

Philosophy and Theology

University of Edinburgh

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Content

Philosophy and theology frequently overlap. Philosophers have long questioned the nature of existence and agency. Theologians have engaged with philosophical traditions in developing their understanding of individual and collective belief.

This programme offers you an opportunity to explore these intersections. You will study the metaphysical, ethical and theological traditions that have shaped contemporary thinking.

You can also choose to focus on philosophy and theology as separate subjects, adjusting the balance between them according to your interests.

Year 1:

During your first year, you will take three core philosophy courses and two courses in theology. You may also take an outside course in another subject that complements your two degree subjects. You could choose to study a language, or simply pick something that interests you.

Year 2:

During your second year, you will take two further core philosophy courses - Mind, Matter and Language, and Knowledge and Reality.

You will also take two courses in theology, as well as two further courses. These can be a continuation of your first year outside courses or other courses that interest you.

Year 3:

During your honours years in Years 3 and 4, you will choose six courses, divided between philosophy and theology.

Year 4:

You will continue to study higher-level courses in both philosophy and theology.

You will also write a dissertation on a topic of your choice with academic supervision. Your chosen topic can be relevant to either programme subject area.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

VV56

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

Divinity

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (first sitting) or 4/5 Highers at AAB/ABBBB (two sittings) plus English at National 5 at C.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (two sittings) plus English at National 5 at C. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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Progression Routes

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