

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Religious Studies AS and A2 level are accepted by all universities as an equal and respected academic qualification that develops necessary skills for higher education or the world of work.

Should I choose this subject?

Are you interested in investigating and analysing people, their beliefs, attitudes and behaviours? Do you enjoy discussing and debating? Do you wish to take a subject that will allow and demand you to formulate self opinions with reasoned justifications?

If you answered 'yes' to some or all of these questions, then Religious Studies is the correct choice for you. You do not have to be "religious" to study Religion, Philosophy or Ethics.

The AS/A2 courses are changing for September 2016. Draft summary is as follows:-

Candidates will study three modules for AS:

AS Introduction to the study of Religion (15%)

AS Introduction to Religion and Ethics (RS1/2 ETH) (25%)

AS Introduction to Philosophy of Religion (25%)

Candidates will study three out of four modules for A2:

A2 Study of Religion (Compulsory Unit) (20%)

A2 Studies in Religion and Ethics (Optional) (RS3 ETH) (20%)

A2 Studies of Philosophy of Religion (Optional) (20%)

A2 Textual Studies - New Testament only (Optional) (20%)

AS Religion and Ethics

Today, ethical decisions are more complex than ever. Ethics impacts individual lives, societies and nations. Ethics and moral decisions are influenced by religion, science, media, history, law and politics.

You will explore: Aquinas' Natural Law; Joseph Fletcher's Situation Ethics; Bentham's Utilitarianism and Ethical Language and Thought.



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AS Philosophy of Religion

Philosophy allows us to ask questions such as 'Why are we here?'; 'What is the purpose of our lives?'; 'Does God exist?' In this AS course we will be looking at 'The Cosmological Argument'; 'The Teleological Argument'; 'The Problem of Evil and Suffering in the World and Religious Experiences'.

A2 Studies in Religion and Ethics

You will explore further studies in Ethics and Religion including: Kant's Moral Theory, contemporary developments in Ethical Theory, free will and determination.

A2 Study of a Religion

Religious figures and sacred texts; significant historical development in religious thought and religious practices.

What can I do with it?

You could pursue a variety of careers including Medicine, Law, Journalism, Dentistry, Criminology, Teaching, Philosophy, Archaeology, Marketing, Business, Personnel, Nursing, Social Work, Teaching or Theology, indeed almost anything.

Previous Educational Visits

Visit London Imperial War Museum (Holocaust Exhibition)

Visit to Europe (Poland or Prague - concentration camps)

Visit to Rome



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