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About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
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 '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) Attendance Requirement

You are expected to attend 100% of all timetabled teaching sessions. You will benefit from this because students who attend tend to get better marks and degrees. Engaging with other students is also part of the learning experience.

If you cannot attend a class, you should contact the class tutor (whose details will be on the module Canvas site); you should also consult the module StudyNet site for any handouts or classroom materials stored there.

5) 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 2021 - 2022

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 27 September 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022
- Semester B runs from Monday 24 January 2022 to Friday 13 May 2022
- Semester C runs from Monday 16 May 2022 to Friday 9 September 2022

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 are normally assessed by a combination of exam, coursework and presentation, depending on the module being assessed. For 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 normally 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. In view of the pandemic, examinations will be replaced with coursework and practical assignments in 2021-22. All language modules include regular in-class tests.

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

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	8%	93%	0%
Year 2	0%	81%	19%
Year 3	0%	92%	8%

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	£148