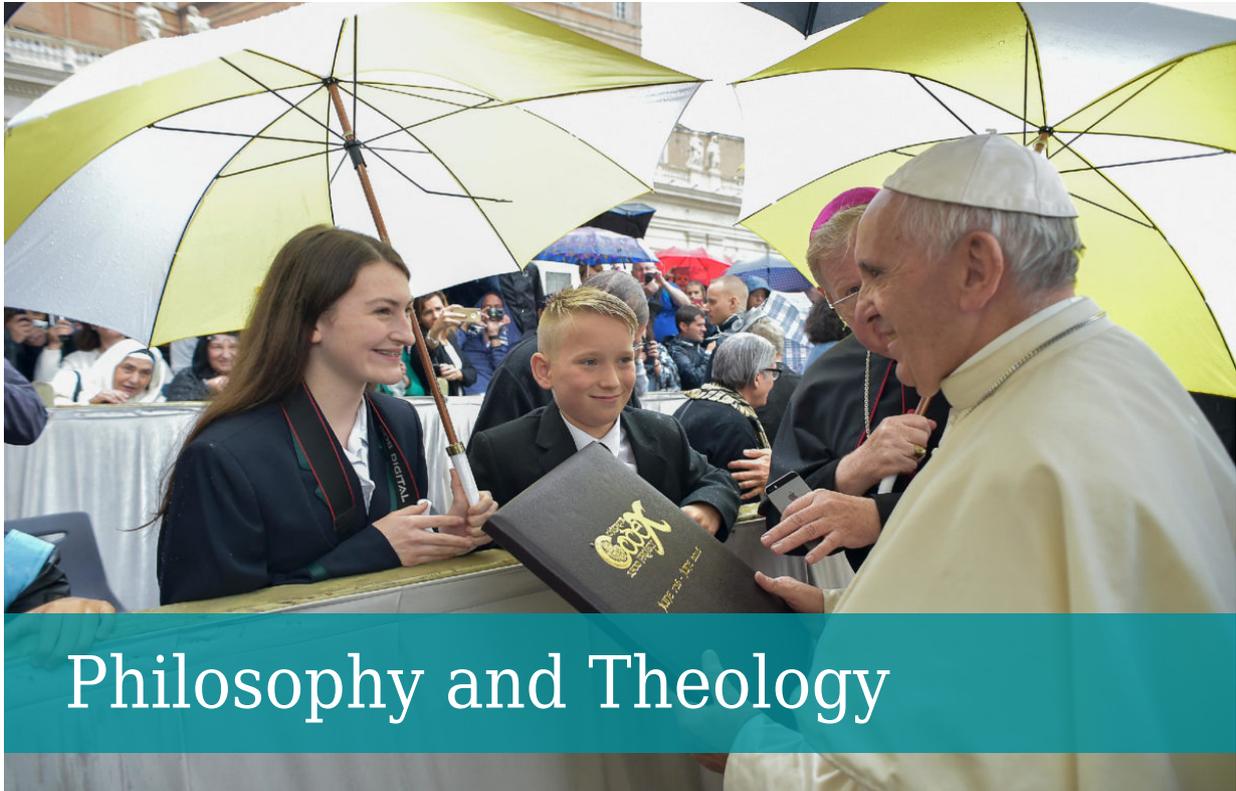


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Philosophy and Theology



# Philosophy and Theology

**QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL**

**Awarding Body:**

Edexcel

**Length of Course:**

2 Year

The Philosophy of Religion unit helps students to explore some of the main contemporary philosophical issues and questions about religion, such as belief in God or the conviction that life has both meaning and purpose. Students will engage with arguments and debates on religious and non-religious views of life, which focus on some key areas of controversy, such as the problem of evil and suffering.

The Religion and Ethics unit is focused on exploring both common ground and controversy in dealing with issues that arise in the areas of morality and religion in the context of the modern world. In this paper, students will study issues and practical problems such as equality, war and peace and sexual ethics. These issues and problems will provide a sufficient balance of breadth and depth for students to acquire the skills they need to address a wide range of contemporary moral dilemmas and to progress to further study.

The New Testament Studies unit is set in a historical context so that students can become familiar with some of the more technical language and terminology used in the texts. There is a focus on understanding the Gospel teaching about how the first Christians understood the New Testament text and how they expressed and interpreted the relationship between Jesus and God.

Our exam board is Edexcel A-Level Religious Studies. We offer both AS and A2 examinations in this subject. Three separate exams will be sat at the end of each year of study.

### Method of Assessment

Three externally examined two hour exam papers in the final year of the course

Papers	Content Overview
<b>Philosophy of Religion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Philosophical issues and questions</li> <li>The nature and influence of religious experience</li> <li>Problems of evil and suffering</li> <li>Philosophical language</li> <li>Works of scholars</li> <li>Influences of developments in religious belief</li> <li>Social, historical and religious context of the New Testament</li> </ul>
<b>New Testament Studies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Texts and interpretation of the Person of Jesus</li> <li>Issues of relationship, purpose and authorship</li> <li>Ways of interpreting the scripture</li> <li>The Kingdom of God, conflict, the death and resurrection of Jesus</li> <li>Scientific and historical challenges</li> <li>Ethical living</li> <li>Works of scholars</li> </ul>
<b>Religion &amp; Ethics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant concepts in issues or debates in religion and ethics</li> <li>A study of three ethical theories</li> <li>Application of ethical theories to issues of importance</li> <li>Ethical language</li> <li>Deontology</li> <li>Virtue Ethics</li> <li>Medical Ethics</li> <li>Beginning and end of life issues</li> </ul>

This course enables students to study in greater depth aspects of the Christian faith, including textual, theological, historical, ethical and philosophical perspectives.

### Relevance to Further Studies and Careers

Religious Studies is a popular choice for university courses and it can be combined with

a wide range of subjects. It is recommended as a facilitating subject by the Russell group of universities. It can form the basis for numerous professional careers including teaching, medicine and health care, legal work, political life, journalism, social work, counselling and religious ministry.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum grade 6 at GCSE in RE

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