



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Academic Opportunities

Based on Eduqas Religious Studies, this course offers wide-ranging opportunities suitable for students who are **interested in studying religion**, and is held in **highest regard by the best universities**.

Course Details

The Specification offers an academic approach to the study of religion and is accessible to candidates of any religious persuasion or none with its primary focus on philosophy, ethics and in-depth study of one religion.

The Eduqas Religious Studies Specification encourages candidates to:

- develop their interest in a rigorous study of religion and belief and relate it to the wider world
- develop knowledge and understanding appropriate to a specialist study of religion
- develop an understanding and appreciation of religious thought and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies
- adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion
- reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their study.

The Assessment

- AS Level – Summer – 3 AS-Level examinations – 1 hour 30 minutes each
- A Level – Summer – 3 A-Level examinations – 2 hours each

The Career Value

The wide nature of the course at all levels utilises and develops knowledge advantageous in a multitude of careers, being particularly useful in any career which requires understanding individuals and their place and purpose in society. As such it is an excellent preparation for a career in law, politics, medicine, psychology, journalism, social work, business, and any career which involves relating with other people.

The course also develops language, discussion, presentation and inter-personal skills, as well as the ability to research, evaluate, and present reasoned balanced arguments – skills essential to other subjects, further study and any career-path.

The Student

There are **no prior knowledge** requirements for this course. This course is suitable for you if you:

- are interested, passionate and fascinated by religion and philosophy.
- are interested in a philosophical approach to life and its purpose, and possess an open, critical and logical mind.
- enjoy listening to and reading about other people's ideas, arguing and debating - and then coming to your own reasoned conclusion.
- enjoy reading, writing, and self-study.
- have well-developed research skills.



The Learning

In the spirit of 'Pre-University', learning will be directed in a variety of ways. There will be an emphasis on individual and 'tutorial' group learning as well as interactive teaching through a 'community of learning' classroom environment where pupils learn from each other.

The course will explore the ideas of more than two thousand years of philosophy and theology from the foundation of civilisation in Ancient Greece to the present day, and develop skills of logical thinking, critical analysis, and reasoned balanced conclusion.

The Content

Component 1: Study of one Religion (1/3 of course)

- Religious figures and sacred texts
- Religious concepts and religious life
- Significant social and historical developments in religious thought
- Religious practices and religious identity.

Component 2: Philosophy (1/3 of course)

- Arguments for the existence of God
- Challenges to religious belief
- Religious Experience
- Religious Language

Component 3: Ethics (1/3 of course)

- Ethical thought
- Deontological Ethics
- Teleological Ethics
- Determinism and Freewill

Further information

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You have 24-hour access to useful information and answers to the most commonly-asked questions online at: <http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies/as-a-level/>