

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

Subject content

In the religious strand of the course you will study Christian theology. You will take an academic approach to studying the origins of the Christian tradition and the development of Christian belief. You will study how contemporary Christianity has engaged with modern society, including its responses to feminism, pluralism and secularism. In philosophy you will study metaphysical questions, such as: Is there a God? Can we trust our senses? Is there an ultimate reality? What is the nature of evil? In ethics you will study ethical theories and inquire into the nature of human morality. Is there such a thing as an objective source of morality? Are we free to make moral decisions? Does the end always justify the means? Are any actions always wrong? This course is an award of OCR. Visit the OCR website to view the course specification. [<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-h173-h573-from-2016/>]

Specific entry requirements

GCSE Grade 5 or above in either English Language and a Humanities subject (e.g. History, Geography, Sociology).

Assessment

This is an OCR Religious Studies qualification with three examinations at the end of two years.

Progression opportunities

Students studying this subject at A Level often go on to study history, theology, philosophy and other related humanities subjects in Higher Education. Students may go onto careers in teaching, journalism, medicine, ministry, social work, politics and many more. Famous students of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics include Martin Luther King, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Ricky Gervais, David Cameron and Ed Miliband.

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