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About your course

Courses covered

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

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

Important points

- 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'.
- 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.

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.

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 2024 – 2025

The University’s academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). Semester A and B are made up of teaching weeks followed by exams, where applicable (the re-sit period falls within Semester C). Semester C is normally used for final dissertations and projects.

- *Semester A runs from Monday 23 September 2024 to Friday 17 January 2025*
- *Semester B runs from Monday 20 January 2025 to Friday 9 May 2025*
- *Semester C runs from Monday 12 May 2025 to Friday 5 September 2025*

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	16%	84%	0%

Method of assessment

	Test	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Year 2	0%	0%	85%	15%
Year 3	0%	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.

Due to the on-going effects of the pandemic some teaching sessions may be delivered online. Therefore, to study online you will need access to a suitable computer or similar electronic device and a good reliable Internet connection, which may incur additional expenses.

Please note that our Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) have PCs and Macs available to use, including hi-spec PCs. The university also has laptop loans available at both LRCs and provide a remote desktop portal service to allow users to access the software on Lab and LRC Windows PCs when not on campus.