

Position Description

Lecturer in Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Position No:	New
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:	Continuing
Position Supervisor:	Head of Department; Politics and Philosophy
Number:	http://www.latrobe.edu.au/jobs/working/benefits
Other Benefits:	

Further information about:

La Trobe University - <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/about>

School of Humanities and Social Sciences – <http://latrobe.edu.au/humanities>

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When preparing an application for a position at La Trobe University, applicants are encouraged to refer to the Academic Promotions Evidence Matrix <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/policy/documents/academic-promotions-evidence-matrix.pdf> The matrix gives examples of evidence of performance and achievement at each academic level. The examples given are indicative rather than prescriptive or exhaustive and applicants may include other examples to demonstrate their performance, achievements and impact. In particular evidence of research quality, either criteria relevant to ERA or, for applied research, the need for, the quality of, and impact of the research. Where appropriate applicants for Level D and E should provide evidence of citations.

Position Description

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

La Trobe is seeking a Lecturer Level B to coordinate and teach into its prestigious inter-disciplinary Politics, Philosophy and Economic degree, including delivery of its core units. The successful applicant may also be requested to teach into other teaching programs in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce at either undergraduate or postgraduate level.

The PPE degree is currently managed by the Department of Politics and Philosophy in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, but works closely with the Department of Economics and Finance in the La Trobe Business School.

Applicants must demonstrate evidence of teaching and research excellence in one or more of the following disciplines including Politics, Philosophy, Economics and/or Political Economy. They must also demonstrate a willingness and capacity to contribute to the broad strategic goals of La Trobe University through research, teaching, service to the university and industry and community engagement.

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 Accountability:

- 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
- Undertake subject leadership including all external and internal marketing of the degree
- Core involvement in course level curriculum design, development and review
- Involvement in professional activity including relevant disciplinary associations
- 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 department'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, including marketing of the degree and community and industry engagement

Key Selection Criteria

ESSENTIAL

- An awarded doctoral qualification in one or more of the following disciplines: Politics, Philosophy, Economics, Political Economy
- Demonstrated competence in teaching and curriculum development in either PPE degrees or cognate disciplines
- Evidence of high quality and/or high impact research
- Ability to contribute to the research profile of the Department of Politics and Philosophy, including grant applications and ERA performance
- Demonstrated capacity to act as subject co-ordinator 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.

DESIRABLE

- Demonstrated ability to participate in multidisciplinary teaching and research teams
- Experience with Digital learning
- Experience in teaching and/or delivery of PPE degrees
- Strong interest in student employability and community engagement

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.

La Trobe Values

At La Trobe we:

- 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.