

Changes to previous information

During the global COVID-19 pandemic, we prioritised the health, wellbeing and safety of our students and staff.

As we start the new academic year, your health, wellbeing and safety remains our top priority. This means when we return to our campuses and buildings in September 2020 social distancing and other health and safety measures will be in place. This is to help keep you, and others around you, safe. We will respond to the requirements of vulnerable students regarding their personal safety on an individual basis.

We remain committed to delivering an outstanding education and student experience both on campus and online. Like most universities, we'll be providing a mix of on-site face-to-face and digital learning and teaching. The exact mix will vary between courses and course modules taking into account teaching requirements and other considerations such as meeting the safety of vulnerable staff.

It is important to emphasise that a face-to-face, on-site experience will be delivered within the Government and Public Health England guidance and providing there are no serious unforeseeable public health issues that result in the Government introducing further lockdown measures.

Our response to the pandemic means we may have made changes to your course. This is to take account of these important health and safety measures.

We ask you to read the information provided about course changes carefully. We detail what we include in our online prospectus and explain what has changed.

You should read our statement of changes alongside any information provided in videos, at open days or in other promotional materials. This is because the information may also have been affected by the changes we had to make. We are providing this information so you can make an informed choice about whether the course remains suitable for you.

When you register for your course, you will be asked to confirm you have read about our changes and you agree to them. It means that by choosing to continue with your application, and register with us, you accept these changes and are happy to study your course with us.

We really look forward to seeing you in the next academic year. In the meantime, if you want to find out more about University life from this September, and being part of our supportive and welcoming community, please visit our [September 2020 web pages](#).

Current published course related information		
Course title	Religion Philosophy and Ethics	
Award level	BA - Single/combined honours	
How do you want to study?		
Start Date	Sept 2020	
Modes of study	Full-time Part-time	
Duration		
UCAS code	V627	
Location	Canterbury	
Partner institution	N/A	
Available with a Foundation Year	Yes	
Overview		
	<p>Religious, philosophical and ethical concerns often feature in the media and underpin a range of controversial issues in the world we share.</p> <p>If you like thinking about and debating these subjects then you'll enjoy this course. You'll be taught by an experienced team of academics who have published widely on topics such as Buddhist philosophy, conflicts over Jewish identity and interfaith dialogue.</p>	
Why study Religion Philosophy and Ethics?		
	<p>Are you fascinated by religions and their role in shaping our diverse, globalised and multicultural world? If the answer is yes, our course will stretch your mind and introduce you to different ethical theories so that you can develop as an open minded and independent critical thinker.</p> <p>Our challenging and stimulating course will help you to gain sound knowledge and an in-depth appreciation of philosophical and ethical issues affecting contemporary society and you'll explore their relationship to different religious traditions. You'll have opportunities engage in lively debate and will explore issues from a critical</p>	

	<p>perspective.</p> <p>You'll be studying in the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with the ancient buildings of Canterbury Cathedral, St Augustine's Abbey and St Martin's Church just a stone's throw away. Here you can immerse yourself in religion, surrounded by buildings that have inspired generations of people to develop themselves both spiritually and through education.</p>	
Entry requirements	A typical offer would be 88-112 UCAS Tariff points.	
About the course		
Year 1	In Year 1, you'll have opportunities to study different religious and philosophical traditions, and explore how these relate to ethical theories and issues. You'll also learn about different areas of theological inquiry.	
Year 2	In Year 2, you'll be able to select optional modules and focus on specific areas of interest. This might include exploring particular religions or religious events in greater depth and studying influential philosophers.	
Year 3	In Year 3, you'll continue to select optional modules and will be able to undertake an Individual Study where you can research and analyse a subject of your choice with the support and guidance of a tutor.	
Module information		
<p>Please note that the list of optional modules and their availability may be subject to change. We continually review and where appropriate, revise the range of modules on offer to reflect changes in the subject and ensure the best student experience. Modules will vary when studied in combination with another subject.</p>		
Core year 1		
	<p>Introduction to Ethics Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will engage critically with significant ethical theories and apply these theories to contemporary moral issues with reference to religion. You will study a range of views about the relationship between morality</p>	

	and religion and how they apply to contemporary ethical debates.	
	<p>Introduction to Philosophy Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will be introduced to the history of philosophy in the Western tradition, and study key philosophical issues. You will engage critically with philosophers from Antiquity to contemporary times and explore different perspectives on contentious philosophical issues and ideas.</p>	
	<p>World Religions Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will be introduced to a variety of the world's religions from Western and Eastern traditions, including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism. You will also learn about key concepts in the academic study of religious traditions.</p>	
	<p>Introduction to Christianity Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will receive a broad introductory overview of Christianity in its historical and intellectual development, and gain an understanding of Christian thought within its historical, social and cultural contexts.</p>	
	<p>Introduction to Biblical Studies Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will gain an overview of the historical background and content of the Old and New Testaments, study in detail some representative texts within them, and become familiar with the concepts, principles, methods and tools of modern scholarly biblical interpretation.</p>	
	<p>Philosophical Reflection and Ethics of Wellbeing Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will be introduced to academic cultures, to foster your acquisition and practice of key academic skills, to reflect on the value of your studies and their relevance to personal development, and to articulate the purposes of Theological, Religious and Philosophical studies in university contexts. You will also reflect on issues of sustainable</p>	

	education, your membership of an academic community, and the ethics of wellbeing.	
Optional year 1		
	N/A	
Core year 2		
	N/A	
Optional year 2		
	<p>Buddhism Optional module - (20 Credits) This module will develop your knowledge and critical understanding of Buddhism in the past and present in a variety of cultures. You will study the complex development of Buddhism(s) and evaluate primary and secondary sources as well as trends and methodological approaches relevant to Buddhism.</p>	
	<p>Judaism Optional module - (20 Credits) This module will introduce you to different understandings of what it has meant to be Jewish throughout the ages. Studying primary sources from all periods of Jewish history, you will learn to appreciate the essence and variety of Jewish identity.</p>	
	<p>Kant Optional module - (20 Credits) This module will centre on sustained engagement with the thought of Immanuel Kant. It will introduce you to Kant's critical philosophy, and explain his pivotal role in modern thought. You will read selected sections from Kant's works (in translation), and develop broad understanding of one or two principal themes in his philosophical project.</p>	
	<p>John Stuart Mill Optional module - (20 Credits) This module will centre on sustained engagement with the thought of John Stuart Mill. You will be introduced to Mill's life and thought and examine his role in the transformation of British society with reference to liberalism, feminism, and secularism.</p>	

	<p>Philosophy of Religion Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module will give you a detailed and critical understanding of key themes in the philosophy of religion such as arguments for the existence of God, the problem of evil, the nature of religious language, life after death, the existence of the soul and the nature of personal identity, and the nature of religious belief.</p>	
	<p>Religion and Science Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module will help you articulate a critical understanding of the relationship of religion and science, including questions of definition, method and the historical development of disciplines and ideas</p>	
	<p>Selected New Testament Texts Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module will help you to understand a range of different kinds of New Testament texts. It will enable you to understand modern critical approaches to these texts, and to make appropriate use of them in a variety of contexts.</p>	
	<p>Cathedral Life and Liturgy Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module will explore the life, liturgy, mission and functions of Christian cathedrals in their historical development and contemporary setting. In the first section of the module, cathedral spaces will be used to introduce you to liturgical theology. In the second section, you will reflect on the role of cathedrals in diverse contexts, spanning the national and international, Christian and post-Christian.</p>	
	<p>Religious Ethics, Human Rights and Social Justice Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of this module is to enable you to critically assess approaches and attitudes to social justice and human rights in the context of religious traditions.</p>	
	Reformation	

	<p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aims of the module are to introduce you to the key events and thinkers of Reformation movements and theologies.</p>	
	<p>Historical Jesus</p> <p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module aims to enable you to understand the historical and interpretative questions which arise in the scholarly attempt to depict the Historical Jesus on the basis of the critical exploration of available historical sources.</p>	
	<p>Creeds, Councils and Controversies</p> <p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will study essential Christian debates over the Trinity and Person of Christ in the early church. You will focus on the crucial period of the fourth and fifth centuries when Christian creeds were written, re-written, contested, and fought over. You will gain insight into how Christian beliefs and practices were shaped and formed – by whom, why, and with what effect.</p>	
	<p>Applied Humanities: Employability in Practice</p> <p>Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module will introduce you to a range of work-related skills such as communication, teamwork, problem solving, decision making, initiative, and creativity. It is designed to enhance your awareness of the work environment, and improve your employability and self awareness to help you in your future career. We work with a range of local partners to provide you with placement opportunities.</p>	
Core year 3		
	<p>Religion, Philosophy and Ethics Individual Study</p> <p>Core module/single honours only - (40 Credits)</p> <p>This module will enable you, under the guidance of a tutor, to undertake an extended piece of work in religion, philosophy and ethics based on your own research. This provides you with an opportunity to follow up an area of interest</p>	

	in depth, to enable you to develop skills in critical thinking and argumentation, and to lay the foundations for possible future work at higher degree level.	
	<p>Great Books of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics Core module/single honours only - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will develop high levels of competence in reading complex literature on religion, philosophy and ethics. Sustained and detailed reading of selected classics will enable you to acquire awareness and understanding of relevant hermeneutical issues, as well as develop knowledge and critical understanding of relevant religious, philosophical and ethical concepts.</p>	
	<p>Religion, Philosophy and Ethics Extended Research Essay Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Combined Honours This module will enable you, under the guidance of a tutor, to undertake an extended piece of work in religion, philosophy and ethics based on your own research. This provides you with an opportunity to follow up an area of interest in depth, to enable you to develop skills in critical thinking and argumentation, and to lay the foundations for possible future work at higher degree level.</p>	
	<p>Great Books of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics Core module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>Combined Honours You will develop high levels of competence in reading complex literature on religion, philosophy and ethics. Sustained and detailed reading of selected classics will enable you to acquire awareness and understanding of relevant hermeneutical issues, as well as develop knowledge and critical understanding of relevant religious, philosophical and ethical concepts.</p>	
Optional year 3		
	<p>Religion Today Optional module - (20 Credits)</p>	

	<p>In this module, you will take a detailed look at a range of contemporary religious issues in the world today. Topics may include secularisation and revival of religion, fundamentalism, religion and nationalism, religion and politics and new religious movements.</p>	
	<p>Religion, Visual Imagination and Film Optional module - (20 Credits) In this module, you will investigate the visual dimension of a variety of religious traditions. This module will also allow you to explore the representation of religion in films.</p>	
	<p>Religion, Gender and Sexuality Optional module - (20 Credits) This module will allow you to take a critical look at religious approaches to issues of gender identity, gender equality, sexual identities, and sexual practices.</p>	
	<p>Biblical Interpretation Optional module - (20 Credits) You will explore some Biblical texts or themes within the context of contemporary scholarship and study philosophical and theological questions of interpretation.</p>	
	<p>Classical Christian Mysticism Optional module - (20 Credits) This module aims to give you the opportunity to develop a systematic understanding of the origins and development of Classical Christian Mysticism. It aims to enable you to think critically about Classical Christian perspectives on life in the world, with thematic attention to the themes of love and the life of the mind, love and the life of the body, and love and the life of the community.</p>	
	<p>Asian Philosophies Optional module - (20 Credits) The aim of the module is to develop your knowledge and critical understanding of key Asian philosophical ideas. It will extend your comprehension of philosophy to include important non-western traditions.</p>	

	<p>Religion and Environmental Ethics Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to develop your knowledge and critical understanding of complex historical and contemporary attitudes to the natural world in a variety of religious traditions. The module will assess the theoretical and practical contributions that religions make to current environmental ethics.</p>	
	<p>Jerusalem Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>The aim of the module is to introduce you to concepts of sacred space and to contested religious and political claims by studying the history of Jerusalem and how religion, politics, architecture and arts both reflect that history and continue to shape it.</p>	
	<p>Social World of the New Testament Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module aims to help you to develop sophisticated critical awareness concerning scholarly method in theology and religion. You'll study how the current application of theoretical models from sociology and anthropology to the New Testament may be informed or challenged by detailed historical-critical study of the ancient context.</p>	
	<p>Lived Religion and Practical Theology Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>This module aims to foster a critical and detailed study of religion and faith traditions as living practices and sources of contemporary understanding. You will critically investigate issues of practical theology, faith in context, pastoral and spiritual care, and ministry in faith communities and secular contexts.</p>	
	<p>Religion and Political Philosophy Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>You will explore complex and disputed questions relating to the relationship of "Church and State", of religion in the public sphere, and its sometimes contentious relationship with liberalism and secularism.</p>	

	<p>Topics covered may include the recent history of religion and politics in modern Britain, religious and political ideologies, and theories of the Welfare State and the “common good”. You will explore and analyse the philosophical groundwork of liberalism, of freedom of religion and freedom of expression, and more recent regulation and legislation concerning religious practices.</p>	
	<p>Christian Doctrine and Interpretation Optional module - (20 Credits)</p> <p>In this module, you will analyse major areas of Christian doctrine in relation to their Biblical foundations, their historical articulation, and their current expression. You will seek to interpret classic Christian beliefs meaningfully for today, with an aim to developing an understanding of Christianity which is at once critical, coherent and constructive.</p>	

How you'll learn		
Teaching	<p>You will be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials and will typically have between 9 and 12 contact hours per week.</p> <p>Seminars and tutorials in small groups will enable you to discuss and develop your understanding of topics covered in lectures. You'll also be supported by a personal tutor.</p> <p>All courses are informed by the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy 2015-2020.</p>	
Independent study	<p>When not attending lectures, seminars, tutorials or other timetabled sessions you will continue learning through independent study. Typically, this involves reading books and articles from academic journals, undertaking research in the library and preparing for coursework assignments, examinations, or seminars.</p> <p>Your module tutor will direct you towards specific readings and activities to complete before class.</p> <p>For the Individual Study (single honours students) or the Extended Research Essay (combined honours students) in Year 3, you will undertake independent research, working under the supervision of an academic tutor who you'll meet with regularly to discuss your work.</p>	
Overall workload	<p>Your overall workload will typically consist of 9 contact hours, 3 hours of directed study and 15-18 hours of independent learning and assessment activity per week.</p>	
Academic input	<p>You will be taught by highly qualified academics. All tutors are research-active, publish regularly in their field and have experience in delivering high quality teaching. You should note that members of the teaching team might change.</p> <p>Postgraduate students assist in teaching and assessing some modules, however, our permanent programme team teach the vast majority of lectures and seminars.</p>	
How you'll be assessed		

	<p>Religion, Philosophy and Ethics is assessed primarily by coursework. Most of your work will consist of the writing of essays, and some modules will feature assessment by examination alongside a coursework essay, depending on what best suits a particular topic or discipline.</p> <p>Feedback</p> <p>Providing feedback on your coursework and explaining how to improve your work is an important aspect of our teaching. You will receive feedback on all formal assessments undertaken by coursework. Feedback on examination performance is available upon request from the module tutor. Feedback is intended to help you learn and you are encouraged to discuss it with your module tutor.</p> <p>We will normally provide you with feedback within 15 working days of hand-in for formal coursework assessment.</p> <p>The balance of assessment by examination and assessment by coursework depends to some extent on the optional modules you choose. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework is as follows:</p>	<p>In Semester 1, examinations will be replaced with an essay or an online exam. Assessment for Semester 2 will be kept under review to allow for any further replacement of examinations with essays.</p>
Year 1	Coursework 75% Written exams 25%	
Year 2	Coursework 77% Written exams 23%	
Year 3	Coursework 88% Written exams 6% Individual study 6%	
Fees		
UK/EU	Full-time £9250	
	Part-time £4625	
Overseas	Full-time £13000	
	Part-time N/A	

Course specific costs		
Field Trips (including potential trips abroad, and local and national trips to places of worship and sites of special religious interest).	Field Trips are optional enhancement or enrichment activities, and are not included in the Tuition Fee. The cost of trips will depend on travel costs, entrance fees, accommodation fees, and other factors. The exact cost of trips will be calculated to provide an excellent experience at an appropriate cost, depending on the number of people involved.	
Text books	The exact cost of books will depend on publishers' prices. Academic staff will be mindful of the need to balance excellent resources against appropriate affordability. Text books will be supplied through the CCCU Bookshop, and will be available with any CCCU Bookshop discount which applies.	
Other important information		
	<p>Your future career</p> <p>The Religion, Philosophy and Ethics degree opens up routes into teaching, through the PGCE, and prepares you for further postgraduate study at all levels through to PhD. In the context of contemporary, multicultural Britain, many public sector institutions such as the police, the civil service, and the social services, value people with expertise in this area who can support diversity and inclusion. This qualification will also help prepare and develop you for various roles in religious institutions, roles in charities and not-for-profit organisations, in development work, community leadership roles, and aspects of welfare.</p>	
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