

German and Philosophy

University of Edinburgh

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Content

German thought has had a profound impact on philosophy, culture and science. Many of the most influential European thinkers have come from the German-speaking world, from Arendt to Hegel, Leibnitz to Wittgenstein.

For centuries, German-speaking cultures have had a profound international influence. Over one-third of Europeans speak German as their first language, and the language ranks in the world's top 20. It is particularly important within business and politics.

Across all four years of our wide-ranging programme, including a year abroad, your studies will give you the chance to gain professional skills in all aspects of German, including: reading and listening; writing and translating; and speaking and presenting.

As well as language learning, you will also explore German-language literature, film and theatre. You will study these in the context of historical and political developments, from the eighteenth century to contemporary times.

By your final year, you will have developed the linguistic, critical and analytical skills to the standard of completing a dissertation in German.

Studying philosophy will:

- allow you to think about some of the great philosophical questions in a clear, disciplined and systematic manner
- introduce you to the thinking of some of the great philosophers of the past and present
- illuminate the connections between diverse areas of human experience
- make you more aware of the assumptions that form the basis of your beliefs.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

RV25

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

Literatures, Languages and Cultures

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (first sitting) or 4 or 5 Highers at ABBB/ABBBB (two sittings) plus National 5 in a language other than English at B and English at C.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (two sittings) plus National 5 in a language other than English at B and English at C. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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