

Faculty of

**CULTURE AND THE
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



BA (HONS) PHILOSOPHY

UCAS: V500 (BA) / P257 (FE)

IN THE NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY 2016, OUR PHILOSOPHY COURSES RANKED TOP IN THE UK WITH 100% SATISFACTION WITH TEACHING, STUDENT SUPPORT AND ALSO OVERALL STUDENT SATISFACTION.

Philosophy is the original academic subject - the one that started it all 2,500 years ago in Plato's Academy. Yet it remains as relevant today as it ever was. Ask deep enough questions in any academic area and students will find that their enquiry soon becomes a philosophical one. Our Philosophy course is designed to help students pursue those deeper questions in an engaging, stimulating, rigorous but supportive academic environment.

We will introduce the core philosophical questions in a range of areas from the study of the ultimate nature of reality (metaphysics), the theory of knowledge (epistemology) to moral philosophy and applied ethics. Students will also have the opportunity to take options in philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, philosophy of religion, political philosophy, philosophy and popular culture and modern European thought.

The course is taught through interactive lectures and small-group seminar discussions. Our lecturers are all active researchers who have actively contributed to some of the philosophical debates studied on the course and can guide students through them from an informed perspective. They will help students get to grips with a selected range of source texts drawn from the rich history of the subject from ancient times up to the twenty-first century. They will also help to develop the study skills needed to get the most from reading and note-taking, and will provide extensive and constructive feedback on assessments to help our students realise the very best academic potential.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Compulsory Modules

Reason and Argument
Knowledge and Freedom
Problems in Contemporary Applied Ethics
The Value of Knowledge

Optional Modules

Science Fiction and Philosophy
Crime and Morality
Politics, Power and the State

Plus one further 'elective' option

Year 2

Compulsory Modules

Metaphysics and Epistemology
Foundations of Ethics
Phenomenology and Existentialism

Optional Modules

Philosophy of Mind
History of Political Ideas
Philosophy of Religion

Plus one further 'elective' option

Year 3

Compulsory Modules

Contemporary Ethical Theory
Modern European Thought
Philosophy Dissertation

Optional Modules

Philosophy of Language
Humanity, Values and the Environment
Philosophy and Popular Culture
Contemporary Anglo-American
Political Philosophy

FACILITIES

Course facilities include well equipped classrooms and extensive Blackboard (Virtual Learning Environment) resources. Teaching is supplemented with guest speakers and students are encouraged to participate fully in group and project work. The UCLan Library provides comfortable, flexible study spaces and offers a wealth of excellent learning resources, extensive collections of information sources and expert help and support from Library staff.

Daniel Burnside – Philosophy Graduate

"It has been the greatest experience of my life so far. I have the greatest respect for the lecturers who inspired me to be the best I could be. I know I cannot reach their levels of expertise, but I feel compelled to do my best based on the standard they set."

EMPLOYABILITY

A philosophy degree is particularly suited to careers in the civil service, education, film and television, information technology, journalism, law, marketing, and management. However, the emphasis we place on transferable skills means that philosophy graduates are able to apply these skills in differing contexts and have confidence and ability to work effectively in a varied range of occupations.

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