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PPL Welcome Meeting 2025

Patrick Tomlin
Director of PPL

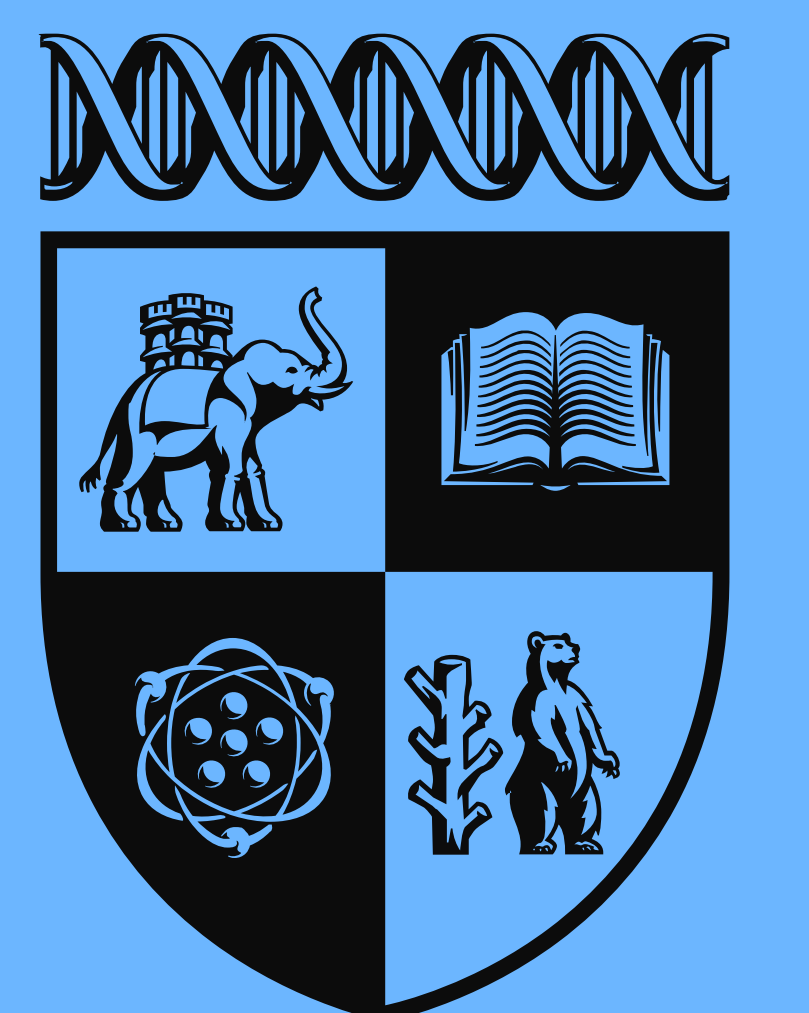
WELCOME!



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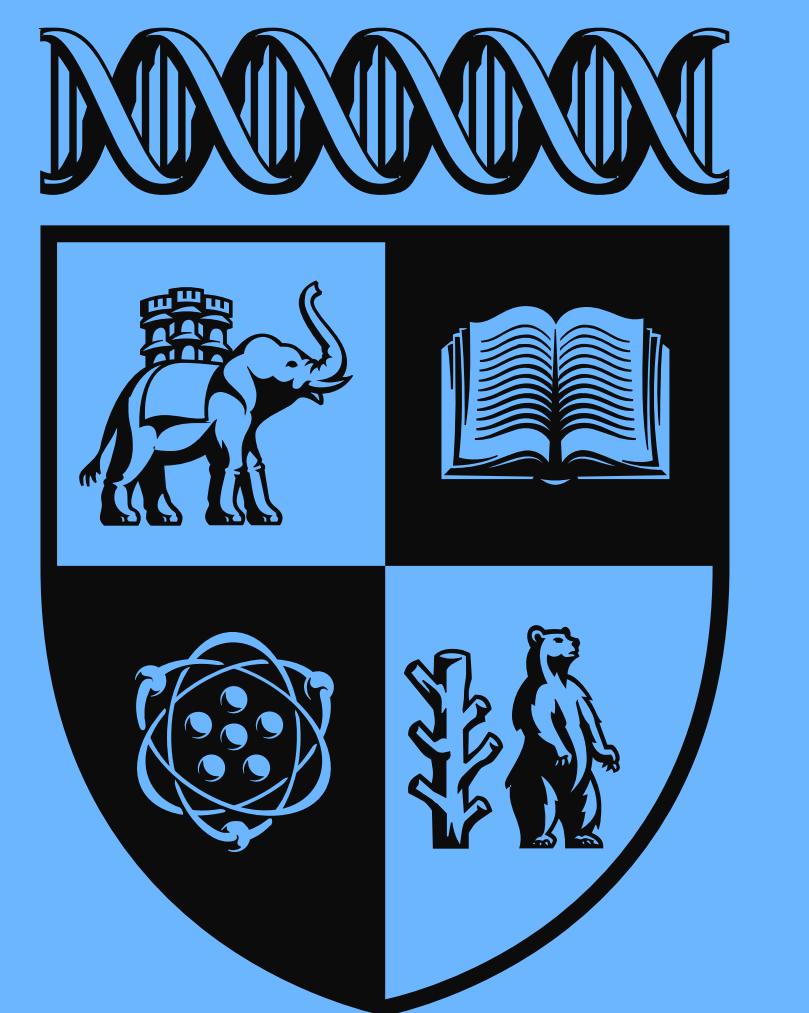
OUTLINE

- Key people in PPL
- Information on teaching, term structure, and modules
- Course structure and options
- Timetable



PPL: A Brief History

- PPL is a (relatively) new degree (since 2018)
- Only one other PPL degree in the country
- We continue to examine and revise the programme—with your help (SSLC)



YOU ARE JOINING...

POLITICS: 2nd in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024; 1st in the UK for Research Environment in the Research Excellence Framework 2021.

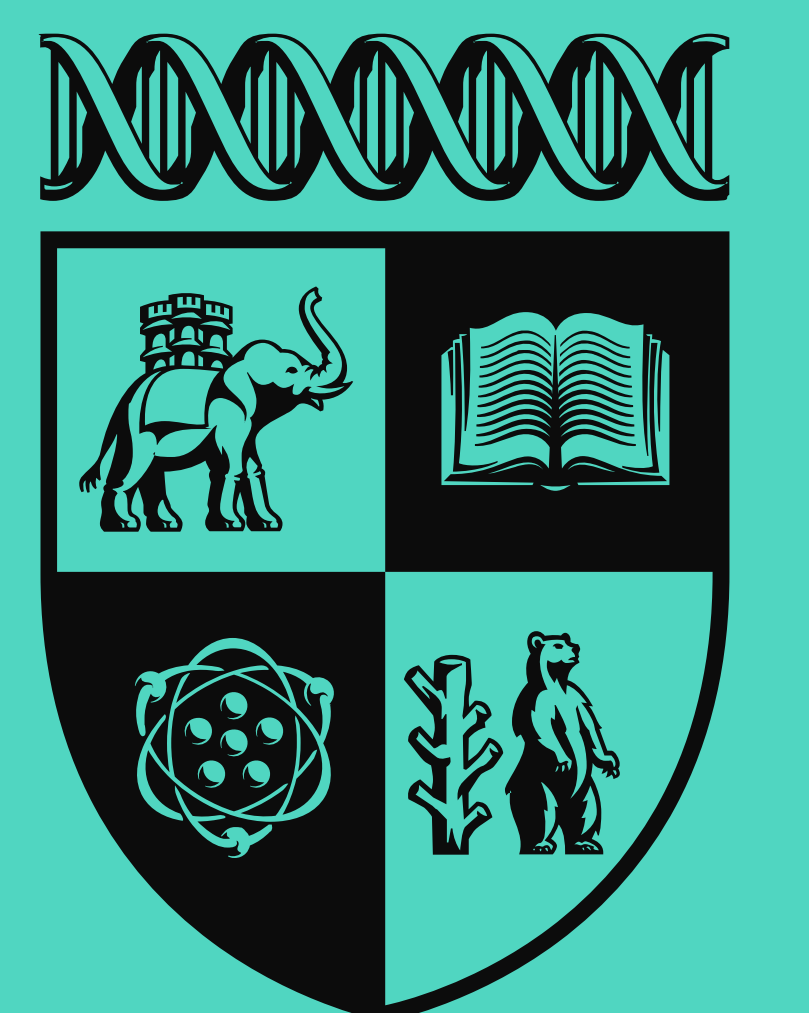
PHILOSOPHY: 4th in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024; 48% of research assessed as world-leading in REF 2021.

LAW: 10th in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024; pioneering 'law in context' approach.

PPL is not an academic department...

...it is a degree run between three established departments

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THE TEAM

Patrick Tomlin

- Role: Director
- Dept: Philosophy

- Research Interests:
Legal, Moral, Political Philosophy.

War, killing, children, aggregation,
consent, punishment and criminal law,
proportionality



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THE TEAM



Joshua Pike

- Role: Senior Tutor/Co-Director (T1)
- Dept: Law

- Research Interests:

Moral and Legal Philosophy

Philosophy of tort law; Philosophy of criminal law

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THE TEAM

Coming soon...Chris Mills

- Role: Senior Tutor/Co-Director (T2)
- Dept: Law

- Research Interests:
Legal, Moral, Political Philosophy.

Personal autonomy; choice; consent, promises, and the justification of coercion.



THE TEAM

Catalina Carpan

- Role: Admissions/Co-Director
- Dept: PAIS

- Research Interests:
Political Philosophy

Social justice, racial
oppression, intersectional
disadvantage



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Our PPL Office



Susanna Jackman

Maureen Tod

Trang Phan

Harinder Madar

Sally Wallace

Karl & Simone

- Module registration
- Timetable
- Personal tutors
- Problems/Unsure who to see

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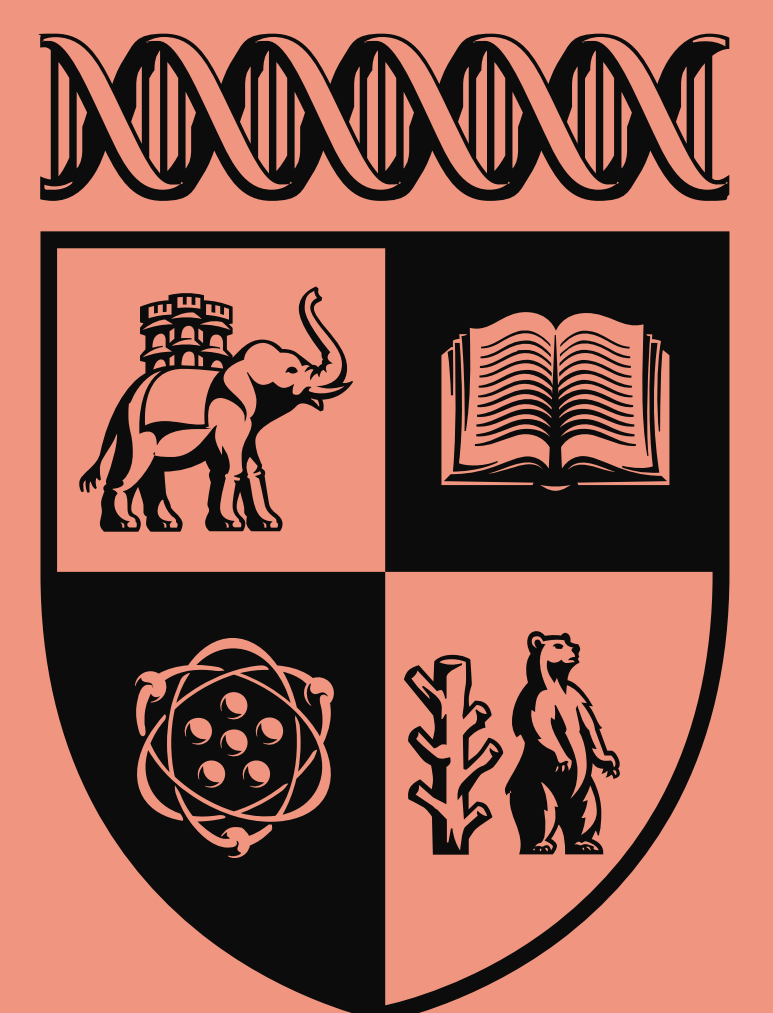
8-5 Mon-Thurs/8-4 Fri

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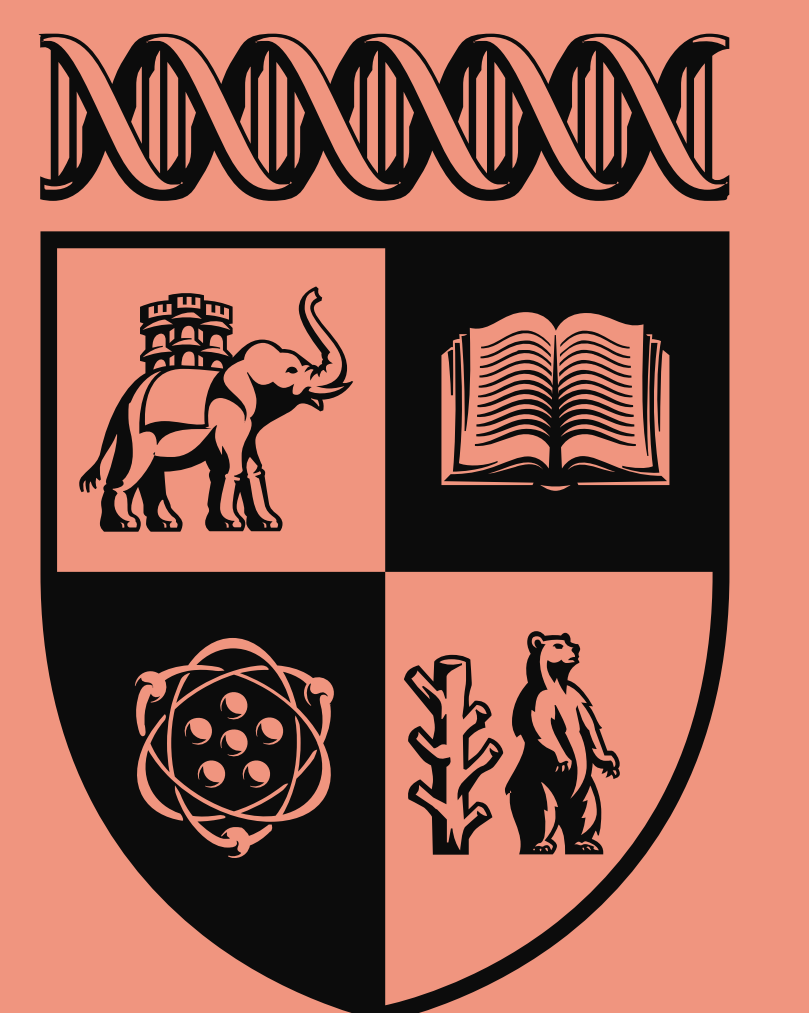
THE ACADEMIC YEAR

- Three terms
 - Terms 1 and 2 are teaching terms
 - 10 weeks long
 - (Week 6 is a reading week)
- It is easy to fall behind quite quickly and there is often not much time to catch up.
- Hit the ground running!



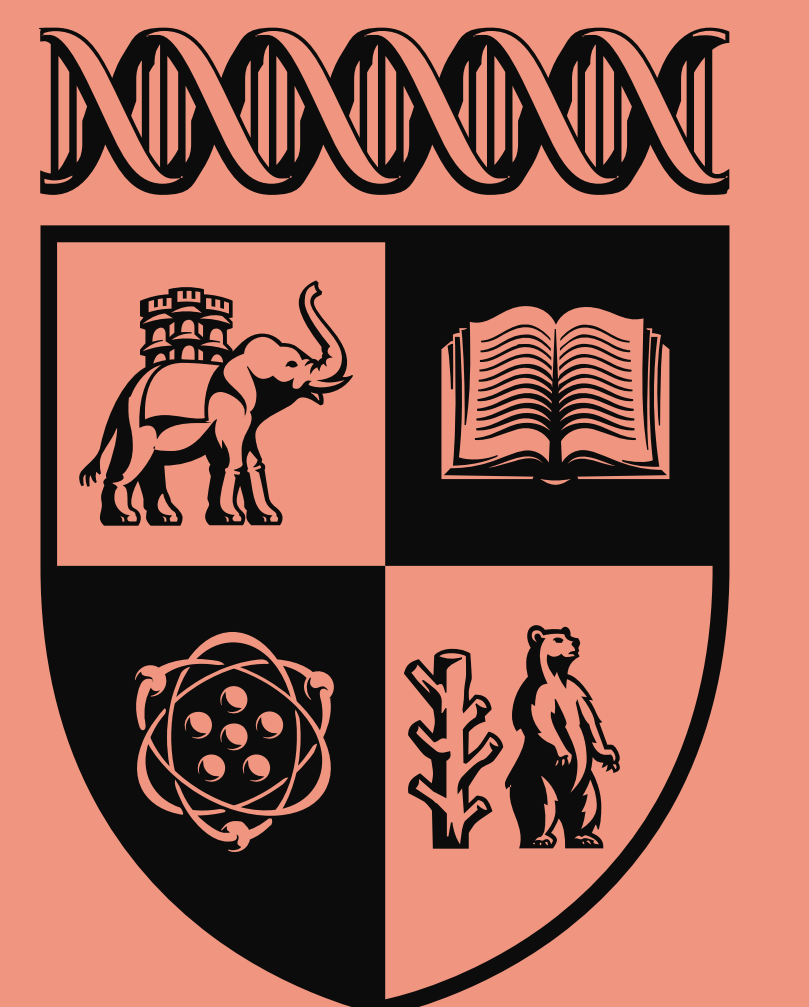
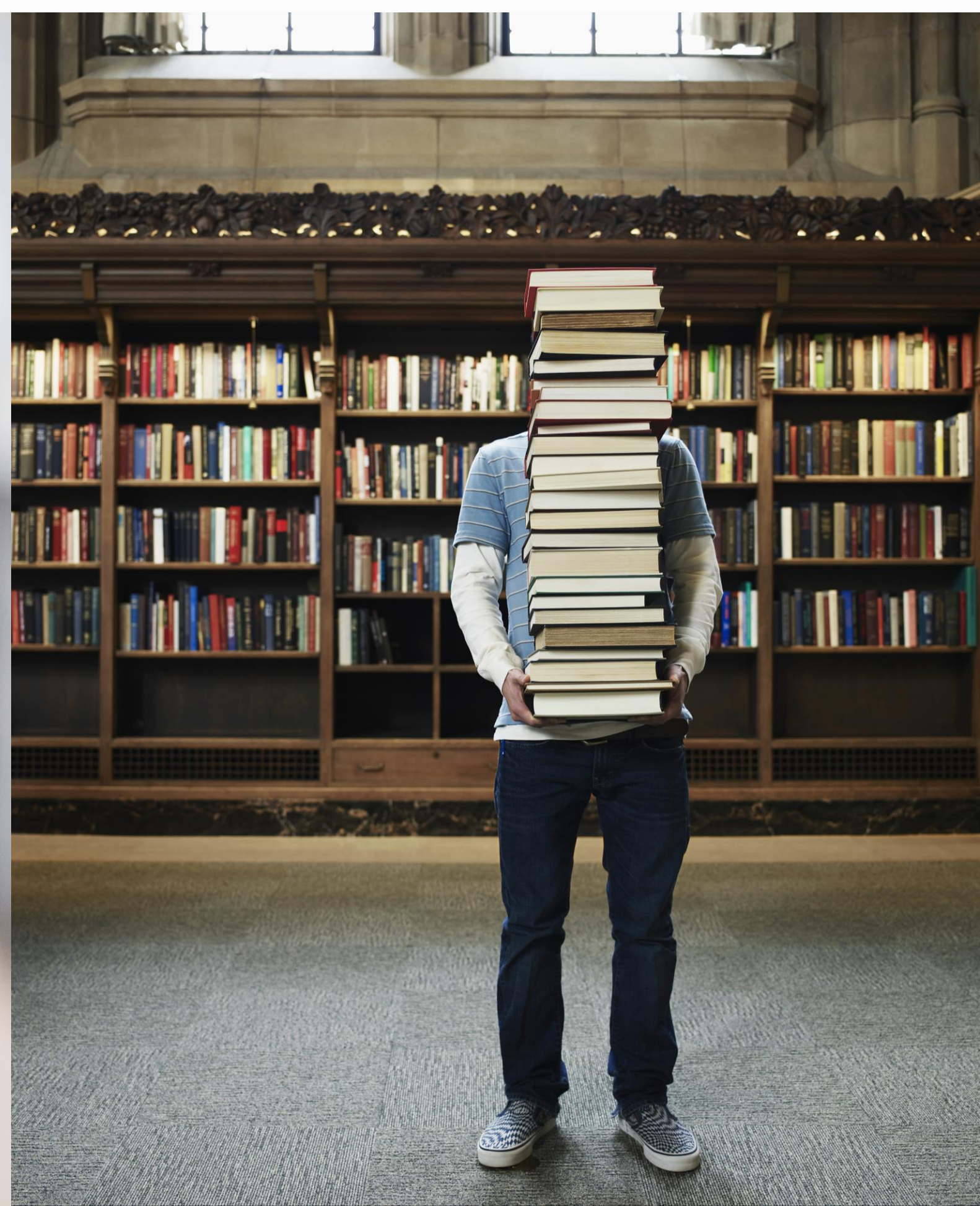
ACADEMIC STUDY

- University is not “Big School”
- Academic study is both a benefit and a responsibility.
- Freedom to develop and pursue your own interests.
- Your degree and so your responsibility.



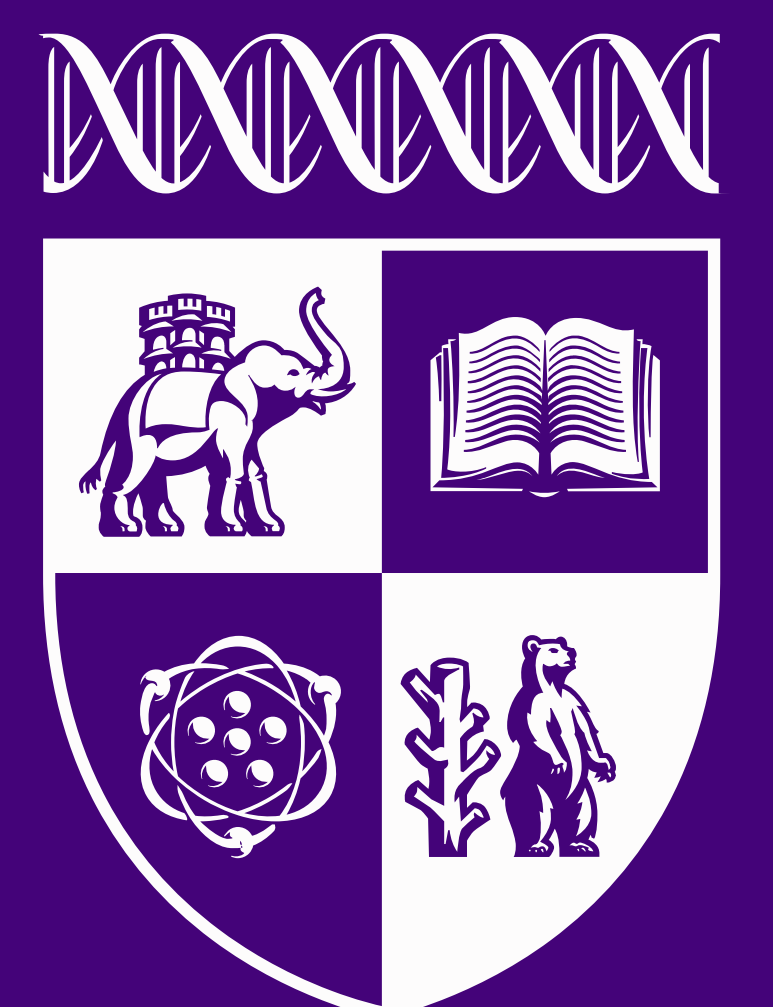
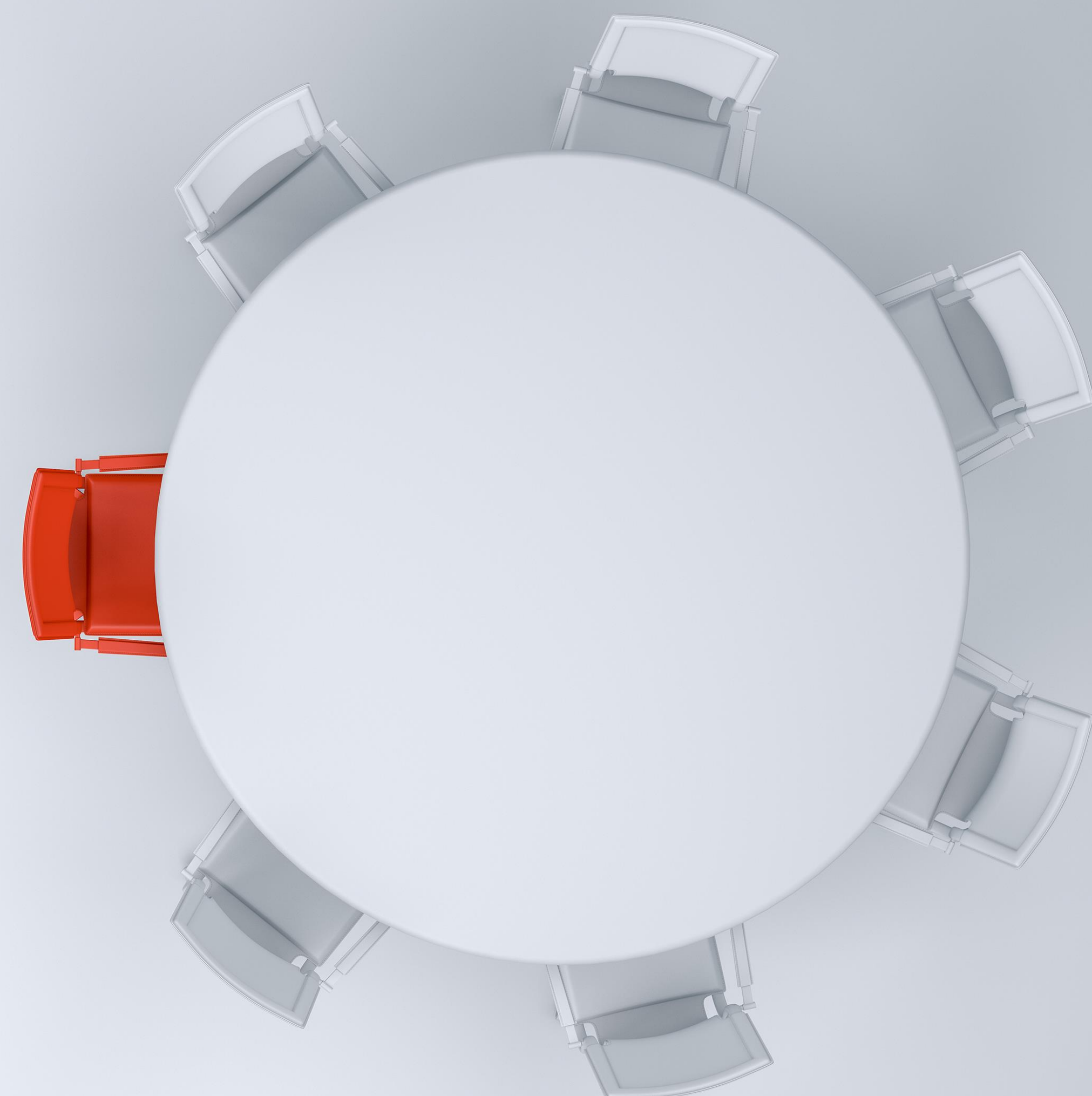
INDEPENDENT STUDY

- A lot of studying at University is about ‘independent study’
- This requires you to structure your time effectively
 - What works for you? Treat like a job?
- Avoid isolation—‘independent study’ does not mean studying on your own (e.g., form study groups)
- Get to know your course mates, flat mates etc.



SSLC

- There is an existing Staff-Student Liaison Committee (SSLC).
- Nominate yourself now via the SU website (see newsletter)
Deadline: **TBC**
- We have already responded to student feedback on:
 - Outside modules
 - Dropping a subject in Year 3
 - Revising Year 2 Law Options

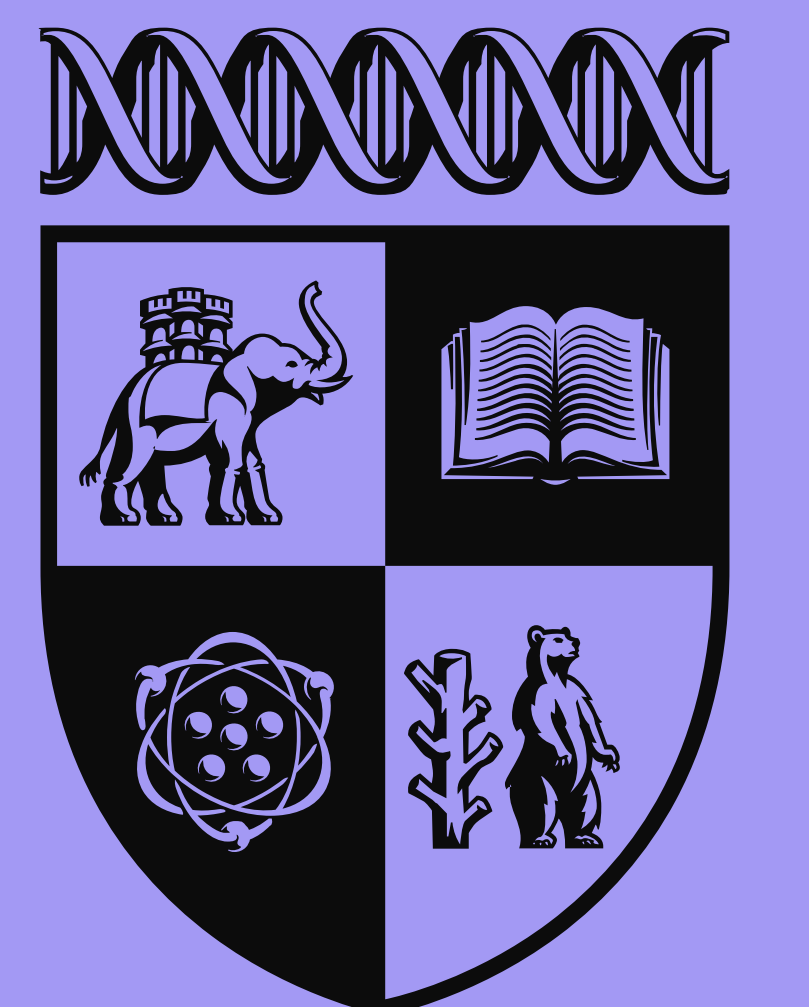


YOUR GOALS

The first year is a qualifying year.

- You must pass each core module with 40% in *each module* you study. Details in the handbook.
- Every module in Year One is a *core module*.
- When you pass, you are allowed to go on to study at Honours level in the second and third years.
- *Important: if you fail a module and a re-sit, you may need to withdraw from the programme*

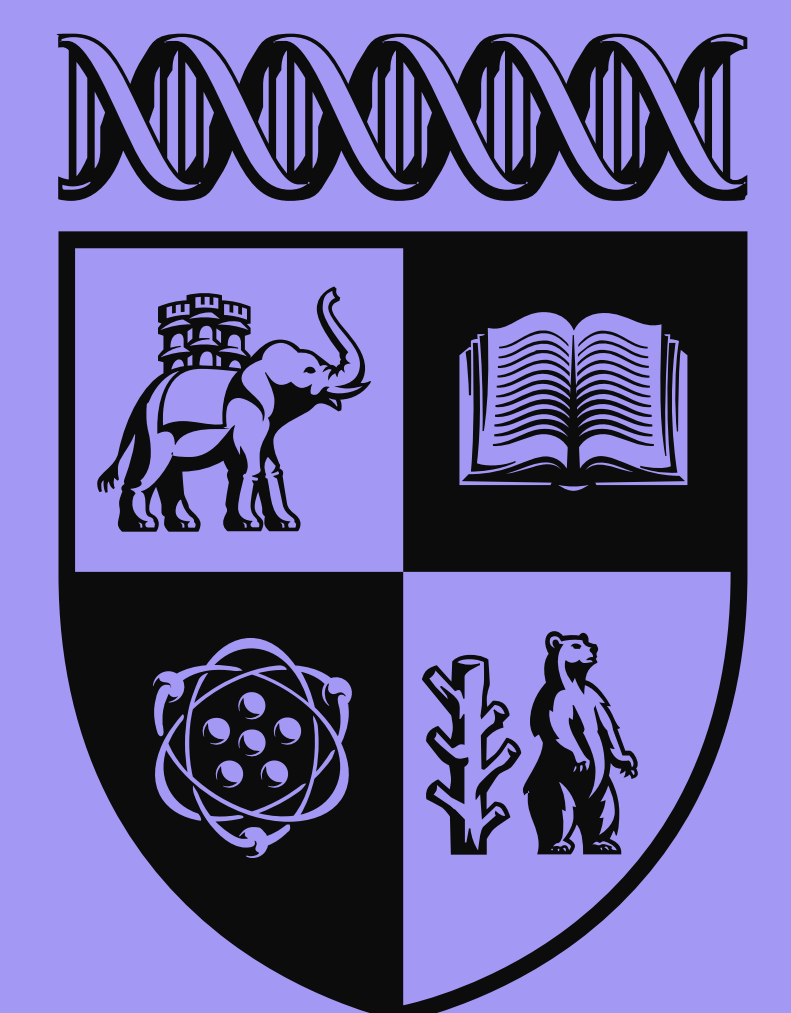
Remember: 40% is not a target, but the *minimum*.



YOUR GOALS



- Year 1 is preparation for your Honours Years
- Use your time well:
 - Soak up as many ideas and as much knowledge as you possibly can.
 - Attend as much as you can.
 - And extend your skills and capabilities as fast and as far as you possibly can.
 - Learn about yourself as a learner -- what works for you



FIRST YEAR MODULES

PPL

- Introduction to PPL

Politics

- Introduction to Politics

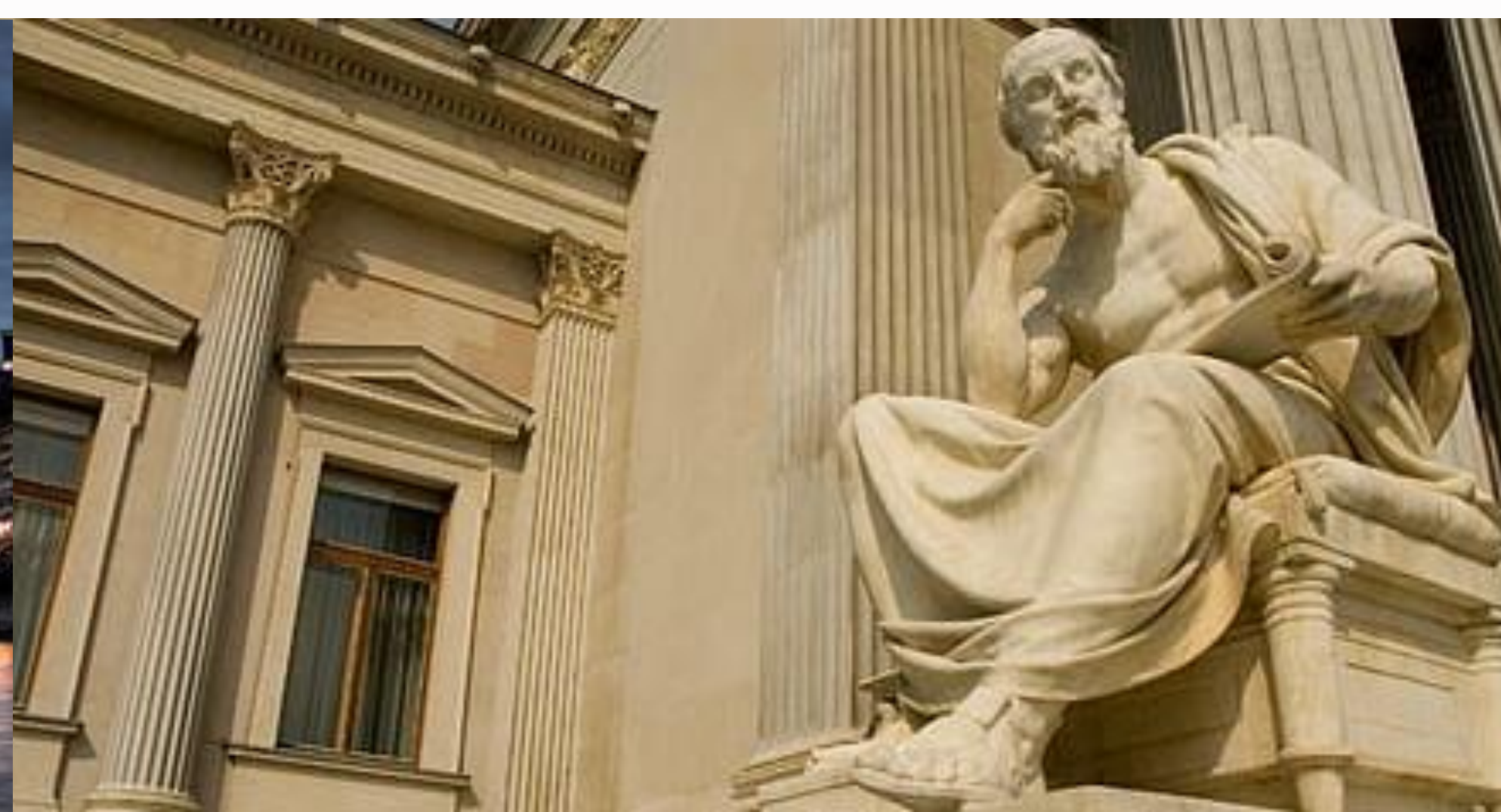
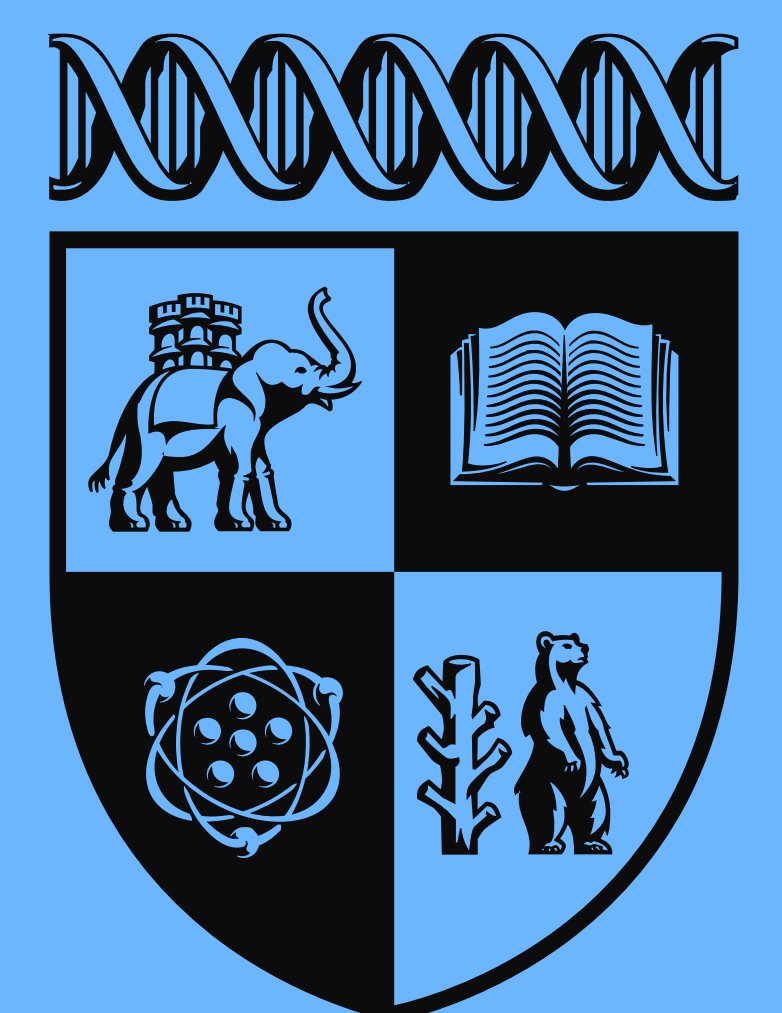
Philosophy

- Introduction to Philosophy

Law

- Understanding Law in Context

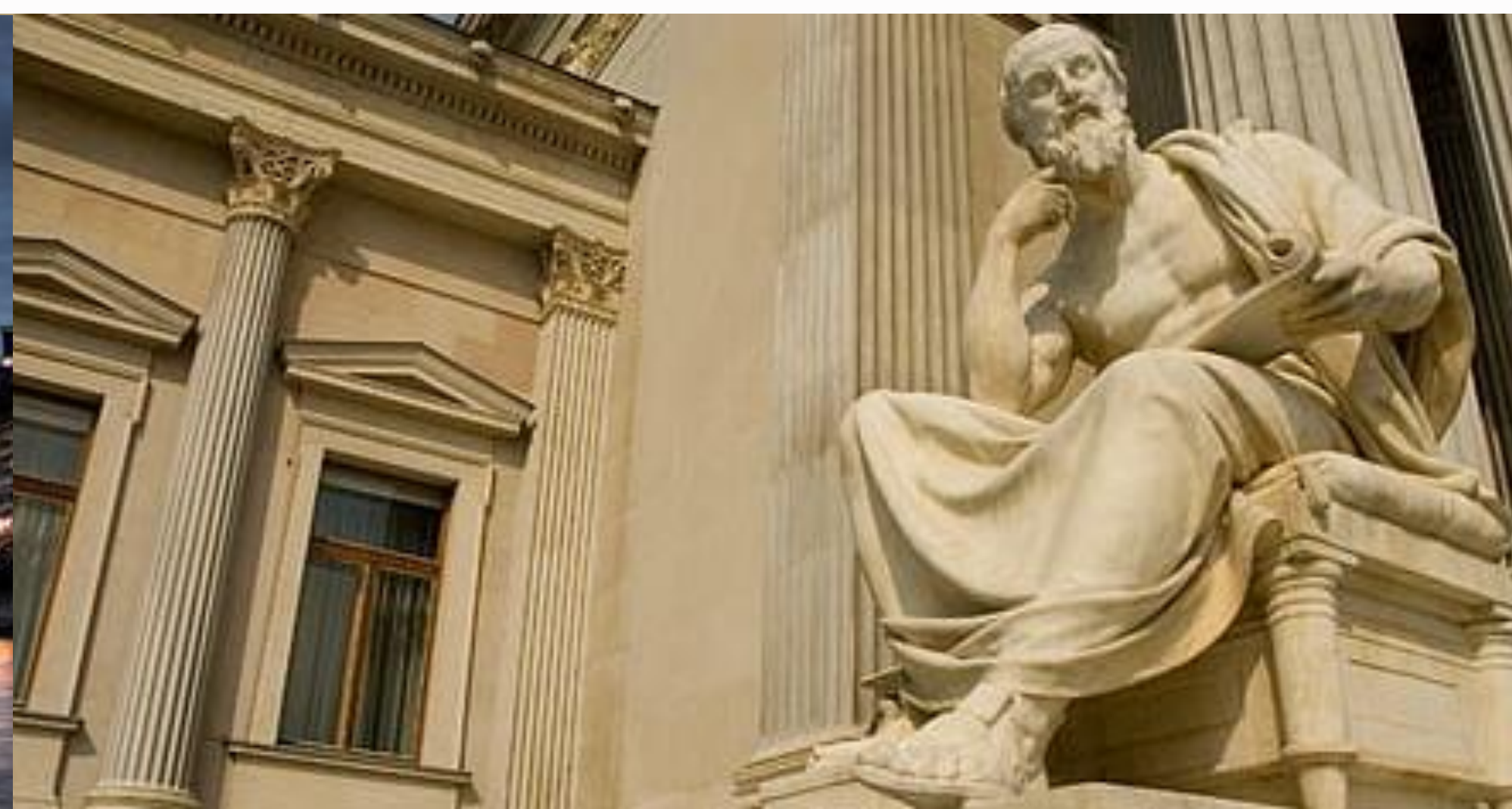
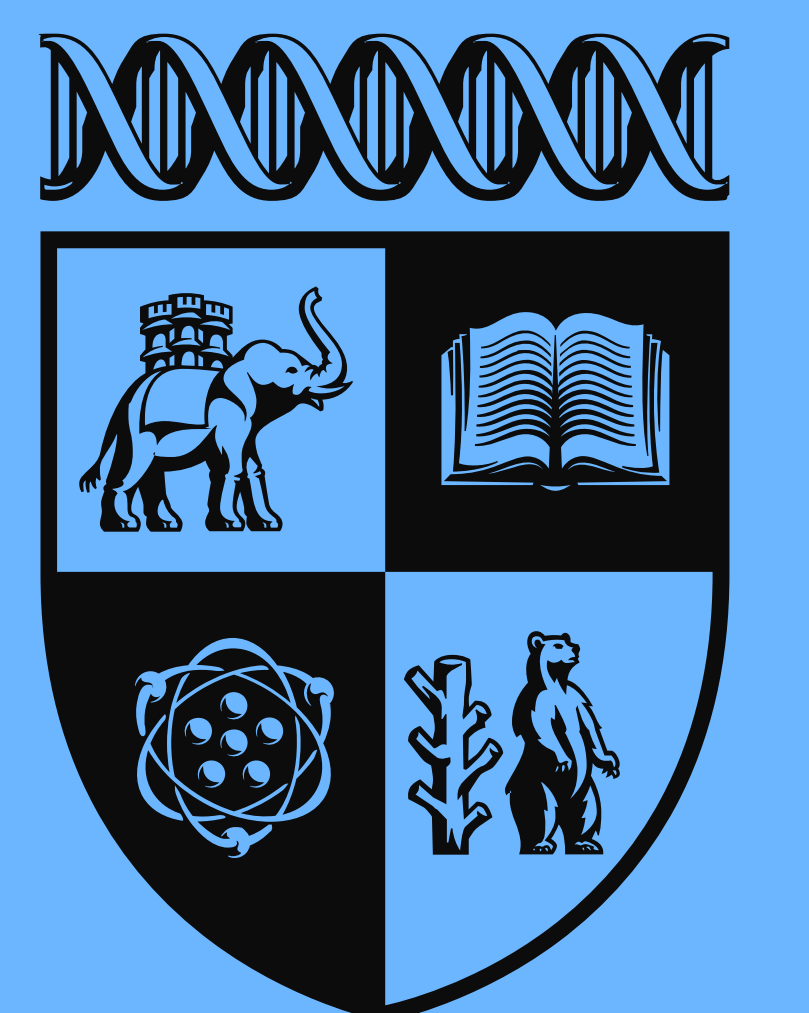
- Each module is 30 CATS. 120 CATS overall



INFORMATION ON MODULES

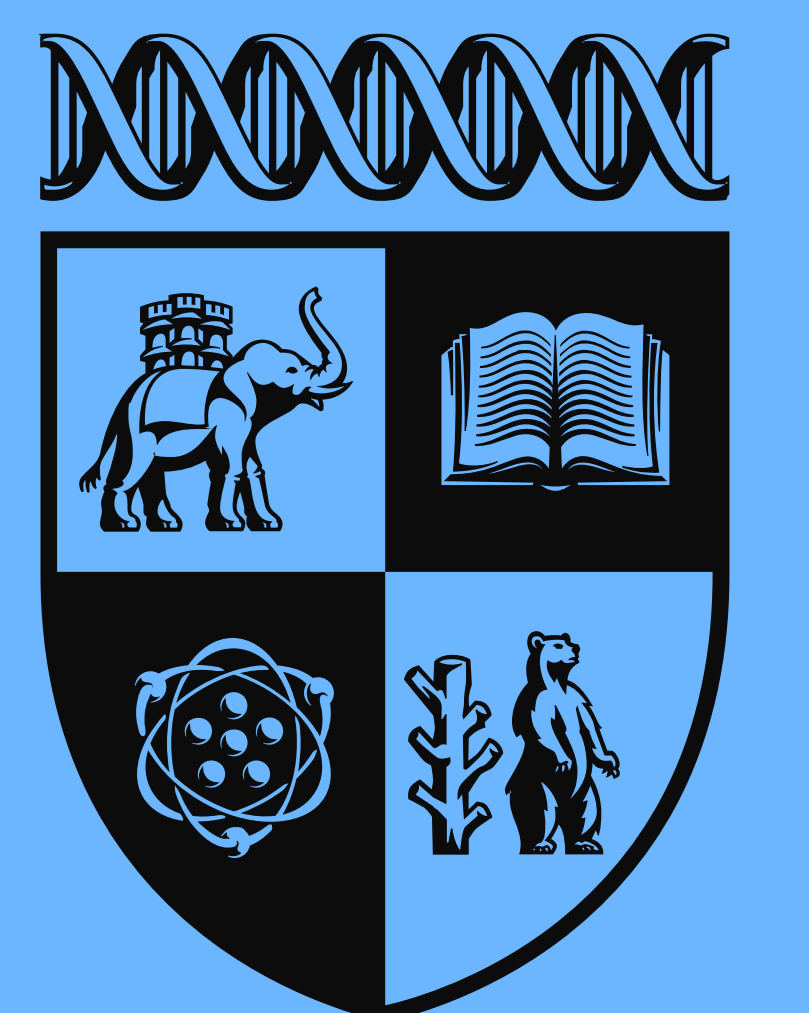
- **TABULA:** personal—e.g., timetable, registration
- **MOODLE:** module-specific info—e.g., slides, readings
- Module Convener (email; A&F hours)
- Seminar Tutor (email; A&F hours)
- PPL Office (email; drop in)

- NOT rumour mill!



TIMETABLE: LECTURES

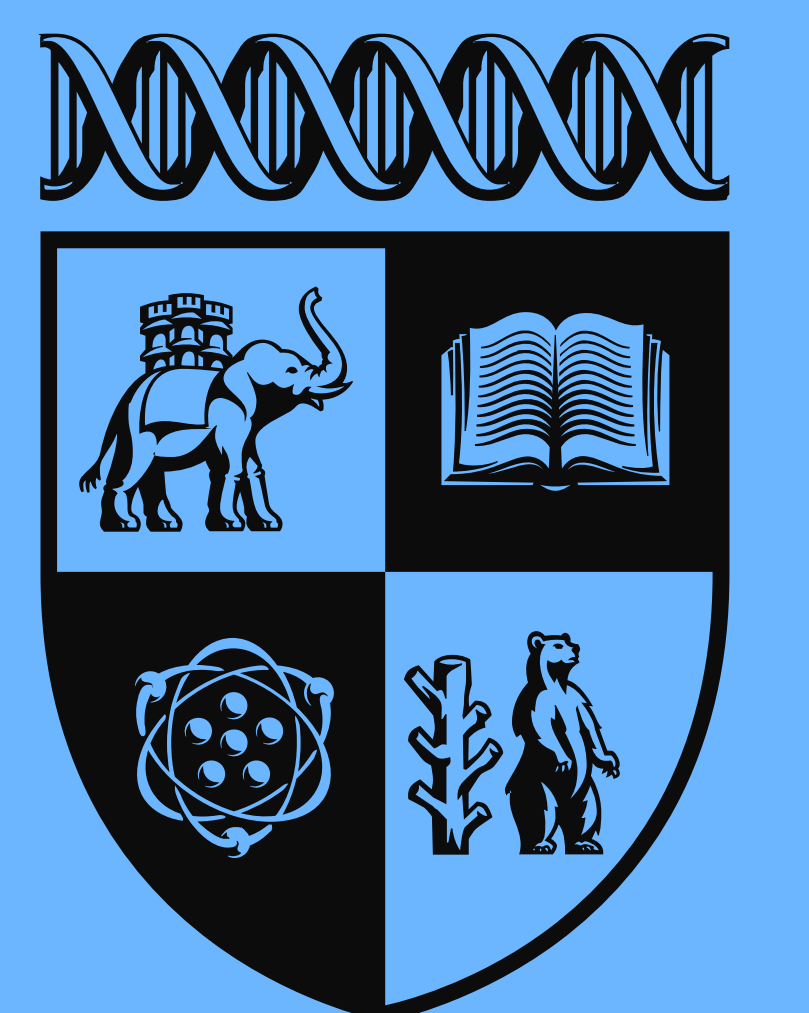
- Will appear on your **TABULA** timetable shortly.
 - More information tomorrow—‘getting started’
- PH147 Introduction to PPL
 - Tuesday, 11am-1pm (S0.20) **OR**
 - Wednesday, 11am-1pm (S0.11)
 - *You will be assigned a group—check Tabula*
- PO107 Introduction to Politics
 - Thursday 4-5pm (OC1.05) **OR**
 - Thursday 5-6pm (R0.21)
 - *You only need to attend one or the other.*



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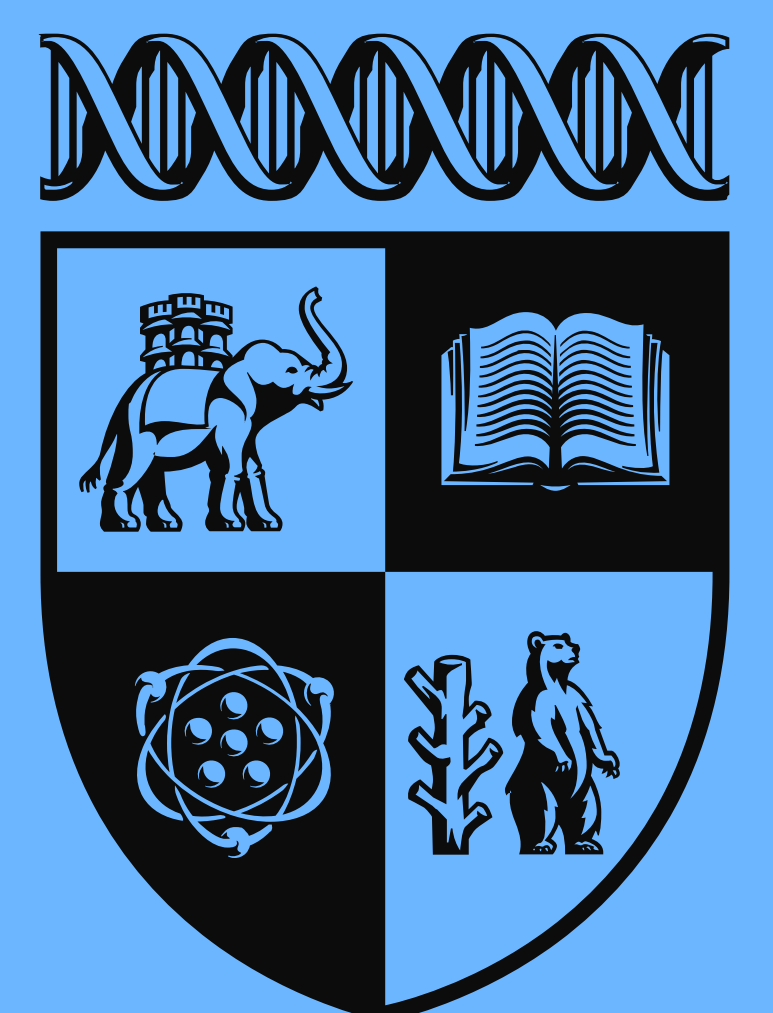
- PH133 Introduction to Philosophy
 - Wednesday 1-3pm (OC1.05)

- LA128 Understanding Law in Context
 - Thursday 1-2pm (OC1.05)



TIMETABLE: SEMINARS

- Seminar times appear in your timetable once you have signed up for them via **TABULA**
- More information on this tomorrow—‘getting started’
- *Be aware: each department does seminar sign ups at different times so pay close attention to emails.*



COMMON TEACHING FORMATS

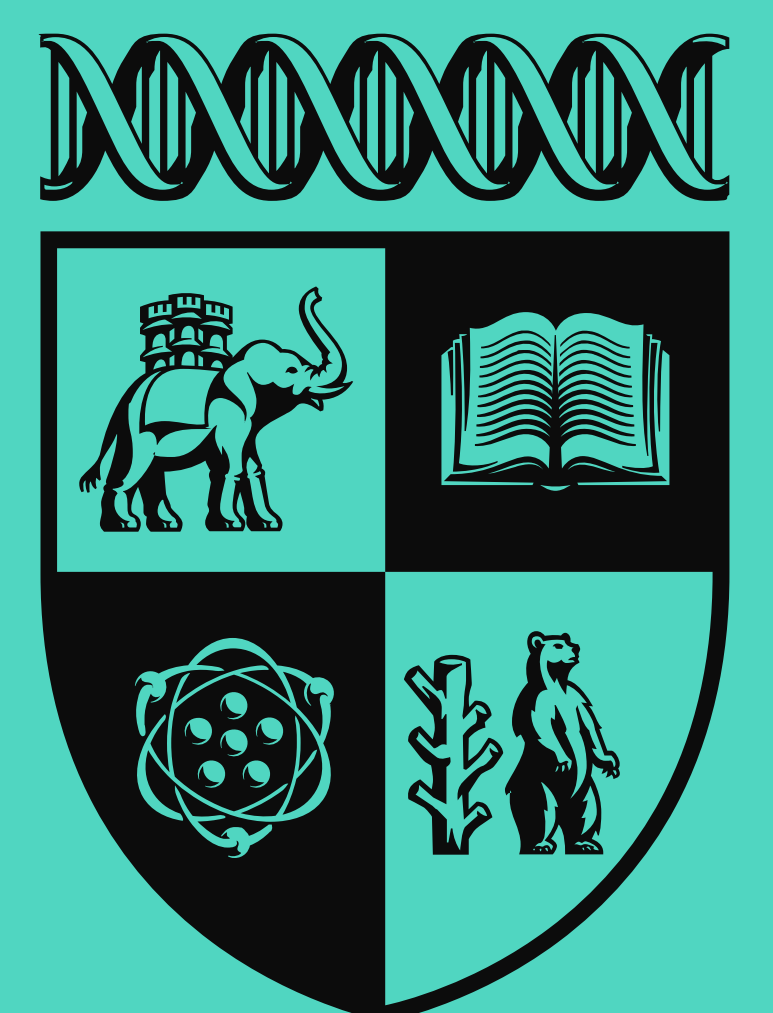
- One/Two Plus One
 - One or two hours of lectures (set up...)
 - Reading (sets up...)
 - Seminar (discussion)
- PH147
 - ‘Workshop’
 - Two hour interactive class (with a break!)
 - Pre-read



PH147 INTRO TO PPL

- Revolving teachers from philosophy, politics, and law
- Weeks 1-2: Legal skills
- Weeks 3-9; T2: Topics at PPL intersections

- Pre-read weekly workshops
- Assessment: three essays (grade is average of best two)



RESPECTFUL DEBATE

- Encourage our students to be challenging in their thoughts
- We expect debate – you are studying PPL after all
- However, we expect an appropriate level of respect and decency to be maintained (including in email/social media settings)
- [*Dignity at Warwick*](#)



REST OF WELCOME WEEK

- [PPL Welcome Week](#)
- Today:
 - 11-12: PPL treasure hunt – Social Sciences Quad
 - 12-2: PPL lunch – Fusion Restaurant
 - 2-3: Law School Induction – S0.19
- Wednesday
 - 10-11: ‘Getting Started’ – PS1.28
 - 1130-5: Law School Induction (optional)
- Later in the term—more info on careers, library, assessments etc.



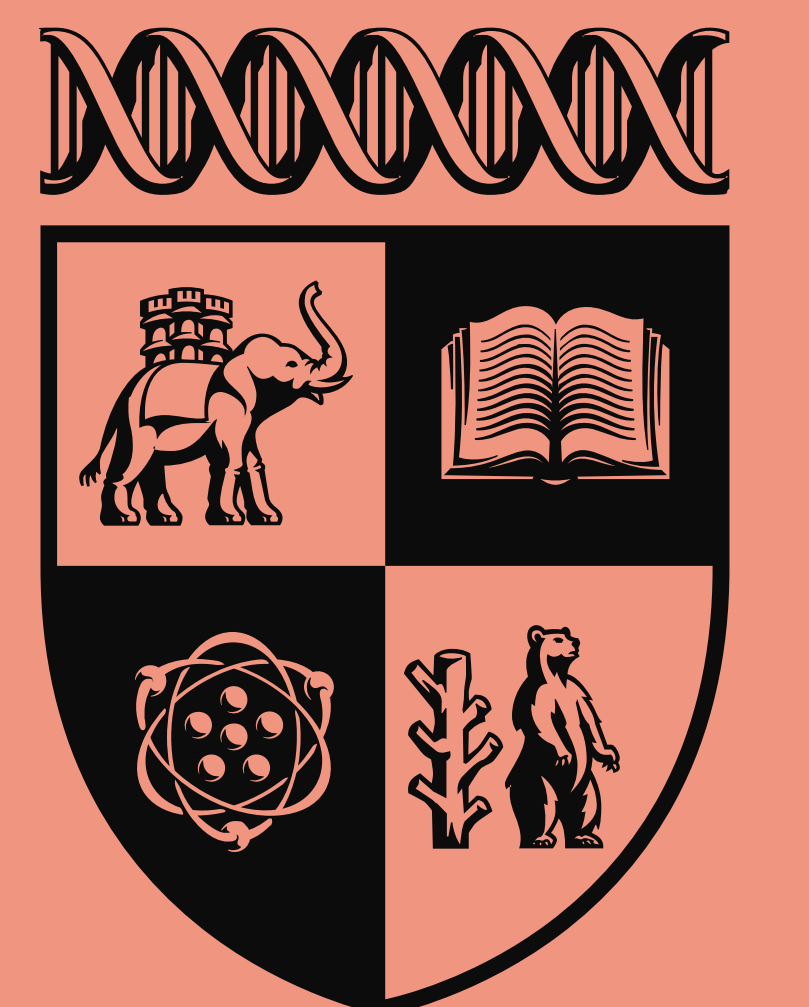
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HELP!

- PPL Office
- Patrick Tomlin (PPL Director)
- Joshua Pike (PPL Senior Tutor)
- Your Personal Tutor
- Wellbeing Services



Thank you for listening

- Good luck for the year ahead!
- Any questions?

