



PHILOSOPHY A-LEVEL

Course Mode	Part-time
Location	Milnthorpe Road Campus (MRC)
Duration	2 Years
Level	3



Course Overview

A-Level Philosophy is an introduction to philosophical thinking and the subject matter of philosophy. It is designed to give you a thorough grounding in the fundamental concepts and methods of philosophy and introduce you to the fascinating study of thought itself.

You will develop essential skills that you need for progression to higher education. You will learn to be clear and precise in your thinking and writing. You will engage with complex texts, analysing and evaluating the arguments of others and constructing and defending your own arguments.

Through the study of philosophy, you will be encouraged to develop characteristics such as open-mindedness, independent thinking and self-reflection.

A-Level philosophy comprises of four topic areas taught over the two-year course: Epistemology and Moral philosophy in the first year; and the Metaphysics of God and the Metaphysics of mind in the second year.

In Epistemology you will study the nature and scope of knowledge and justified belief. In Moral philosophy, you will investigate the meaning of good, bad, right, wrong within three ethical approaches. In the Metaphysics of God, you will analyse different arguments for the existence of God. In the final topic of Metaphysics of mind, we ask and investigate the question 'what do we mean by mind?'

The course is delivered by a philosophy specialist, having both a BA and MA in Philosophy.

If you would like to study a full-time programme of A-levels, please complete a full-time application form.

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above in any examined subject. Must include Maths. You will also require a Grade 6 or above either English Language or Literature.

If you would like to study this course part-time, please contact the A-Level Coordinator:

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If you would like to study a full-time programme of A-Levels, please complete a full-time application form.

After your course

Progression to Higher Education in similar and related subjects. The study of Philosophy gives a good grounding for all discursive subjects at higher levels and provides a life skill which promotes tolerance, understanding and the techniques to win arguments!

Fees

£724.00

Course fees are per year. The current fee information is related to the 2019/20 academic year and is subject to change before the start of the course. Fees for 2020/21 will be updated in the Spring Term. There may also be additional costs associated with the course.

This course is funded by the government and may be free if you are:

- Aged 16-18 on 31/08/19
- Aged 19-23 on an Entry Level or Level 1 course with intent to progress to a Level 2 course
- Aged 19-23 on your first full Level 2 or Level 3 course
- Aged 19-23 on your first Level 4 course (if you haven't already got a Level 3 qualification)
- Aged 19+ on Functions Skills or GCSE English or Maths
- Unemployed and in receipt of JSA/ESA(WRAG)/Universal Credit or another eligible state benefit on an Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 course
- Member of a low income household & in financial hardship on an Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 course