BA World Philosophies
Aims, ethos, overview

- Rigorous **grounding in core philosophical themes**, concepts, problems and approaches

- Gain **critical awareness of the dynamic range of philosophical traditions** and the intellectual value of expanding the horizons of western philosophy

- An **emphasis on dialogue** amongst and between European, Anglophone, and non-European philosophical traditions

- Develop a **deep understanding** of a range of philosophical systems from across the world

- **Regional** and/or thematic **specialism**

- **Language training**
Two-subject degrees: available combinations

- African Studies
- Arabic
- Burmese
- Chinese
- Development Studies
- English
- Economics
- Georgian
- Hebrew
- History
- History of Art and Archaeology
- Indonesian
- International Relations
- Japanese
- Japanese Studies
- Korean
- Law
- Linguistics
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Music
- Persian
- Politics
- Social Anthropology
- South Asian Studies
- South East Asian Studies
- Study of Religions
- Swahili
- Thai
- Tibetan
- Turkish
- Vietnamese
Structure: Year 1

• Introduction to World Philosophies (compulsory)
• Introduction to Logic, Critical Reasoning, and Argumentation (compulsory)
• Metaphysics in Comparative Perspective (compulsory)
• Two foundation options
• Open Option or language
Structure: Year 2

• Anglo-European Philosophies and Critical Dialogue: Hermeneutics and Beyond (compulsory)
• Comparative Ethics (compulsory)
• Philosophies of Language (compulsory)
• Options in ‘Traditions of Philosophy’
• Open Options in topics in Philosophy or a language
Structure: Year 3

• ‘The Margins of Philosophy’: Postcolonial, Gender and Queer Epistemologies (compulsory)
• Independent Study Project in World Philosophies (compulsory)
• Options in ‘Traditions of Philosophy’
• Open Options in topics in Philosophy or a language
Traditions of Philosophy: Courses

- African Philosophy
- Afrophone Philosophies
- Buddhist Philosophy
- Classical Chinese Thought
- Developments in Muslim Religious Thought
- East Asian Buddhist Thought
- Islamic Intellectual Tradition
- Jewish Identity
- Modern Indian Philosophy
- Modern Jewish Thought
- Non-Violence in Jain Literature, Philosophy and Law
- Readings in Sanskrit Systematic Thought
- Religious Philosophies of Ancient and Medieval India
Open options: Topics in Philosophy

- Death and the Meaning of Life
- Exploring the Arts of Southeast Asia: Aesthetics and Politics of Sexual Difference
- Exploring Theravadin Buddhist Art: Aesthetics and Politics of Non-Self
- General Linguistics
- Introduction to Political Theory
- Islamic Law
- Issues in Semantics
- Language and Meaning

- Law, Multiculturalism and Rights
- Neoliberalism, Democracy and Development
- Music and Religion in South Asia
- Readings in Japanese Intellectual History
- Religion, Power, and Society in Modern Africa
- Intermediate Semantics
- Social Theory
- The Holocaust and the Problem of Evil
Language options (a sample)

- Swahili
- Yorùbá
- Amharic
- Hausa
- Igbo
- Somali
- Cantonese
- Mandarin Chinese
- Tibetan
- Japanese
- Korean
- Arabic
- Hebrew
- Persian
- Pashto
- Sanskrit
- Thai
- Sumerian
- Akkadian
- Hittite
- Kurdish
- Bengali
- Hindi
- Nepali

See http://www.soas.ac.uk/admissions/languages/list/ for the full list of available languages
Entrance requirements

• **A Levels**: ABB-BBB

• **IB**: 33 (555 at HL)

• **Minimum Entry Requirements**: Applicants should preferably have studied Philosophy at A-Level.

• **Interview Policy**: Candidates with ‘non-standard’ qualifications are usually invited.

• **UCAS Code**: UGSF0061
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