

Programme Specification

Philosophy and Politics (2018-19)

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided.

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| Awarding Institution | University of Southampton |
| Teaching Institution | University of Southampton |
| Mode of Study | Full-time |
| Duration in years | 3 |
| Accreditation details | None |
| Final award | Bachelor of Arts with Honours (BA (Hons)) |
| Name of award | Philosophy and Politics |
| Interim Exit awards | Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) |
| FHEQ level of final award | Level 6 |
| UCAS code | VL52 |
| Programme code | 4146 |
| QAA Subject Benchmark or other external reference | Philosophy 2007 |
| Programme Lead | Conor McHugh (cm1e11) |

Programme Overview

Brief outline of the programme

A Philosophy and Politics degree at Southampton offers you the chance to explore fundamental and far-reaching questions: What can I really know? Is there a God? What makes a state legitimate? What is freedom? Can there be objective facts in ethics and politics?

To do so, it will provide you with knowledge and understanding of central issues and approaches in the study of philosophy and politics, as well as formal and informal techniques for evaluating ideas and the information or evidence which supports them. The flexible curriculum will enable you to balance your choice of modules according to your own interests, while also ensuring that you graduate with skills essential to a successful career or further study.

Your contact hours will vary depending on your module/option choices. Full information about contact hours is provided in individual module profiles.

Learning and teaching

Our teaching draws upon the cutting-edge research of Southampton's academics, all of whom are actively engaged in presenting and publishing their work in philosophy and politics to international audiences.

We place special emphasis on small group teaching. Alongside lectures, you will participate from your first part of study in tutorials and seminars in which you will explore and develop your own ideas in discussion with fellow students and staff.

Each student is assigned a Personal Academic Tutor, a leading academic who provides help and support at every part of study.

Throughout your degree, we impart advanced skills in reasoning, research, communication, and analysis, skills which, alongside the support offered by the University's career service, will prepare you for further study or a future career

Assessment

You will be assessed by more than just essays and exams. Depending on the modules you choose, you will work in teams, give presentations, submit group projects, develop websites, and manage larger research projects such as dissertations. The nature of the assessment task is appropriate to the issues you are studying and the range of tasks allows you to develop the skills you need for further study or the world of work.

Please note: As a research-led University, we undertake a continuous review of our programmes to ensure quality enhancement and to manage our resources. As a result, this programme may be revised during a student's period of registration; however, any revision will be balanced against the requirement that the student should receive the educational service expected. Please read our [Disclaimer](#) to see why, when and how changes may be made to a student's programme.

Programmes and major changes to programmes are approved through the University's [programme validation process](#) which is described in the University's [Quality handbook](#).

Educational Aims of the Programme

The aims of the programme are to:

- provide you with an understanding of the main areas of philosophy and of the concepts, arguments and positions of major philosophers in the Western tradition.
- introduce you to some of the central theories, problems and arguments concerning topics within core areas of general philosophy (for example, meaning, mind, value, truth, knowledge, existence).
- provide you with a knowledge of central theoretical and methodological issues in the study of politics, detailed knowledge of selected areas of political life, and of patterns of stability and change within these areas.
- provide you with a capacity for the critical evaluation of theoretical perspectives and empirical evidence in the fields of politics, and for the application of such perspectives and evidence in your own work.
- enable you to engage with issues and ideas at the cutting-edge of contemporary research in philosophy and politics.
- allow you to appreciate the bearing of your studies in philosophy on your studies in politics, and vice versa.
- enable you to develop the skills and abilities required for further study and/or employment.
- encourage you to think critically, develop the ability to learn independently and remain receptive to fresh ideas and approaches

Programme Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

On successful completion of this programme you will have knowledge and understanding of:

- A1. the views, arguments and positions advanced and explored in the work of key thinkers within Western Philosophy, and the relevance of those views, arguments and positions to contemporary philosophy.
- A2. the wide range of techniques of reasoning philosophers employ in analysing, exploring and evaluating ideas and arguments
- A3. the defining problems of the main areas of philosophy and of prominent attempts to resolve those problems.
- A4. ideas at the forefront of current thinking and scholarship in philosophy and politics.
- A5. the nature and significance of politics.
- A6. politics and political phenomena.
- A7. the application of political concepts, theories and methods.
- A8. different interpretations of political issues and events.
- A9. the bearing of the issues and techniques you have explored in philosophy for politics, and vice versa.

Teaching and Learning Methods

You will experience a wide variety of teaching methods and a range of opportunities for learning, designed to facilitate a progressively deeper understanding of the subjects and foster independent learning. We recognise that arriving students are often unfamiliar with the subjects or have had only limited experience of it, and we arrange our teaching provision in that light. Methods include:

- Lectures

This is an effective way of conveying information concerning the above topics and explaining ideas to students. As your study progresses, the lectures explore the relevant issues in greater depth to reflect and further the development of your knowledge and understanding.

- In-class discussion

This provides an opportunity for students to engage in discussion with peers and to raise questions concerning the material covered in lectures. Sometimes discussion is initiated by student presentations.

- Tutorials

These sessions, involving small groups of students (4-6) in their 1st part of study, offer students a chance to engage in debate (facilitated by the tutor) concerning the issues raised in lectures. But their primary purpose is to assist students in their early attempts to read, write about and understand philosophical issues. The starting-point for discussion is always the topic of a short essay, which students revise in light of that discussion and individual meetings with the tutor.

- Seminars

In the 2nd part, students participate in weekly seminars involving 8-10 students. Individual presentations, focused on extracts from key historical texts, initiate student-led discussion of the issues the extracts raise.

- Consultation with academic staff

All academic staff hold 'advice and feedback' during which you can drop in for individual discussion of the ideas and arguments encountered in lectures and your reading, or which you have arrived at yourself.

- Research supervision

In the final part, you will undertake a dissertation (an extended research project) in either philosophy or politics, supervised by a member of academic staff with expertise in the area it concerns. In preparing the dissertation, you will have the opportunity to meet with the supervisor to explore the issues it concerns, to receive guidance on your research and reading, and to receive feedback on the work as it

progresses.

- Independent study

Independent study forms an essential part in the development of your knowledge and understanding.

This will involve careful reading of primary and secondary texts, thoughtful reflection on issues raised in those texts or in class, and arriving at your own considered opinions on the topics you are studying.

Assessment Methods

We employ a wide variety of tasks which enable you, and staff, to assess your knowledge and understanding of the philosophical and political theories you are studying, as well as your grasp of the techniques for analysing and evaluating those theories. Some tasks contribute to the grade you receive and all allow you to be sure that you are working effectively. Written or verbal feedback is available to students on assessment tasks.

Methods of assessment may include:

- Essay
- Exam
- Textual commentaries
- Research proposal
- Individual presentation
- Group presentation
- Group research project
- Dissertation
- Annotated bibliography
- Reflective statement and peer evaluation
- Essay plan
- In class reading exercises
- Debates

Particular assessment tasks are appropriate to the area of study, and the exact nature of the task is determined by the part at which you are studying. For example, an exam in your first part might involve several questions while an exam in your final part might involve one question, inviting you to examine a single issue in depth and detail. Likewise, with each part of study, you can expect the assessment task to call for more independent study and thinking. For example, in your final part you complete a dissertation, an extended piece of writing on a topic of your choice, which is the product of your own research (guided by a supervisor).

Subject Specific Intellectual and Research Skills

On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- B1. interpret complex texts, including historical texts from a variety of traditions.
- B2. identify, evaluate and analyse philosophical problems, positions and arguments.
- B3. present and debate philosophical ideas, orally and in writing, in an open-minded, clear and rigorous way.
- B4. define and use appropriately the technical terminology employed in the areas of philosophy and politics you study.
- B5. formulate your own views with respect to various philosophical and political issues and defend those views with arguments.
- B6. describe, evaluate and apply different approaches involved in collecting, analysing and presenting political evidence, data and information from a variety of sources.
- B7. identify issues for political and philosophical inquiry.

B8. assess the ethical implications of your own research and others’.

Teaching and Learning Methods

Activities designed to enhance the above skills are integrated into all elements of teaching in Politics and Philosophy. Activities particularly important for the enhancement of skills in thinking and research are:

- 1st part tutorials, which help students to develop their skills in extracting ideas and arguments from philosophical texts, and presenting and assessing those arguments in writing.
- 2nd part seminars, in which students give individual presentations, presenting orally philosophical views and reasoning.
- a compulsory 1st part course in reason and argument, which introduces students to the formal and informal techniques philosophers use in presenting and assessing arguments.
- in-class discussion, in which students express their own views with respect to the issues they are studying, and debate those views with peers.

Assessment Methods

All assessment tasks are designed to encourage the above skills and give students a chance to demonstrate them. Methods particularly important for the assessment of these skills include:

- essays, which demonstrate your ability to interpret and engage critically with texts and theories, to construct and develop arguments, and to show your command of the vocabulary use in the subject areas.
- presentations, which allow us to assess and provide feedback on your ability to express verbally ideas and positions, including your own.
- the dissertation, in which you describe and evaluate theories in considerably depth and detail, drawing on information from a variety of sources.
- a module on research skills for those completing a dissertation in politics.

Transferable and Generic Skills

On successful completion of this programme you will be able to:

- C1. analyse and present ideas and positions, both orally and in writing.
- C2. undertake, with appropriate supervision, independent work.
- C3. identify and use appropriate resources.
- C4. work effectively to deadlines.
- C5. argue effectively and dispassionately.
- C6. manage, plan and execute projects.
- C7. understand and extract relevant information from complex texts
- C8. use various techniques and methods to analyse and evaluate evidence.

Teaching and Learning Methods

The above skills are imparted through various aspects of teaching and learning in Politics and Philosophy. Methods particularly important for developing transferable skills include:

- a compulsory 1st part course in reason and argument, which develops skills in critical thinking.
- library skills sessions, which take place during new students' induction, as well as when embarking on the dissertation, which help students learn how to identify and make use of resources, including online resources.
- seminars, in which students present their own views and those of others verbally.
- tutorials, in which students develop their skills in clearly presenting ideas and arguments in writing
- in-class discussion, in which students advance and defend their own positions.
- dissertation work, in which students produce an extended piece of research.

Assessment Methods

All assessment tasks are designed in part to encourage and assess the above skills. Methods particularly important for developing transferable skills include:

- group research projects and presentations, which require students to work together effectively, to delegate responsibilities, and to manage time.
- dissertations, which require independent study, research skills, time management, and the ability to present complex ideas in writing.
- essays, in which students demonstrate their ability to interpret complex texts, to present their views and those of others in writing, to argue for and against various positions, and to work to a deadline.
- exams, which test your ability to present and debate ideas in writing and to communicate effectively under strict time constraints.
- textual commentaries, which demonstrate your ability to extract key information from difficult texts.
- presentations, which require you to articulate ideas and arguments verbally and in an engaging fashion.

Programme Structure

The programme structure table is below:

Information about pre and co-requisites is included in individual module profiles.

Part I

Programme details:

The programme is normally studied over three years full-time, though it may also be taken on a part-time basis for a period of not less than four and not more than eight academic years. Study is undertaken at three parts (each corresponding to one year of full-time study). There are 30 study weeks in each year.

The programme is divided into modules. Full-time students take 120 credits (CATS) at each part, normally 60 in each semester. Single modules are worth 15 credits, double modules are worth 30 credits. At each part, you must take at least 45 credits in both Philosophy and Politics, including any compulsory modules. You may take the remaining credits in either subject area or up to 30 credits outside of Philosophy and Politics.

The programme is designed to ensure that your learning is progressive. The 1st part is foundational. You will take compulsory modules which provide you with crucial skills in reasoning and argument, as well as introducing you to core areas of philosophy (mind, ethics, theory of knowledge) and politics (international relations, political ideas). In addition, you will take optional modules introducing you to fundamental ideas and issues in politics and philosophy.

This grounding is extended in the second part by further compulsory modules in politics and in the history of philosophy. In addition you will take six optional modules. These will investigate, among other things, the theories, views and arguments advanced and explored in central areas of philosophy, such as moral philosophy, aesthetics, epistemology, philosophy of religion and logic. This flexibility allows you to build the course around your developing

interests.

In your final part, you have the option to complete a dissertation in philosophy or in Politics on a topic of your choosing. You then choose your remaining modules from a wide selection. Modules at this part typically concern topics on which academic staff are actively researching and will introduce you to the cutting-edge of research and scholarship.

The modules offered can vary from year to year but the following is a list of those which are typically available. Further information about many of the modules can be found here:

http://www.southampton.ac.uk/humanities/undergraduate/courses/philosophy/vl52_philosophy_and_politics.page

Philosophy Assessment:

Formative assessment tasks (e.g. essay drafts or plans) will enable you to receive feedback to guide you in your work for summative assessments. In some modules these formative assessment tasks may be mandatory and non-submission or fail may incur a penalty to your mark for the module.

Opportunity to Study a Minor Subject:

The structure of your degree programme allows you to choose up to 30 credits (CATS) of modules from outside Philosophy and Politics in each part. If you wish, you may choose modules that build into a minor pathway, the title of which will be mentioned in your degree transcript. Details of the minors available and the modules that are included can be found at www.southampton.ac.uk/cip.

Availability of Modules:

The information contained in programme specification is correct at the time it was published. Typically, around a quarter of optional modules do not run due to low interest or unanticipated changes in staff availability. If we do have insufficient numbers of students interested in an optional module, this may not be offered. If an optional module will not be run, we will advise you as soon as possible and help you choose an alternative module.

Exit Award: Certificate of Higher Education

Part I Compulsory Modules

| Code | Module Title | ECTS | Type |
|----------|---|------|------------|
| PHIL1005 | Ethics | 7.5 | Compulsory |
| PAIR1001 | Introduction to International Relations | 7.5 | Compulsory |
| PHIL1002 | Knowledge and Mind | 7.5 | Compulsory |
| PAIR1004 | Political Ideas | 7.5 | Compulsory |
| PHIL1016 | Reason and Argument | 7.5 | Compulsory |

Part I Optional Modules

| Code | Module Title | ECTS | Type |
|----------|--------------------------------------|------|----------|
| PAIR1007 | Crises of the 21st Century | 7.5 | Optional |
| STAT1003 | Introduction to Quantitative Methods | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL1003 | Ancient Greek Philosophy | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL1026 | Applied Ethics | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL1021 | Existentialism and its Origins | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL1020 | Faith and Reason | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL1027 | Freedom and Responsibility | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR1005 | Introduction to Political Inquiry | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL1006 | Political Philosophy | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR1002 | Political Systems | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL1019 | Puzzles about Art and Literature | 7.5 | Optional |

Part II

Exit Award: Diploma of Higher Education

Part II Compulsory Modules

| Code | Module Title | ECTS | Type |
|----------|----------------------------|------|------------|
| PHIL2028 | Appearance and Reality | 7.5 | Compulsory |
| PAIR2010 | The Struggle for Democracy | 7.5 | Compulsory |

Part II Optional Modules

| Code | Module Title | ECTS | Type |
|----------|---|------|----------|
| PAIR2037 | Comparative Lobbying and Interest Groups Politics | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2031 | Comparative Party Politics | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2026 | Democratic Theory | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2032 | Democratisation in Global Politics: why do some regimes thrive and others flounder? | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL2039 | Ethics of Global Poverty | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2017 | European Security Governance | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL2040 | Metaethics | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL2037 | Philosophy of Religion | 7.5 | Optional |
| STAT2009 | Research Methods in The Social Sciences | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2036 | Strategy and War | 7.5 | Optional |
| UOSM2018 | Understanding Modern China | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL2001 | Aesthetics | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2011 | American Political Thought | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2024 | Chinese Politics | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2041 | Comparative Political Institutions | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL2036 | Continental Philosophy | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL2021 | Epistemology | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2014 | International Security | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL2027 | Kant | 7.5 | Optional |

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| PHIL2014 | Logic | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL2032 | Metaphysics | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL2012 | Moral Philosophy | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL2010 | Philosophy of Language | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL2009 | Philosophy of Mind | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL2034 | Philosophy of Science | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2002 | Political Thinkers | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2020 | Realism and Idealism in International Relations | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2004 | Research Skills in Politics & International Relations | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2021 | The Politics and Governance of the EU | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR2001 | Theorising International Politics | 7.5 | Optional |

Part III

Exit Award: Conferment of award/graduation

Part III Compulsory Modules

Either

PHIL3013 Dissertation in Philosophy

OR

PAIR3003 Dissertation in Politics and International Relations

| Code | Module Title | ECTS | Type |
|----------|--|------|------------|
| PAIR3003 | Dissertation in Politics & International Relations | 15 | Compulsory |
| PHIL3013 | Philosophy Dissertation | 15 | Compulsory |

Part III Optional Modules

PAIR3028 Diaspora Politics in Transnational Space 15 CATS (7.5 ECTS)

PAIR3054 A (Dis)United Kingdom? Myth and Reality in British Politics 15 CATS (7.5 ECTS)

| Code | Module Title | ECTS | Type |
|----------|---|------|----------|
| PHIL3035 | Action, Reason and Ethics | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3050 | Advanced Aesthetics: Aesthetic Creativity | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3044 | Cinema and Political Theory | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3046 | Comparative Lobbying and Interest Groups Politics | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3039 | Comparative Party Politics | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3033 | Democratic Theory | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3040 | Democratisation in Global Politics: why do some regimes thrive and others flounder? | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3026 | European Security Governance | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3001 | International Security | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3053 | Islamic Philosophy | 7.5 | Optional |
| STAT3004 | Multivariate Data Analysis | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3051 | Other Minds | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3054 | Philosophical Logic | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3049 | Puzzles and Paradoxes | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3048 | Scepticism | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3047 | Schopenhauer | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3045 | Strategy and War | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3021 | Chinese Politics | 7.5 | Optional |

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| PAIR3055 | Comparative Political Institutions | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3052 | Dilemmas of Leadership | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3042 | Fiction and Fictionalism | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3014 | Globalisation and World Politics | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3051 | International Migration and Development | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3007 | Nietzsche | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3020 | Philosophy of Mathematics | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3034 | Philosophy of Sex | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3050 | Power and Ethics Before Machiavelli | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3038 | The Ethics of Belief | 7.5 | Optional |
| PAIR3030 | The Politics and Governance of the EU | 7.5 | Optional |
| PHIL3037 | Wittgenstein's Later Philosophy | 7.5 | Optional |

Progression Requirements

The programme will follow the University's regulations for [Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Undergraduate and Integrated Masters Programmes](#) or the University's regulations for [Progression, Determination and Classification of Results: Standalone Masters Programmes](#) as set out in the General Academic Regulations in the University Calendar: <http://www.calendar.soton.ac.uk/sectionIV/sectIV-index.html>

Support for student learning

There are facilities and services to support your learning some of which are accessible to students across the University and some of which will be geared more particularly to students in your particular Faculty or discipline area.

The University provides:

- library resources, including e-books, on-line journals and databases, which are comprehensive and up-to-date; together with assistance from Library staff to enable you to make the best use of these resources
- high speed access to online electronic learning resources on the Internet from dedicated PC Workstations onsite and from your own devices; laptops, smartphones and tablet PCs via the Eduroam wireless network. There is a wide range of application software available from the Student Public Workstations.

- computer accounts which will connect you to a number of learning technologies for example, the Blackboard virtual learning environment (which facilitates online learning and access to specific learning resources)
- standard ICT tools such as Email, secure filestore and calendars.
- access to key information through the MySouthampton Student Mobile Portal which delivers timetables, Module information, Locations, Tutor details, Library account, bus timetables etc. while you are on the move.
- IT support through a comprehensive website, telephone and online ticketed support and a dedicated helpdesk in the Hartley Library.
- Enabling Services offering support services and resources via a triage model to access crisis management, mental health support and counselling. Support includes daily Drop In at Highfield campus at 13.00 – 15.00 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday out of term-time) or via on-line chat on weekdays from 14.00 – 16.00. Arrangements can also be made for meetings via Skype.
- assessment and support (including specialist IT support) facilities if you have a disability, long term health problem or Specific Learning Difficulty (e.g. dyslexia).
- the Student Services Centre (SSC) to assist you with a range of general enquiries including financial matters, accommodation, exams, graduation, student visas, ID cards
- Career and Employability services, advising on job search, applications, interviews, paid work, volunteering and internship opportunities and getting the most out of your extra-curricular activities alongside your degree programme when writing your CV
- Other support that includes health services (GPs), chaplaincy (for all faiths) and 'out of hours' support for students in Halls and in the local community, (18.00-08.00)
- A Centre for Language Study, providing assistance in the development of English language and study skills for non-native speakers.

The Students' Union provides

- an academic student representation system, consisting of Course Representatives, Academic Presidents, Faculty Officers and the Vice-President Education; SUSU provides training and support for all these representatives, whose role is to represent students' views to the University.
- opportunities for extracurricular activities and volunteering
- an Advice Centre offering free and confidential advice including support if you need to make an academic appeal
- Support for student peer-to-peer groups, such as Nightline.

Associated with your programme you will be able to access:

- a Personal Academic Tutor, i.e. a member of academic staff to provide personalised academic advice and support.
- a study abroad co-ordinator.
- a careers tutor.
- guidelines on assessment tasks.
- student mentors.
- a special considerations tutor.

Methods for evaluating the quality of teaching and learning

You will have the opportunity to have your say on the quality of the programme in the following ways:

- Completing student evaluation questionnaires for each module of the programme
- Acting as a student representative on various committees, e.g. Staff: Student Liaison Committees, Faculty Programmes Committee OR providing comments to your student representative to feed back on your behalf.
- Taking part in programme validation meetings by joining a panel of students to meet with the Faculty Scrutiny Group

The ways in which the quality of your programme is checked, both inside and outside the University, are:

- Regular module and programme reports which are monitored by the Faculty
- Programme validation, normally every five years.
- External examiners, who produce an annual report
- A national Research Assessment Exercise (our research activity contributes directly to the quality of your learning experience)

- Review by the Quality Assurance Agency

Further details on the University's quality assurance processes are given in the [Quality Handbook](#).

Career Opportunities

Our students have gone on to succeed in a dazzling range of careers, including business, law, medicine, journalism, teaching, IT, the civil service, advertising, film and television, and finance. The 2015/16 Destination of Leavers of Higher Education (DLHE) survey found that 97% of our Philosophy graduates were in work or study six months after finishing their degree, with 73% of our graduates in professional or managerial roles.

Career skills are embedded throughout every stage of our course and are developed at every moment of study. Certain modules offer specific teaching in reasoning and communications skills. In addition, there are work experience opportunities to help you understand how your transferable skills apply in the workplace. During your degree you will learn skills such as:

- Critical thinking
- Analysis
- Clear oral and written communication
- Mental agility
- The ability to appreciate different points of view
- Working in groups

In a survey of results in the American GRE tests (tests of verbal, quantitative and analytical skills), Philosophy graduates achieved better average scores than graduates of any other humanities or social science subject.

External Examiner(s) for the programme

Name: Dr Jonathan Webber - Cardiff University

Name: Professor Rosie Campbell - Birkbeck College University of London

Name: Dr Phil Parvin - Loughborough University

Students must not contact External Examiner(s) directly, and external examiners have been advised to refer any such communications back to the University. Students should raise any general queries about the assessment and examination process for the programme with their Course Representative, for consideration through Staff: Student Liaison Committee in the first instance, and Student representatives on Staff: Student Liaison Committees will have the opportunity to consider external examiners' reports as part of the University's quality assurance process.

External examiners do not have a direct role in determining results for individual students, and students wishing to discuss their own performance in assessment should contact their Personal Academic Tutor in the first instance.

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Appendix 1:

Students are responsible for meeting the cost of essential textbooks, and of producing such essays, assignments, laboratory reports and dissertations as are required to fulfil the academic requirements for each programme of study. In addition to this, students registered for this programme also have to pay for:

Additional Costs

| Type | Details |
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| Software Licenses | All software is provided |
| Hardware | It is advisable that students provide their own laptop or personal computer, although shared facilities are available across the University campus. |
| Computer discs or USB drives | Students are expected to provide their own portable data storage device. |
| Stationery | You will be expected to provide your own day-to-day stationary items, e.g. pens, pencils, notebooks, etc.). Any specialist stationery items will be specified under the Additional Costs tab of the relevant module profile. |
| Textbooks | Where a module specifies core texts these should generally be available on the reserve list in the library. However due to demand, students may prefer to buy their own copies. These can be purchased from any source. Some modules suggest reading texts as optional background reading. The library may hold copies of such texts, or alternatively you may wish to purchase your own copies. Although not essential reading, you may benefit from the additional reading materials for the module. |
| Placements (including Study Abroad Programmes) | Students on placement programmes can expect to cover costs for health and travel insurance, accommodation and living expenses; travel costs; visa costs. This will vary depending on which country you are travelling to. Specific details on what additional costs there will be are detailed in the individual module profiles which can be found under the modules tab of the programmes details of your programme. |
| Printing and Photocopying Costs | <p>Where possible, coursework such as essays; projects; dissertations is likely to be submitted on line. However, there are some items where it is not possible to submit on line and students will be asked to provide a printed copy.</p> <p>The University printing costs are currently: A4 - 5p per side (black and white) or 25p per side (colour) A3 - 10p per side (black and white) or 50p per side (colour) Please Note: Paper sizes not recognised by the printing devices will prompt you to select the size and then charge a minimum of 50p per black and white copy and a maximum of £1 per colour copy. You can pay for your printing by using the money loaders or by using print copy payment service by going to http://www.southampton.ac.uk/isolutions/students/printing-for-students.page</p> <p>The University Print Centre also offers a printing and copying service as well as a dissertation/binding service. Current printing and copying costs can be found in http://www.southampton.ac.uk/printcentre/copyrooms/service.page. They also provide a large format printing service, e.g. Academic posters. Details of current costs can be found in http://www.southampton.ac.uk/printcentre/exhibition/academicposters.page ?.</p> |

In some cases you'll be able to choose modules (which may have different costs associated with that module) which will change the overall cost of a programme to you. Details of such costs will be listed in the Module

Profile. Please also ensure you read the section on additional costs in the University's Fees, Charges and Expenses Regulations in the University Calendar available at www.calendar.soton.ac.uk.