

Level 3 Courses

Philosophy and Ethics - A Level

What will I learn?

Unit 1: Philosophy of Religion- Topics in Philosophy of religion include: An introduction to Plato (analogy of the cave, the concept of forms): Aristotle, ideas about cause and purpose in relation to God, the concept of God as creator, the goodness of God, arguments for the existence of God. You will also study the Problem of evil and the relationship between Religion and Science.

Unit 2: Religious Ethics offers an introduction to Ethical Theories: Natural Law, Kantian Ethics, Utilitarianism, Religious Ethics; it also looks at Applied Ethics with reference to Abortion, Euthanasia, Genetic Engineering and War and Peace.

This is designed to encourage candidates to:

- Read widely and independently, both set texts and ones privately selected from a reading list
- Explore contexts and reading from different theoretical starting points
- Develop an evaluative, critical, enquiring and reflective approach to the study of religion
- Develop values, opinions and attitudes in light of their learning and to relate it to the wider world.

How will I be assessed?

Each unit is weighted at 50% of the total AS.

Both units are assessed by a 1½ hour written examination, there will be four open essay style questions and students will be required to answer two of these in each exam.

What can the qualifications lead to?

You could take the course to complement other advanced Level courses, or to prepare for the A LEVEL part of an Advanced GCE in Religious Studies.

Students who study Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics go on to a number of fields. You may wish to take your Theological studies to degree level. Careers complemented by this subject include Teaching, Law and Medicine, Media, Social Work and Personnel to name but a few. The skills and critical insight acquired during this course are invaluable.

Highlights from last year

Trips, lectures and conferences, including links with Oxford and London Universities.

100% pass on our Philosophy paper by one of our A LEVEL students!

100% pass rate from all students submitted for exam since we launched the course with over half of last year's A2 students achieving grades A to B*

Entry requirements

Six A-C GCSE passes, preferably with a B in Religious Studies.

Please note that this may not be taken in conjunction with Christian Theology which leads to the same award.