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About your course

Courses covered

| Code | Title | UCAS Code |
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| HUPHL | Philosophy Programme | V550/V5V8/V5W1/ V5Q1/V5Q3/V5P9/ V5P7/V5W6/V5R9/V5T9 |

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

- 1) As a student on the Philosophy Programme you may study Philosophy as a single honours subject from your first year onwards or opt for the exciting new title 'Philosophy, Religion and Ethics'.
- 2) You may also study a number of other subjects in combination with Philosophy. The following subjects can be studied as a Joint or Minor with Philosophy:
 - Creative Writing
 - English Language
 - English Literature
 - Journalism
 - Media
 - History *

You can also study Philosophy as a Major, with a Minor in Film, or a language (French, German, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish). *For History and Philosophy combinations, please refer to the History programme specification which can be found on the relevant webpage on the website www.herts.ac.uk.

- 3) Students have the option of studying other subjects from within the School of Humanities, in place of some of their optional Philosophy modules during their first two years.

4) Mandatory Attendance Requirement

You are expected to attend all of your learning and teaching sessions, unless there is a good reason for you not to do so (for example because of a disability). Please note that if you do not attend at least 75% of your sessions, there are potentially serious consequences for you, which may include receiving a capped grade or being deemed to have failed your module. To find out

more about your attendance requirements, including the consequences of not meeting them, please refer to the Assessment Regulations section of your Programme Specification. Any regular attendance modification will only be made in liaison with Student Wellbeing with appropriate supporting medical evidence.

5) Placement Year/Year Abroad

You can choose to take a Year Abroad or Placement Year before you start your final year, subject to meeting academic requirements and confirmation of a suitable institution or employer. Please see the Programme Specifications for more details.

The University will not charge you tuition fees during your Placement Year, but you may incur additional costs, including your travel and accommodation, depending on where your placement is located.

6) Terms and Conditions

The Philosophy Programme is designed to offer maximum flexibility, but timetabling constraints may mean that some combinations of modules may be unavailable. Where a clash of modules occurs a student will be asked to choose a different module. Where a module i.e. a self-contained taught unit is under-subscribed, the University reserves the right not to run that particular module and to place students on their “reserve” choice.

Some modules may have minimum entry requirements, such as achieving a particular grade or taking enough modules in the subject to qualify for a final year dissertation.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2019 - 2020

The University’s academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. For most undergraduate students the academic year is split into two Semesters (A & B). Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C)

- Semester A runs from Monday 23 September 2019 to Friday 17 January 2020
- Semester B runs from Monday 20 January 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020
- Semester C runs from Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 18 September 2020

Expected workload

In the UK, a full time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

| | Lectures, seminars, tutorials | Independent study | Placement |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Year 1 | 16% | 84% | 0% |
| Year 2 | 16% | 84% | 0% |
| Year 3 | 13% | 87% | 0% |

Method of assessment

Philosophy modules on the Programme Programme are assessed by a combination of exam, coursework and presentation, depending on the module being assessed. The Logic and Philosophy module is wholly assessed by in-class tests. Some subjects, such as Creative Writing, are assessed exclusively by coursework. However, most subjects include an element of examination within their yearly framework depending on the exact combination followed. Some modules also include 'practical' coursework, which might include individual or group presentations. All language modules include regular in-class tests.

Here is an estimated average of how Philosophy modules on the programme are assessed:

| | Written Exam | Coursework | Practical |
|--------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Year 1 | 51% | 49% | 0% |
| Year 2 | 20% | 60% | 20% |
| Year 3 | 27% | 66% | 7% |

Additional expenses

Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works.

Recommended texts are available in the Library either as ebooks or printed material. Availability of printed material may be limited, so you may wish to purchase your own copies. You may be able to purchase second-hand copies of some texts.

The average spend for recommended texts is between £75 and £150 per year, depending on the subject or subjects taken. Students on work experience modules may need to pay commuting costs.

| Description | Year | Mandatory/ Optional | Estimated cost |
|---|------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Residential weekend (limited places available). | All levels | Optional | £145 |