

Course Unit Outline	
Unit Code	W7310
Unit Name	From Kant to Postmodernism
Unit Weighting	9cps
Type of Unit	Specialised
Prerequisites, corequisites	W7106 and W7109
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Curriculum Objectives	This unit examines the critical tradition of philosophy in the modern period that has largely defined itself over and against religion and authority. This unit provides an important background for the study of modern theology.
Learning Outcomes	At the end of this unit students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Compare the thought of major figures of the period b) Situate that thought in its historical context c) Analyse and interpret primary texts d) Identify different types of phenomenology and existentialism and post-modernism e) Relate the ideas of the period to developments in Christian theology
Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit	The plural nature of major philosophical trends: phenomenology, existentialism, postmodernism
Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Close reading of primary texts 2. Phenomenology in Kant, Hegel, Schopenhauer and Husserl 3. Existentialism (e.g. Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre) 4. Philosophers associated with the 'linguistic turn' and their precursors (e.g. Moore and Wittgenstein; Heidegger and Derrida) 5. Postmodernism (e.g. Lacan, Deleuze, Foucault, Vattimo)
Learning Activities	Private study , lectures, seminars, tutorials.
Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment	Internet access
Assessment Profile	Assessments tasks are designed both to help students attain the unit outcomes and to enable teachers to assess student attainment. In this unit, <u>assessment of student achievement with respect to the Unit Outcomes will be based on:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Essay identifying and comparing phenomenological schools [Outcomes a, b, c] 2. Analysis of different kinds of texts of existentialism [Outcomes b, c, d] 3. Essay or seminar in chosen focus area of interest. [Outcomes a, e]
Representative References	

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