

Course Unit Outline	
Unit Code	
	W7332
Unit Name	
	The Human Person
Unit Weighting	
	9cps
Type of Unit	
	Specialised
Prerequisites, corequisites	
	W7106 or W7109
Academic Staff	
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Curriculum Objectives	
	This course unit examines the philosophical anthropology of major texts and thinkers from the history of philosophy. It takes in classical traditional accounts from a Christian perspective and critical accounts from psychological and other perspectives.
Learning Outcomes	
	At the end of this unit students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) discuss the views of major philosophers on human nature and human personhood b) account for the historical shifts in understanding that have taken place c) critically evaluate and appreciate at least one contemporary account of human being d) identify and respond to some of the key challenges for a religiously-informed understanding of human beings, e.g. evolutionary theory, neuroscience, cognitive science, and social constructivism. e) defend their own reasoned account of what it is to be human.
Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit	
	The human person is not self-evident.
Content	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plato 2. Aristotle 3. Church Fathers (Christian metaphysical) 4. Augustine 5. Descartes 6. Hume 7. Kant 8. The feminine 9. The psychological
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, the required assessment tasks will enable students to demonstrate how successfully they can: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Essay comparing classical views of the human person, and the shift from the Graeco-Roman to Christian understandings [Outcomes a, b] 2. Essay or seminar on a modern account of the human person [Outcomes a, c] 3. Essay on one or more of the key challenges to a religiously informed person of new accounts of the human person. [Outcomes d, e]
Representative References	

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