

Position Description

Lecturer in Philosophy

Position No:	50039995
Department:	College of Arts, Social Science and Commerce
School:	School of Humanities and Social Science
Campus/Location:	Melbourne (Bundoora)
Classification:	LEVEL B - Lecturer
Employment Type:	Fixed term, full time
Position Supervisor:	Head of Department, Politics and Philosophy
Number:	50038161
Other Benefits:	http://www.latrobe.edu.au/jobs/working/benefits

Further information about:

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Level B – Lecturer

A Level B teaching and research academic is expected to develop curriculum, teach and undertake research or other scholarly work relevant to the development of their discipline or professional field.

Position Context

This is a four year position to replace a continuing staff member who has recently commenced a Future Fellowship. The Philosophy program is located in the Department of Politics and Philosophy.

The successful applicant must have a demonstrated capacity to teach into a wide range of undergraduate subjects for the Philosophy major at any or all year levels. Given the departmental location of the major, the successful applicant may also be asked to contribute to other teaching departmental programs, including *potentially* one or more of the following: Philosophy Honours, Higher Degrees programs, the Politics, Philosophy and Economic degree, and the Gender Sexuality and Diversity Studies major. Applicants should note that Philosophy subjects are open to students from an array of disciplines within the university as well as Philosophy majors.

The successful applicant must demonstrate evidence of research excellence and impact in at least one or more of the following areas: metaphysics and epistemology, formal logic, the philosophy of language, ethics, history of modern philosophy, decision theory, political philosophy, feminist theory, critical thinking and philosophy for children.

The successful application must have a familiarity or willingness to utilise digital and online teaching as an expectation of the role.

Position Summary

A Level B academic will undertake teaching and research without the need for close supervision in his or her discipline or related area. In research and/or scholarship and/or teaching a Level B academic will make an independent contribution through professional practice and expertise, and co-ordinate and/or lead the activities of other staff, as appropriate to the discipline.

Primary Objectives: A Level B academic will normally contribute to teaching at undergraduate, honours and postgraduate level, engage in scholarship and/or research and/or professional activities appropriate to his or her profession or discipline. He or she will normally undertake administration primarily relating to his or her activities at the institution and may be required to perform the full academic responsibilities of and related administration for the co-ordination of an award program of the institution.

Key Areas of Accountabilities:

- Delivery of lectures, tutorials, practical classes, demonstrations, workshops, student field excursions, clinical sessions and studio sessions
- Conduct of assessment
- Design and maintenance of on-line provision, including assessment, blended learning activities, on-line tests and discussion groups
- Acting as subject coordinator:
 - Participate in innovative course level curriculum design, development and review.
- Involvement in professional activity
- Development of subject material with appropriate advice from and support of more senior staff
- Contribute to a robust and ambitious research culture, including demonstrated capacity to

contribute to program's research targets

- Continue to develop professional practice skills/knowledge and expertise
- Perform allocated administrative functions effectively and efficiently
- Undertake other duties commensurate with the classification and scope of the position as required by the Head of Department or Head of School

Key Selection Criteria

ESSENTIAL

- A PhD in philosophy, or equivalent qualification
- Demonstrated competence in teaching and curriculum development in philosophy, with capacity to teach at least three of the following undergraduate subjects (courses): Critical Thinking and Innovation, Knowledge, Individual and Society, Logic and Language, Ethics, Political Philosophy, 20th- century Philosophy, Descartes to Kant.
- Evidence of high quality and/or high impact research in any aspect of Philosophy.
- Ability to contribute to the research profile of the Philosophy program, including grant applications and ERA performance
- Demonstrated capacity to act as subject coordinator and collaborate with colleagues in effective delivery of team-taught subjects
- High level oral and written communication skills, including the ability to interact effectively with people from a diverse range of backgrounds
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and productively with staff and students from a diverse range of backgrounds
- Evidence of the ability to work as a member of a team in a co-operative and collegial manner

DESIRABLE

- Demonstrated ability to participate in multidisciplinary teaching and research teams
- Demonstrated interest and/or ability in community engagement programs, such as philosophy in the schools
- Facility with online course delivery and a willingness to contribute to developments of online learning

Other relevant information

The position description is indicative of the initial expectation of the role and subject to changes to University goals and priorities, activities or focus of the job.

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- take a world view
- pursue ideas and excellence with energy
- treat people with respect and work together
- are open, friendly and honest
- hold ourselves accountable for making great things happen