

Philosophy, Religion & Ethics

A-Level

Are people's views on right and wrong merely opinions, or moral facts?

Is belief in God dependent upon evidence or upon reason, or neither?

Could euthanasia ever be wrong, if the person wanted it to happen?

Are animals our equals?

Philosophy, Religion and Ethics asks these, and many other questions! This course offers the opportunity for both Science and Arts students to explore fundamental questions, and to examine the answers given by key philosophers and theologians such as Hume, Locke and Aquinas.

What is the course about?

There are three units in the course: Philosophy of Religion, Ethics, and study of a religion (Christianity). The exam board is Edexcel.

Topics covered in this course include:

Philosophy

- Design, cosmological and religious experience arguments for God's existence
- Problem of Evil and various solutions
- Atheism and agnosticism
- Religion and Science

Ethics

- Utilitarianism, Situation Ethics, Natural Law
- War and Peace, Sexual Ethics
- Kantian Ethics, Virtue Ethics
- Medical Ethics (with a focus on the beginning and end of life, including IVF, abortion, stem cell and cord blood research, assisted dying, euthanasia, palliative care)


Religion

- Nature of God
- Sources of wisdom and authority
- Religion and Society
- Religion and Gender

What could I do on to do at the end of my course?

Good analytical and communication skills will mean that those who have taken this course will be able to access a range of careers from Law to Computing (provided P.R.E. is taken with other facilitating subjects). Prospective medical students have found the medical ethics section particularly helpful when taking the BMAT test.

What if I need further advice or information?

 Speak to a member of the department

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