

Philosophy and Mathematics

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.

Mathematics courses will help you develop your knowledge of pure mathematics in a formal way. They will also introduce you to ways of mathematical thinking required at university level.

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 take compulsory mathematics courses, such as Introduction to Mathematics at University, Introduction to Mathematical Analysis and Linear Algebra 1.

Year 2:

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

In Year 2, you will take compulsory courses that will extend your knowledge of analysis and calculus and generalise what you have seen in linear algebra.

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.

You will study some compulsory mathematics honours courses, and can start to specialise in your degree.

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

VG51

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) including Maths at A (or Advanced Higher at B) plus English at National 5 at C.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at AABBB (by end of S6) including Maths at A (or Advanced Higher at B) plus English at National 5 at C. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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