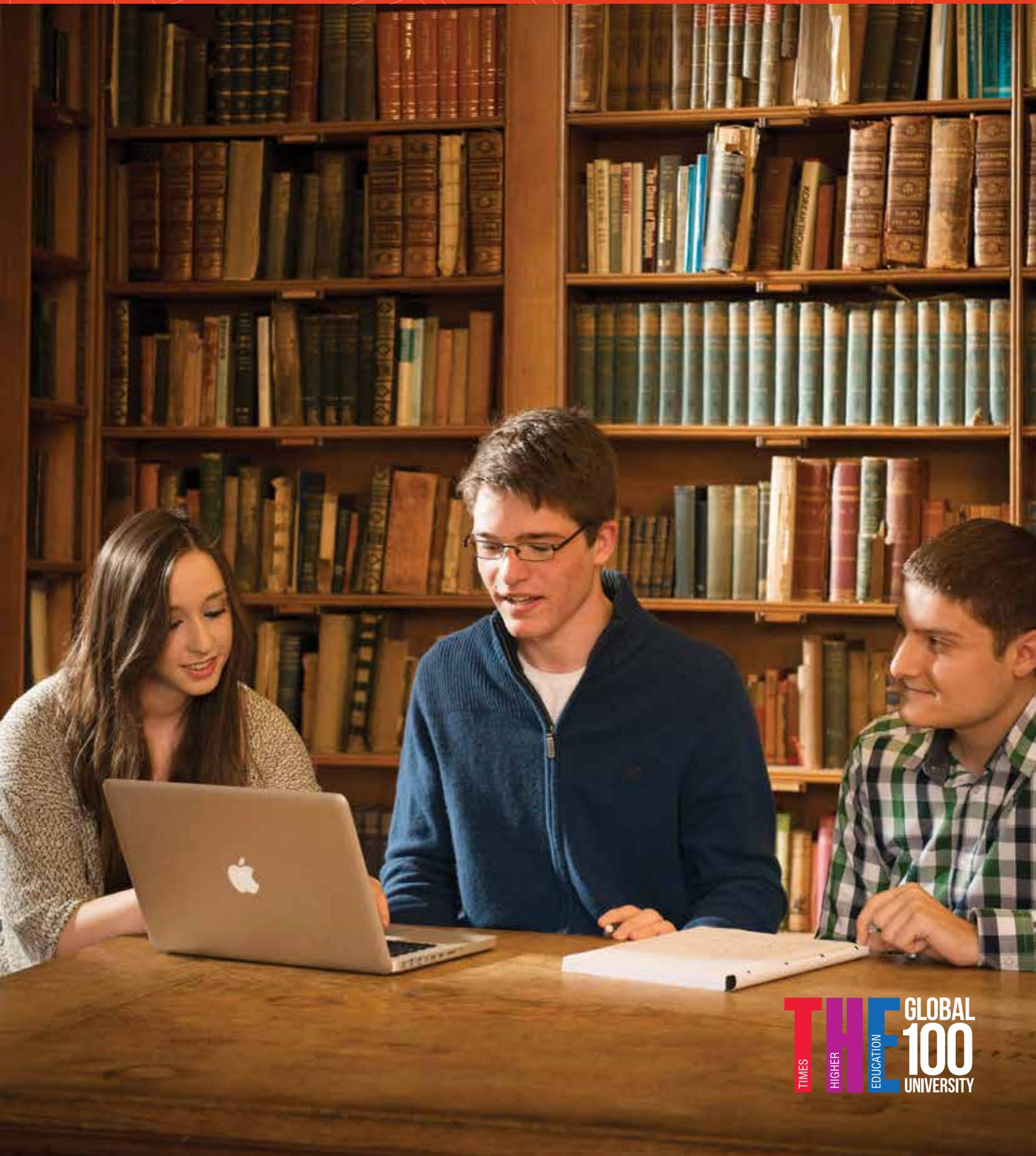


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KEY INFORMATION AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER
BA Single Honours		
Philosophy	V500	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
Philosophy with Study Abroad	V501	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
Politics, Philosophy and Economics/with Study Abroad	L0V0/L0V1	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
BA Combined Honours		
Classical Studies and Philosophy/with Study Abroad	QVV5/QV8M	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Philosophy and Modern Languages (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish)	VR04	AAA-ABB; IB: 36-32
Philosophy and History/with Study Abroad	VV51/VV5C	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
Philosophy and Politics/with Study Abroad	VL52/ML5F	AAA-AAB; IB: 36-34
Philosophy and Sociology/with Study Abroad	VL53/ML5H	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Philosophy and Theology/with Study Abroad	VV56/VV5P	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32
Flexible Combined Honours/with Study Abroad/Work Abroad	Y004/Y006/Y008	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34
Flexible Combined Honours with UK Work Experience	Y007	A*AA-AAB; IB: 38-34

We make every effort to ensure that entry requirements are up-to-date in our printed literature. However, because brochures are produced well in advance, our entry requirements and offers may be subject to change.

For up to date details regarding entry requirements and programme specifics, please see our Philosophy pages at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/philosophy

We strongly advise that you check this before attending an Open Day or making your application. Some programmes require prior study of specific subjects and may also have minimum grade requirements at GCSE or equivalent, particularly in English Language and/or Mathematics.

Applying to study Combined Honours with Modern Languages

When applying to Philosophy Combined Honours degrees with Modern Languages you will need to indicate under 'further details' in the 'choices' section of the application the language you wish to study using the codes in the entry data table. Please note you may choose only one language. For further information on completing your UCAS form, please visit www.ucas.com

MODERN LANGUAGES ENTRY DATA		
CODE	SUBJECT	REQUIRED SUBJECTS
<i>Fren</i>	French	GCE AL French grade B; IB French HL5
<i>Chin</i>	Chinese	GCE AL in a modern foreign language (French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish)
<i>Germ</i>	German	grade B; IB modern foreign language
<i>Ital</i>	Italian	(French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish) HL5
<i>Port</i>	Portuguese	
<i>Russ</i>	Russian	
<i>Span</i>	Spanish	

Language requirements for Combined Honours with Modern Languages

- Grade B at A level is required in any language you intend to study from A level
- You may only choose one language
- Students wishing to pursue language study on the basis of a GCSE are normally classed as beginners
- German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish can be studied either from A level or beginner's level, with both cohorts reaching degree level in the final year.

Chinese and Portuguese can normally only be studied from beginner's level with students attaining degree level in the final year. French can only be studied from A level, not beginner's level, to degree level, though it is possible to study French from beginner's level to a lesser level of proficiency than degree level in the Foreign Language Centre, subject to demand.

International students

The University recognises a wide range of international qualifications as well as A levels and the International Baccalaureate. You can find further information about academic and English language entry requirements at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/international

Applying

For information on the application, decision, offer and confirmation process, please visit www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/applications

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PHILOSOPHY

6th for Philosophy in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*
Good University Guide 2016

9th in the UK for world leading and internationally
excellent research¹

100% of Philosophy students progressing into employment
or further study within six months of graduation²

Flexibility to tailor your degree around your own interests

Opportunities to study abroad in Europe, the USA,
Australia and elsewhere

Distinctive interdisciplinary approach with philosophers,
sociologists, and anthropologists working together in
teaching and research

Philosophy is the most ancient of the academic disciplines and acts as a foundation for many other areas of academic study. It also offers excellent training in rigorous thinking, asking some of the questions most fundamental to human life: What is knowledge? How can we know? What really matters in life? How can we understand the nature and meaning of the universe? You'll engage with and challenge the ideas of some of the key thinkers of the Western tradition, from Aristotle, Marx and Descartes to Hume, Russell and Heidegger.

Our enthusiastic staff will introduce you to core questions in philosophy. You'll learn about metaphysics, which deals with the nature of existence and truth; epistemology, which deals with the nature, origin and scope of knowledge; and moral philosophy, which deals with topics such as lying and human rights.

Our programmes are based mostly, but not entirely, in the department of Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology, where we encourage a student-friendly, informal atmosphere. Our staff have particular strengths in the philosophy of science and in social, political and moral philosophy. Our high quality Combined Honours programmes connect philosophy to history, politics, economics, classics, theology and modern languages; while our Single Honours Philosophy programme gives you the opportunity to focus deeply on philosophical themes and questions. You'll learn to analyse arguments, criticise texts, write well-argued essays and question received ideas, all of which will help you to develop a deeper understanding of some pervasive and problematic features of the world and of ourselves.

We have a vibrant research culture in the department and our academic staff have a wide range of research interests in philosophy, and regularly publish articles in leading journals. We are one of the foremost centres for the philosophy of biology in the world, and our departmental research was ranked 9th in the UK for world-leading and internationally excellent research in the Research Excellence Framework 2014. This means that you benefit from teaching inspired by this research, as your lecturers are up-to-date with contemporary debates and give you access to the latest thinking and resources.

¹ Research Excellence Framework 2014 based on the percentage of research categorised as 4* and 3*.
Philosophy at Exeter is included in the Unit of Assessment for Sociology

² Respondents to the Destination of Leavers from Higher Education Survey (DLHE) or 2013/14 graduates

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Our undergraduate degree programmes provide an overview of philosophy and enable you to study aspects of metaphysics, epistemology and moral philosophy in depth. They also help you to develop a philosophically informed judgement.

We encourage your personal and professional development. You'll be expected to develop good organisational and time management skills and we help you to acquire a variety of skills useful in future employment (for example communication, presentation, and IT skills). The modules in our programmes have been designed to help you gather, select and organise material from a variety of sources. We also stress the importance of being able to work flexibly and creatively with others as well as exercising independent thought and judgement.

Philosophy can be studied in combination with other subjects in a range of Combined Honours degree programmes, or as a Single Honours degree programme.

How your degree is structured

The programmes are divided into core and optional modules, giving you the flexibility to structure your degree according to your specific interests. Individual modules are worth 15 or 30 credits each. Full-time undergraduates need to take 120 credits in each year. Within Philosophy, in addition to the core modules, you can choose from an extensive range of options in all three years, some examples of which are shown at the back of this brochure.

For up-to-date details of all our programmes and modules, please check www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/philosophy

Single Honours

BA Philosophy

This programme allows you to study philosophy in depth, in its many different facets. You will have the opportunity to discuss long-standing questions about the nature of knowledge (how do we know what we know?); science (does science provide us with a special kind of knowledge?); reality (does the world out there really exist?); ethics (how should we act?); art and beauty (who decides what counts as beautiful?); the mind-body relationship (how can the brain produce the mind?); the meaning of life (why is there something rather than nothing?); and more.

From the beginning we will encourage you to develop your own views on all these topics and to assess other philosophers' views. Studying philosophy will teach you to think rigorously, to defend your views in a clear and consistent way, to understand the why and what-for of different points of view and ultimately to develop a sharp, analytical and open mind.

The core modules in the first and second years of the programme are aimed at developing the skills of philosophical inquiry and analysis, leading to your choice of optional modules in the second and third years, and dissertation topic in the final year.

Year 1 In your first year, you will read various classical philosophical texts in their original versions and learn about different styles of philosophical argumentation. You will also take some optional modules.

Year 2 In your second year, you will study specific topics in more depth, focusing on long-standing themes such as the mind-body problem, the concept of nature and problems of ethics.

Year 3 In your third year, you will devise your own curriculum by choosing between a range of optional modules which analyse specific philosophical issues in detail. You will also deepen your knowledge of a topic of your choice while working on your final dissertation.

BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics

This programme is well regarded as good preparation for careers in business, finance, journalism and politics. The current Prime Minister and many past PMs have been PPE graduates. It gives you the chance to apply an interdisciplinary approach to three outstanding and distinctive disciplines. You'll have the opportunity to explore some of the major questions facing human society including war and peace, democracy, resource scarcity and distribution, the natural environment, and faith and reason. Modules address the philosophical, political and economic foundations of order and justice and interrogate the meaning and practice of the market economy on a global scale. You'll also learn how government is constituted, how being and truth are deliberated and how goods, services and peoples are economically organised. You will also develop a wide range of essential skills such as analytical problem solving, teamwork, research and organising, and communicating information.

Full details of Politics and Economics modules can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics

Combined Honours Degrees

BA Classical Studies and Philosophy

No previous knowledge of Latin or Greek is required.

This programme gives you a great opportunity to combine the challenge of exploring the culture and thought of the ancient world with the study of philosophy. For Classical Studies, all texts are usually taught in translation, so you won't have to study Latin or Greek language modules unless you choose to. Your study time is divided equally between the two subjects. In your first and second years, you will study Greek/Roman Philosophy and choose optional modules in Classical Studies. In your third year you will study two modules in Classical Studies and two in Philosophy.

Full details of Classics modules can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/classics

BA Philosophy and Modern Languages (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish)

This degree allows you to combine the history of intellectual thought on the challenge of exploring philosophy with one of a number of modern languages. It is a four year programme, with the third year spent studying abroad developing your language skills.

Within Philosophy, you will discuss and explore long-standing questions on the nature of many topics: knowledge, science, reality, ethics, art and beauty, the mind-body relationship, the meaning of life and more. Studying a modern language will enable you to develop strong skills in spoken and written language, and analytical thought, and gain a deeper understanding of another culture and people.

You will receive an excellent research-inspired education in a supportive, responsive environment from expert academics who are passionate about their subjects. By the end of your degree, you will have acquired a diverse and valuable set of skills employers seek across a wide range of professions.

Full details of the Modern Languages modules can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages

BA Philosophy and History

This degree combines the study of two complementary subjects, enabling you to develop analytical and reasoning skills while deepening your knowledge of history across different time periods and countries.

Studying philosophy will give you the opportunity to discuss long-standing questions about the nature of knowledge. How do we know what we know?

Does science provide us with a special kind of knowledge? How should we behave? Who decides what counts as beautiful? Why is there something rather than nothing? From the beginning you will be encouraged to develop your own views and to assess other philosophers' takes on issues and topics. It will teach you to think rigorously, to defend your views in a clear and consistent way, to understand the why and what-for of different points of view, and ultimately to develop a sharp, analytical and open mind. History will take you on a fascinating journey of the human race by exploring its activities, institutions and ideas. You will have the opportunity to tailor your studies to your own interests by choosing from a diverse range of options.

Full details of History modules can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/history

BA Philosophy and Politics

This programme allows you to apply analytical philosophical skills to the study of political events and theories. Philosophy and politics overlap considerably when it comes to discussing concepts of 'state', 'democracy' and 'public good', and yet both disciplines have their own methodologies and styles. This programme will enable you to become familiar with the best known approaches and appreciate their complementary nature.

Full details of Politics modules can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/politics

BA Philosophy and Sociology

What is social and what is natural? How do we study people's attitudes and behaviours and how society influences them? These and many other questions are the domain of both Philosophy and Sociology, two disciplines which complement each other in the understanding of human life. This programme will enable you to learn and apply analytical philosophical skills to

the study of a variety of older and newer sociological questions, as well as many contemporary social processes.

Full details of Sociology modules can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/sociology

BA Philosophy and Theology

This programme combines the perspectives of philosophy, theology and religion to enable you to develop a reflective understanding of some pervasive and problematic features of the world and ourselves. You will acquire a solid grounding in the main themes and methods of philosophy and theology, equipping you with the critical and analytical skills necessary to engage with the key questions, debates and methods of both disciplines. Your studies are divided equally between the two subjects, combining core modules exploring classical epistemology, metaphysics and moral philosophy, with the philosophy of religion, Christian ethics and doctrine in the first two years. In the third year you will study optional modules chosen from a diverse range across both Philosophy and Theology and Religion, and you will also write a dissertation on a philosophical or theological topic of your choice.

Full details of Theology modules can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/theology

Flexible Combined Honours

This innovative Combined Honours scheme enables you to combine modules from a number of different fields of study not otherwise available through an existing Combined Honours programme. You can combine Philosophy with up to two other subjects from an extensive list. Throughout your degree you will be given regular support to help you choose the most appropriate pathway for you. Further information and the full list of available subjects can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/flexible



LEARNING AND TEACHING

You'll learn through lectures and seminars, with an increasing emphasis on small group seminar discussion and project work in the second and third years. You will be encouraged to develop your writing and presentation skills in a supportive atmosphere. You'll also have regular tutorials in which you meet to discuss essays with your tutor, together with a small group of other students. These personal contacts are very important in developing staff-student relations and for getting to know your fellow students.

Depending on its credit value, each module will include up to two hours of lectures and a one hour tutorial per week. This means you'll have around 10 hours of contact time with your tutors and lecturers each week. You'll supplement this with independent study, which requires an additional 13-26 hours per week.

Our programmes allow for a lot of choice and flexibility in the subjects studied, especially after the core modules of the first and second years, which impart the basic skills and knowledge of philosophical practice (epistemology, metaphysics, history of philosophy, critical thinking). In the second year and third year, you can choose 100 per cent of your modules (including a compulsory dissertation on a topic of your choice in the third year). Our carefully planned programmes help to develop skills and understanding to allow you to take increasing responsibility for your learning in more specialised seminar-based modules.

All our programmes are based on research-inspired teaching and are designed to offer expertise within a framework that brings out the skills of communication, analysis, information handling and interpretation of evidence which will make you both a desirable employee and an informed and critical citizen.

We're actively engaged in introducing new methods of learning and teaching, including increasing use of interactive computer-based approaches to learning through our virtual learning environment, where the details of all modules are stored in an easily navigable

website. You can access detailed information about modules and learning outcomes and interact through activities such as the discussion forums.

The Student-Staff Liaison Committee gives you the chance to discuss and review the degree programmes, including existing and planned module content, through regular meetings with departmental staff.

Research-inspired teaching

You'll have the opportunity to work closely with academic staff at the cutting edge of research and academic debate and will benefit from an innovative curriculum informed by leading research. Many staff teach third year options which are linked to their own interests which include the study of transhumanism, philosophical anthropology, the nature of evil, animal rights and the philosophy of emotion.

Academic support

All students have a personal tutor who is available for advice and support throughout your studies. There are also a number of services on campus where you can get advice and information, including the Students' Guild Advice Unit. You can find further information about all the services in the University's undergraduate prospectus or online at www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate

Study abroad

Studying for your degree at Exeter offers you the exciting possibility of spending up to one year abroad. Last year almost 500 Exeter students studied at one of our partner universities, which are in more than 40 countries around the world. You could learn a new language and experience different cultures, become more self-confident and widen your circle of friends. You could get the chance to specialise in areas that are not available at Exeter, and when it comes to a career, your skills and knowledge of another country will prove invaluable to many employers. This of course applies equally to overseas students coming to study abroad at Exeter.

If you take Philosophy with a Modern Language, you will normally spend your third year abroad. Please check the Modern Languages website for further details at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/languages

For our other degree programmes, you may study for half a year at a partner institution in Europe, North America or Australia or follow a four-year 'with Study Abroad' programme. You may apply directly for the four-year programme or transfer from another programme once you are at Exeter. Full details of these schemes and of our partner institutions can be found on our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/socialsciences/undergraduate/studyabroad

For further details about study abroad please check the International Office website at www.exeter.ac.uk/international/study/erasmus

Assessment

You will be assessed by exam and coursework, including essay writing, and a dissertation (in the last year of study). An informal element of continuous assessment is also in place so you can gain on-going feedback on your progress. Your first year doesn't count towards your final degree classification, but you do have to pass it in order to progress. If you study a three-year programme, assessments in the final two years both count towards your classification, and if you study a four-year programme then the final three years all contribute.

For full details of the assessment criteria for each module, check the Philosophy pages of our undergraduate website at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/philosophy

CAREERS

Philosophy degrees are popular with employers because they produce students who think analytically and creatively and know how to relate to people. Our programmes give you an excellent all-round education, where you'll learn to understand other people's points of view, to communicate your own position clearly and to argue effectively. You'll also learn to collect, assess and present evidence and to work independently and in groups. The programmes are demanding and encourage initiative and open mindedness, helping to ensure that you'll be well equipped with a range of academic, personal and professional skills that will prepare you for future employment or study in a wide range of fields.

Our careers service offers a variety of schemes which encourage you to participate in employability related workshops, skills events, volunteering and employment which will contribute to your career decision-making skills and success in the employment market after you graduate.

Exeter has an excellent reputation with graduate recruiters and our students and graduates compete very successfully in the employment market. Many employers target the University when recruiting new graduates.

For further information about what the careers service offers at Exeter, please visit www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/careers

Examples of the destinations of our recent graduates:

Occupations

Operations Analyst // Marketing Executive // Management Accountant // Primary Teacher // Account Manager // Equity Finance Analyst // Senior Associate // Event Manager // Project Executive

Employers

JP Morgan // Department of Health // HM Prison Service // HSBC // Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama // Wilton and Bain

Examples of further study followed by our graduates:

- MA Cultural Heritage, University College London
- MA Political Thought, University of Exeter
- MA Understanding and Securing Human Rights, University of London
- MA Philosophy, University of Bristol

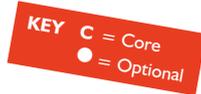


 Sitting in a philosophy lecture, you imagine what it must sound like to an outsider: questioning the obvious, doubting the undoubted, the nature of time, of reality... what is this? It's philosophy. And never have you been so engaged. The course is hugely varied, in the first year providing a broad overview of the subject – from its ancient beginnings right up to the present day, at the cutting edge of philosophical thought and research – to further specialisation in the topics that interest you most in the later years. Once, last year, having finished discussing Plato's Theory of Forms, our lecturer's final words were followed by an almighty rumble of thunder right above the theatre. I can't quite promise that your experience at Exeter will be as epic as that, but I can guarantee that you will love studying philosophy here as much as I do.

Tim Woolley, BA Philosophy and Spanish



MODULES



For up-to-date details of all our programmes and modules, please check www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/philosophy

Please note that modules are subject to change and timetabling constraints and that not all modules may be available every year. The modules detailed below are just examples of those offered recently.

Year 1 Modules

Module Name	Philosophy	Classical Studies and Philosophy	Philosophy and History	Philosophy and a Modern Language	Philosophy and Politics, Sociology or Theology	Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Basic Mathematical Economics or Mathematics for Economics						●
Economic Principles						●
Evidence and Argument	C	C	C	C	C	●
Introduction to Philosophical Analysis	C	C	C	C	C	C
Knowledge and Reality I	C	C	C	C	C	●
Philosophical Reading	C	●	●	●	●	●
Philosophy of Film	●	●	●	●	●	●
Philosophy of Morality	●	●	●	●	●	C
Power and Democracy						●

Year 2 Modules

Module Name	Philosophy	Classical Studies and Philosophy	Philosophy and History	Philosophy and a Modern Language	Philosophy and Politics, Sociology or Theology	Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Body and Mind	●	●	●	●	●	●
Comparative Politics						●
Economic Principles and Policy						●
Metaphysics	●	●	●	●	●	●
Philosophy of Language	●	●	●	●	●	●
Philosophy of Mind	●	●	●	●	●	●
Philosophy of Nature	●	●	●	●	●	●
Political Philosophy or The Economics of Politics						●
Social Philosophy	●	●	●	●	●	C

Year 3 Modules

Module Name	Philosophy	Classical Studies and Philosophy	Philosophy and History	Philosophy and a Modern Language	Philosophy and Politics, Sociology or Theology	Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Aristotle's Politics	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cyborg Studies	●	●	●	●	●	●
Knowledge and History: Theories of Scientific Change	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mythologies of Transhumanism	●	●	●	●	●	●
Philosophical Readings	●	●	●	●	●	●
Philosophy Dissertation	C	C	C	C	C	●
Philosophy of Science	●	●	●	●	●	●
Politics, Philosophy or Economics Dissertation		●	●	●	●	●
Pragmatism and its Enemies	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sex and Death: Introduction to the Philosophy of Biology	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sociology and Philosophy of Globalisation	●	●	●	●	●	●
The Holocaust, Genocide and Society	●	●	●	●	●	●
Virtues and Vices	●	●	●	●	●	●

Year 1

Evidence and Argument

This module introduces the basic elements for understanding and analysing argumentative reasoning in general, and scientific reasoning (especially evidential reasoning) in particular. You'll learn to analyse texts taken from philosophy and the social sciences, assess the validity of arguments, identify the most common forms of pseudo-reasoning and evaluate the use of evidence in empirical science.

Introduction to Philosophical Analysis

This module introduces core problems from the history and contemporary practice of philosophy, with a view to demonstrating the virtues of philosophical analysis. Emphasis is placed on your engagement with philosophical problems, questions and issues as exercises in analytical practice – for example, the making of distinctions, consideration of counter examples, and single interpretations of multiple meanings.

Knowledge and Reality

This module introduces you to classical epistemological and metaphysical questions. It presents and analyses some classical answers to the question of how we know what we know, and about the nature of reality. The module discusses the early modern debate between rationalists and empiricists, as well as older and newer treatments of such related issues as innate knowledge, substance, scepticism and the value of metaphysics.

Philosophical Readings

This module will familiarise you with the fundamental techniques required to read, understand and criticise a philosophical text. In particular, we will choose texts that deal with problems of epistemology and metaphysics.

Philosophy of Film

This module introduces you to the philosophy of film and teaches you to read and interpret films as alternative forms of philosophical discourse, which can be analysed and used to improve your understanding of various philosophical problems and discover, formulate and discuss possible solutions to them.

Philosophy of Morality

The module introduces you to the basic principles of the main contending moral theories and shows how these are involved in assessing moral justifiability and obligation. It will also draw attention to the complex relation between moral theory and moral judgement on the one hand, and the factual status of the phenomena and situations to which moral reasoning and principles are applied on the other.

Year 2

Body and Mind

The philosophy of mind has been one of the basic areas within Modern Philosophy and yet proceeds from the presuppositions of a mind-body dualism that few contemporary philosophers would willingly ascribe to. The module enhances your ability to think about what it is to be human by exploring a number of studies and lines of thought that reveal how mental experience is rooted in our particular kind of embodiment. The module will thus change how you think about both the mind and the body and will provide new perspectives on basic philosophical questions with various practical implications.

Metaphysics

This module introduces central topics in contemporary metaphysics: the study of the most basic features and constituents of reality and their conditions of existence and persistence. We will examine the relations between ordinary physical objects and their microscopic underpinnings; consider the status of abstract and fictional entities; and investigate our own physical existence and our place in the natural world.

Philosophy of Language

This module will introduce you to one of the dominant contemporary traditions in philosophy. The Anglo-American analytic tradition places great emphasis upon understanding how language works, seeing the possibility of speaking meaningfully as an essential precursor to any philosophical endeavour. The module will provide you with a grounding in the basic philosophical approaches to meaning and reference, and in the canonical debates on these topics over the last hundred years, including the work of Frege, Quine, the verificationists, and the Ordinary Language philosophers.

Philosophy of Mind

This module presents and discusses conceptual issues that arise when one tries to understand what the mind is. It analyses the mind-body problem in its various facets: how it emerged, what it implies, and whether and how it can be overcome. Special attention is paid to the notions of consciousness, content, intentionality, representation, embodiment and situatedness. You'll become familiar with major classic and contemporary views, including dualism, behaviourism, identity theory, instrumentalism, functionalism, eliminativism, embodiment and extended mind.

Philosophy of Nature

This module sets out an understanding of 'the philosophy of nature' as a fundamental philosophical concern, provides an overarching critical reconstruction of the different phases of Western understanding of the relation of nature to man, and grapples with theoretical and normative implications of our contemporary understanding of ourselves in relation to 'nature'.

Social Philosophy

This module engenders critical reflection on the nature of society and the logical and phenomenological properties of social reality. The extent to which human beings are (contingently or essentially) social beings, and the relation between the 'social'/cultural' and 'natural' is a core theme. You'll learn to think critically and reflectively about the everyday, taken-for-granted social world of which you are constitutive members.

MODULES CONTINUED

Year 3

Aristotle's Politics

In this seminar-based module, we will read, analyse and debate one of the foundational works of Western political theory: Aristotle's *Politics*. Literally meaning 'things concerning the polis (or city-state)', this work discusses the nature of the city, the various types of constitution and their merits and defects, and the education of citizens. A central question will be: what is the relationship, if any, between politics and ethics?

Cyborg Studies

This module develops a new perspective on the world. With the figure of the cyborg, the cybernetic organism, the human/machine, as its emblem, it explores intersections and transformative couplings of humans, machines, sciences, animals and nature. It combines discussions of 'posthumanist' theory and its moral and political implications with a very wide range of empirical studies running from past and present science and technology to the arts, the environment, management, education, psychiatry, spirituality and the 60s counterculture.

Knowledge and History: Theories of Scientific Change

This module introduces some major trends in 20th-century epistemology. Rapid progress in the sciences has confronted epistemology with a fundamental problem: how can it accommodate its traditional task of describing conditions for acquiring 'true' knowledge with the fact that modern science is progressing by continuously subverting knowledge once held to be true? The module will acquaint you with some prominent answers to this problem (positivism, sociology of knowledge, historical epistemology). It will present a perspective on epistemology that overcomes the existing divides between analytical and continental philosophy.

Mythologies of Transhumanism

This research-based module will introduce you to current transhumanist philosophies and their key ideas of human self-design, the elimination of all suffering, the achievement of perfection and immortality, and the complete defeat of (human) nature. In order to understand these ideas and to be able to evaluate them we will look into their history, follow their development and identify their mythological status.

Philosophy Dissertation

The dissertation gives you the opportunity to display your abilities in the comprehension, analysis and criticism of philosophical texts. It is an exercise in the communication of ideas, appropriate to your chosen research topic, with help and guidance from members of the academic staff. You'll have the opportunity to obtain a good knowledge of the issues pertaining to your dissertation topic and to develop your abilities to explore and present philosophical arguments deriving from a knowledge of core texts relevant to the topic.

Philosophy of Science

This module introduces the contemporary debates in epistemology and the philosophy of science, sometimes using historical examples and case studies. The module also covers the relation between history, sociology and philosophy of science, as well as issues of ontology and metaphysics raised by scientific progress.

Pragmatism and its Enemies

This module provides you with in-depth understanding of the content and historical roots of major trends in 20th-century Western philosophy. We will review the debates and exchanges between the protagonists of the 'pragmatic turn'. We will consider the historical and political context in which their debates developed, and the deep influence that these thinkers had on subsequent developments in philosophy, particularly in relation to our understanding of what constitutes reliable knowledge, politics and education within a democratic society.

Sex and Death: Introduction to the Philosophy of Biology

The philosophy of biology is one of the most exciting and rapidly developing areas of philosophy. It involves close analysis of numerous aspects of biology, both contemporary and historical, and examines conceptual and methodological innovation in a range of life sciences.

Sociology and Philosophy of Globalisation

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