

Philosophy and Linguistics

University of Edinburgh

Venues

Central Campus

Content

Philosophy has been at the core of Western intellectual life for at least 2,500 years. It is central to our understanding of the world and our interaction with it.

Philosophy gives you the skills to think about great philosophical questions in a clear and systematic way.

Linguistics explores how language works.

Year 1:

Year 1 courses will include topics in the following areas - Ethics, History of Philosophy (Western and non-Western traditions), Logic and Philosophy of Science.

You will take two semester-long introductory courses in linguistics - Linguistics and English Language 1A and 1B.

Year 2:

You will take courses in areas, such as - Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language and Philosophy of Mind.

You will also take Linguistic Theory and the Structure of English and Cross-Linguistic Variation: Limits and Theories.

Year 3:

You will start to specialise. In philosophy, these include topics related to areas of the subject, such as language, cognition and science, morality and value, knowledge and reality and history of philosophy.

In linguistics, topics may include first language acquisition, pragmatics, historical linguistics, phonological theory and simulating language.

Year 4:

You will choose another four to six courses from the wide variety available. You will also complete either an honours dissertation or write two extended essays on topics of your choice.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

VQ51

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at AAAA (by end of S5 preferred) plus English at National 5.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (by end of S6) plus English at National 5. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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