

Philosophy and Psychology

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.

Psychology is an experimental and observational science. It uses evidence from research studies to develop and evaluate theories.

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.

Through lectures and tutorials, you will complete a general introduction to psychology, covering - cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, differential psychology, biological psychology and social psychology.

Year 2:

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

To prepare you for Year 3, you will focus on developing your skills in research methods, statistics and R programming.

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.

You will choose advanced courses in psychology. These will expand on and combine the core areas required for British Psychological Society (BPS) accreditation.

Year 4:

You will choose courses from a wide variety available.

You will also complete either of the following - an independent dissertation on a philosophy or psychology topic of your choice, or a coursework dissertation through two extended essays in philosophy.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

VC58

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 AABB (first sitting) or AAAB (two sittings) including Maths (or Applications of Maths), Computing Science, Geography, Psychology or an approved science subject plus National 5 Maths at A (or Maths and Physics at B) and English at C.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (two sittings) including Maths (or Applications of Maths), Computing Science, Geography, Psychology or an approved science subject plus National 5 Maths at A (or Maths and Physics at B) and English at C. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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