

Philosophy and Politics

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.

Politics studies the theory and practice of how societies are governed.

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 also study two compulsory courses in politics - Politics and International Relations 1A: Concepts and Debates and Politics and International Relations 1B: The Global Dimension.

Year 2:

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

You will also study two compulsory courses in politics - Comparative Politics in a Globalised World and Political Thinkers (an introduction to political theory).

Year 3:

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.

Politics

In politics, topics will cover subjects such as British politics, populism, human rights, gender, African politics and the Middle East.

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

VL52

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 AAAAA (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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