

Being, Becoming & Reality (PHIL2011) (V72BBR)

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This module introduces students to some core issues in contemporary metaphysics. We will examine four topics in detail: ordinary objects, abstract entities, modality, and time . We will address the following questions: What is metaphysics? When does composition occur? Do abstract entities exist? Do other possible worlds exist? What is the nature of time?

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