

<h1>Philosophy and Ethics</h1>	
Exam Board	Edexcel
Course Entry Criteria	B in GCSE Religious Studies
Essential skills	Your grade at GCSE is not necessarily a good indicator for aptitude at AS or A2. The emphasis at A level is on your ability to assess and evaluate different arguments /ideas.
	<p>Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion: Content overview Philosophical issues and questions; The nature and influence of religious experience; Problems of evil and suffering. Philosophical issues and questions; The nature and influence of religious experience; Problems of evil and suffering; Philosophical language; Works of scholars; Influences of developments in religious belief</p> <p>Paper 2: Religion and Ethics : Content overview Significant concepts in issues or debates in religion and ethics; A study of three ethical theories; Application of ethical theories to issues of importance. Significant concepts in issues or debates in religion and ethics; A study of three ethical theories; Application of ethical theories to issues of importance; Ethical language; Deontology, Virtue Ethics and the works of scholars; Medical ethics: beginning and end of life issues.</p> <p>Paper 4: Study of Religion :Options Students take one of the following six options: 4A: Buddhism 4B: Christianity 4C: Hinduism 4D: Islam 4E: Judaism 4F: Sikhism. Content overview Religious beliefs, values and teachings; Sources of wisdom and authority; Practices that shape and express religious identity Religious beliefs, values and teachings; Sources of wisdom and authority; Practices that shape and express religious identity; Social and historical developments; Works of scholars; Religion and society; Primary texts.</p> <p>Assessment overview An externally-assessed written examination comprising three sections. Students answer all questions in Section A and Section B, and choose one question in Section C. Section A Three short, structured questions. Section B Two extended-response questions on an unseen passage. Section C A choice of two extended essay questions.</p>
University requirements	<p>Typical grade requirements to study a Religious Studies/Philosophy degree are as follows:</p> <p>Oxbridge: A*A A</p> <p>Russell Group: A*A*A–A B B</p> <p>Non Russell Group: B B B – C C C</p>
Related courses and careers	Religious Studies is an academic subject that is well respected by universities and an excellent grounding for any Arts or Social Science based degree course. It will enable you to develop the kind of skills which will enhance your study of other subjects. The ability to articulate ideas and evaluate their strengths and weaknesses is one that is transferable and highly applicable to any career which involves communication, including Law, Public Relations, Education, Advertising, Marketing, and Management Consultancy.