

# HUMN 3088

## UNDERSTANDING FREEDOM

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 101798

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**Description** "Understanding Freedom" consists of a close analysis of major theories of freedom from ancient times to the contemporary world. It explores the relation between freedom and imprisonment, freedom and politics, freedom and the everyday, as well as the way that freedom informs the production of culture.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Studies in Human Society, Not Elsewhere Classified.

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

### Restrictions

Successful completion of 60 credit points

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. explore contemporary theories of freedom;
2. recognise ways in which theories of freedom can inform contemporary political ideas;
3. outline theories of freedom in Western thought;
4. discuss the role of freedom in philosophy and culture;
5. analyse and critique the traditional understanding of freedom;
6. evaluate how theories of freedom structure the thought of key-thinkers; and
7. apply knowledge gained in this subject to other areas of their experience

## Subject Content

- "Understanding Freedom" looks at the way that freedom has been conceptualized and traces the development of that idea in Western thought.
- It examines how freedom is articulated in every-day life, and explores contemporary theories of freedom.
- The Examination of The concept of freedom will be carried out by concentrating on key thinkers who have written on freedom.

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Portfolio	1500 words	30	N	Individual	N

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Essay	2250 words	40	N	Individual	N