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General entry requirements

+ A levels

A level typical offer

AAA to include History.

A level contextual offer

We welcome applications from candidates who meet the contextual eligibility criteria and whose predicted grades are close to, or slightly below, the contextual offer level. The typical contextual offer is ABB including grade B in History. [See if you're eligible.](#)

General GCSE requirements

Unless specified differently above, you will also need a minimum of GCSE grade 4 or C (or an equivalent qualification) in English Language and either Mathematics or a Science subject. [Find out more about our entry requirements and the qualifications we accept.](#) We advise that you also check the English Language requirements for your course which may specify a higher GCSE English requirement. Please find the information about this below.

+ IB

+ Other UK qualifications

International qualifications

Choose country



English Language requirements

All applicants have to meet our [English Language requirements](#). If you cannot demonstrate that you meet these, you may be invited to take part in our [Pre-sessional English course at Warwick](#).

This course requires: Band B

[Learn more about our English Language requirements](#).

Frequently asked questions

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8th in the UK

(The Guardian University Guide 2025)



Top 100 globally

(QS World University Rankings 2025) [↗](#)



6th most targeted university by the UK's top 100 graduate employers [↗](#)

(The Graduate Market in 2024, High Fliers Research Ltd. [↗](#))

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Course overview

This course will help you understand the importance of thinking critically about how we know and experience the world, and recognise the importance of linking precision in thought and analysis to a grounded understanding of different historical periods.

You'll learn to consider ideas for their own sake, while recognising that they are developed in particular contexts, for particular purposes, and reflect the conditions under which they are produced.

Students will be offered the opportunity at the start of their second year to apply for an optional Year Abroad. Following the application process, those students who are offered and take up a Year Abroad place transfer to a four-year degree, with the Year Abroad as the third of the four years.

Study abroad

History and Philosophy students have the opportunity to join history students for a term in Venice at the start of the final year and also to apply for an intercalated year abroad at one of our partner universities. The [Student Mobility Team](#)  based in the Office for Student Opportunity offers support for these activities, and both Department's dedicated Study Abroad Co-ordinators can provide more specific information and assistance.

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Core modules

Year One

Making of the Modern World

We live in the here and now. But what *got* us here? This module studies the string of major social, political, and cultural developments that established our modern world. Radical (and not so radical) ideas from the Enlightenment, the industrial revolution's structural transformations of how we work, build and buy things, and the struggles and stumbles of imperialism, capitalism and globalisation have gone far to set terms of life in the twenty-first century. The module will also help you develop your critical voice as a historian while asking comparative questions about historical difference across the world.

[Read more about the Making of the Modern World module](#), including the methods of teaching and assessment (content applies to 2024/25 year of study).

Logic 1: Introduction to Symbolic Logic

This module teaches you formal logic, covering both propositional and first-order logic. You will learn about a system of natural deduction and understand how to demonstrate that it is both sound and complete. You will learn how to express and understand claims using formal techniques, including multiple quantifiers. Key concepts you will consider are logical validity, truth functionality and formal proof quantification.

[Read more about the Logic 1: Introduction to Symbolic Logic module](#), including the methods of teaching and assessment (content applies to 2024/25 year of study).

Plato and Descartes

What would you do if you had a magic ring that made you invisible? Be an invisible superhero or use your power for ill? Why exactly should we be just and good? In the first half of this module, you will study Plato's Republic, a classic work examining questions like these. You will learn about the answers Plato proposed and, by evaluating Plato's answers, deepen your understanding of the questions and the problems they raise.

Suppose an evil demon causes your experiences to be radically misleading about the real world. There is no computer, no cup of coffee on the desk, even though it appears there are. In his Meditations on First Philosophy, which you will study in the second half of the module, Descartes uses such exercises to argue that we can find truths about the world independently of the senses, simply through reasoning and reflection.

[Read more about the Plato and Descartes module](#), including the methods of teaching and assessment (content applies to 2024/25 year of study).

Year Two

History of Modern Philosophy

You will discover the metaphysical and epistemological ideas of great Empiricist philosophers Locke, Berkeley and Hume on substance, qualities, ideas, causation and perception. You will then explore Kant's ideas, including metaphysics, space, self-awareness, causation, scepticism and freedom. You will develop skills in critical engagement, articulating your own views of the relative strengths and weaknesses of these arguments and interpreting key philosophical ideas.

[Read more about the History of Modern Philosophy module](#) [↗](#), including the methods of teaching and assessment (content applies to 2024/25 year of study).

Year Three

- Pathway 1 (25% History, 75% Philosophy)
- Pathway 2 (75% History, 25% Philosophy)
- Pathway 3 (50% History, 50% Philosophy)

Optional modules

Optional modules can vary from year to year. Example optional modules may include:

- Being Human: Human Nature from the Renaissance to Freud
- Dissertation (History or Philosophy)
- Philosophy for the Real World: Knowledge, Ignorance and Bullshit
- Post-Kantian Social and Political Philosophy: Hegel and Marx
- Race and Science: Histories and Legacies
- Surveillance States: Biometrics from the Border to the Bathroom
- The Philosophy of Terrorism and Counterterrorism
- Value in the Age of Reason

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