

Philosophy and Ethics (Religious Studies)

Exam Board: OCR

Course Number: H573

Course Overview:

In Philosophy of religion learners will study philosophical issues and questions raised by religion and belief. These include arguments regarding the existence or non-existence of God, the nature and influence of religious experience and the problems of evil and suffering. They will also explore philosophical language and thought, through significant concepts and the works of key thinkers, illustrated in issues or debates in the philosophy of religion.

Religion and ethics is characterised by the study of ethical language and thought, with exploration of key concepts and the works of influential thinkers. Ethical theory will also be applied to issues of importance; namely euthanasia, business ethics, and sexual ethics.

Developments in religious thought provides an opportunity for the systematic study of one religious tradition. This will include the exploration of religious beliefs, values, teachings and practices that shape religious identity, as well as sources of wisdom and authority. Also central are the ways in which religious traditions have developed over time, and religious responses to challenges and significant contemporary social issues.

How is this A Level assessed?:

Unit Code	Unit Title	Guided Learning Hours	Term when will this be taught (2 yr course)	Assessment Details	Assessment Weighting
H573/01	Philosophy of Religion		Term 1 of year 12 and year 13	Complete three out of the four essay questions. 120 marks – 2 hour written paper	33.3%
H573/02	Religious Ethics		Term 1 of year 12 and 13	Complete three out of the four essay questions. 120 marks – 2 hour written paper	33.3%
H573/03	Developments in Religious Thought		Term 2 of year 12 and 13	Complete three out of the four essay questions. 120 marks – 2 hour written paper	33.3%

GCSE grades (minimum) required to enrol on to this course:

Grade 6 or above in Phil and Ethics

Grade 5 in English Language

Grade 4 in Maths

What can I do with this qualification/Post-18 progression opportunities/ university subjects which this course supports:

University subjects which this course supports: Religious studies, theology, philosophy, law, psychology, sociology, politics, history, English language and literature, business and management studies, archaeology, teacher training.

Other A Level Subjects which support academic attainment/ complement learning

History, Psychology, Sociology, English, Business Studies

Essential Textbook incl ISBN

OCR Religious Studies A Level Year 1 and AS
ISBN: 978-1471866692

Secondary textbook

Oxford A Level Religious Studies for OCR: AS and Year 1 Student Book: Christianity, Philosophy and Ethics
ISBN: 978-0198392859

Recommended supplementary resources- websites, blogs, journals:

Websites:

www.peped.org

www.ocr.org.uk

www.philosophybites.com

www.ethicsonline.co.uk

www.churhctimes.co.uk

Novels:

Sophie's World

The Sage Train

Sophie's Choice

A Man for all Seasons

The Brothers Karamazov

Books:

Bible Matters – Peter and Charlotte Vardy

God Matters - Peter and Charlotte Vardy

Ethics Matters - Peter and Charlotte Vardy

The Puzzle of Christianity – Peter Vardy

Justice – Michael Sandel

Christian Theology – Michael Wilcockson

Religious Studies Bundle - Philosophy of Religion, Ethics, Religious Thought: OCR Revision Guides

New Spec Year 1 – Peter Baron

Course specific equipment- include place to purchase and typical cost or estimate:

Three large lever arch folders, dividers, plastic wallets, lined paper

Out of lesson learning including trips and visits :

Philosophy and Ethics conferences – to be confirmed

Darwin Day conference – to be confirmed

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