Natural Philosophy

University of Aberdeen

Venues

Old Aberdeen Campus

Content

Natural Philosophy explores the big questions of “life, the universe and everything” and involves understanding how the universe works, but also thinking about the philosophical ramifications of these great theories. The programme combines courses from Physics, Mathematics and Philosophy to provide a deep understanding of the natural world and its fundamental principles.

In addition to gaining a deeper understanding of the natural world, and in particular concepts such as quantum mechanics, optics, motion, gravity, electricity, and magnetism, this interdisciplinary programme also allows you to explore how our philosophical understanding of the natural world has evolved over time and led us to modern advances in science and technology.

Physics is the major component of the degree, and you will acquire a knowledge of its theory and practice, sufficient to equip you for a physics career, if you choose.

If you would like to focus on the philosophical side of the subject, you can tailor your syllabus at year 1 and 2 to give yourself the choice before year 3 of Philosophy-Physics or Single Honours Philosophy.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

V500

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

Arts and Social Sciences

Department

Divinity, History, Philosophy and Art History

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements:

Standard entry:
4 Highers at BBBB including Maths and Physics plus English at National 5.

For second year entry you would require the above plus Advanced Higher Maths and Physics at AB or BA.

Widening access entry:
3 Highers at BBC including Maths and Physics plus English at National 5.

1 Foundation Apprenticeship is accepted in place of a Higher.

SCQF Level

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Progression Routes

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Combination Courses

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