenomenology should not here be understood in the narrow sense of a dogmatic theoretical framework, but rather as a form of reflection that makes us both becoming aware of and contributing to the processes involved in meaning formation from different perspectives. Authors considered include Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty, Derrida, and Lyotard.

**PI6111 Public Philosophy and Civic Education – Dr. Lucy Elvis**

This module focuses on an educational approach to learning called Philosophy for Children (P4C). P4C is a form of inquiry-based learning that encourages critical thinking through democratic dialogue. It is a pedagogy that helps to foster critical, creative, and caring thinking skills amongst all types of learners. Through this internationally practised

pedagogy, groups of learners become ‘communities of inquiry’, tackling philosophical questions they themselves identify and formulate. Through thinking together, these communities learn to challenge assumptions, give reasons, and cultivate their critical thinking skills. The module will provide students with a theoretical introduction to P4C pedagogy, the opportunity to experience the pedagogy as members of a community of inquiry, and the space to examine the challenges faced by practitioners engaged in public philosophy.