



Programme Specification

With effect from: September 2021

A programme specification is the definitive record of your programme of study at the University. It sets out the aims, learning outcomes, and indicative content of the programme. You should read this programme specification alongside the relevant module descriptors and the University's Taught Programme Academic Regulations.

This specification only applies to the delivery of the programme indicated below. The details in this specification are subject to change through the modifications or periodic review processes.

1 Programme name and award

This programme specification relates to the following award(s)

BA (Hons) Philosophy, Ethics and Religion

2 Aims of the programme

Rationale and general aims, including what is special about this programme

On this programme, you will explore a number of core topics in philosophy, ethics, and religious studies. These include investigations into the following:

Philosophy: metaphysics of self, metaphysics of world, epistemology, political theory, critical thinking and logic

Ethics: normative theory, Christian ethics, social justice, applied ethics, metaethics

Religious Studies: definitions of religion, cultural appropriation, methodology in religious studies, Asian religion and philosophy, local religions and indigenous religions

In these subjects, you will engage critically with core texts and concepts, and develop arguments for your own answers to the questions that arise from them. In addition, there are opportunities to carry out original research using sociological and anthropological methods and analysis. You will also be encouraged to engage in debate and discussion with peers and tutors on key issues in these topics. In short, this programme is built around the view that philosophy, ethics, and religious studies are learned best not just by reading the works of others, but by *doing* philosophy, ethics, and religious study.

3 Level Learning Outcomes and Employability Outcomes

Learning outcomes are expressed in terms of:

- Knowledge and understanding (K)
- Intellectual / cognitive / 'thinking' skills (I)
- Practical skills specific to the subject (P)
- Employability skills (E)

We design assessment tasks to enable you to demonstrate the Level Learning Outcomes and relevant Employability Outcomes for your level of study. To a greater or lesser extent, all Level Learning Outcomes at each level of your study are embedded in the assessment task(s) at that level. This means we can take a more integrated view of your overall performance at a level.

To progress to the next level, or to receive an award, you will need to satisfy the Level Learning Outcomes below and relevant Employability Outcomes and achieve credit as per the Taught Programme Academic Regulations.

Level Learning Outcomes – BA (Hons) Philosophy, Ethics and Religion	
Level 4	
K1	Discipline knowledge: a foundational knowledge and understanding of how the disciplines of philosophy, ethics and religion have contributed to our understanding of the self, society, and moral values.
K2	Textual interpretation: a familiarity with key philosophical and religious texts and with tools for the scholarly interpretation and analysis of those texts.
K3	Respectful debate: an awareness of the skills necessary for engaging sensitively with debates on meaning, experience, values and different religious perspectives and for constructing an independent argument using relevant sources.
K4	Critical analysis and method: an awareness of the skills necessary for critical analysis and assessment of philosophical, ethical and religious concepts and of methods of interpreting religions, assessing ethical issues and understanding philosophical texts that are used in the fields of philosophy, ethics and religion.
I1	Critical analysis of concepts: a rudimentary ability to critically analyse and assess philosophical, ethical and religious concepts.
I2	Construction of arguments: a rudimentary ability to construct and analyse philosophical arguments and positions, particularly on issues relating to religious belief, the self and values in order to understand and reinterpret a perspective or put forward a new one.
I3	Debating and argumentation: a rudimentary ability to contribute in an informed, reasonable and reflective way to debates on a range of philosophical, ethical and religious topics, demonstrating some knowledge of these and appreciations of a range of different perspectives on them acquired through research, active debate and deliberation.
Level 5	
K1	Discipline knowledge: a reasonable knowledge and understanding of how the disciplines of philosophy, ethics and religion have contributed to our understanding of the self, society, and moral values.
K2	Textual interpretation: a knowledge of key philosophical and religious texts and of tools for the scholarly interpretation and analysis of those texts, including translation issues.

K3	Respectful debate: the skills necessary for engaging sensitively with debates on meaning, experience, values and different religious perspectives and for constructing an independent argument using relevant sources.
K4	Critical analysis and method: the skills necessary for critical analysis and assessment of philosophical, ethical and religious concepts and of methods of interpreting religions, assessing ethical issues and understanding philosophical texts that are used in the fields of philosophy, ethics and religion.
I1	Critical analysis of concepts: an ability to critically analyse and assess philosophical, ethical and religious concepts.
I2	Construction of arguments: an ability to construct and analyse philosophical arguments and positions, particularly on issues relating to religious belief, the self and values in order to understand and reinterpret a perspective or put forward a new one.
I3	Debating and argumentation: an ability to contribute in an informed, reasonable and reflective way to debates on a range of philosophical, ethical and religious topics, demonstrating a coherent knowledge of these and appreciations of a range of different perspectives on them acquired through research, active debate and deliberation.
Level 6	
K1	Discipline knowledge: a detailed knowledge and understanding of how the disciplines of philosophy, ethics and religion have contributed to our understanding of the self, society, and moral values.
K2	Textual interpretation: a detailed knowledge of key philosophical and religious texts and of tools for the scholarly interpretation and analysis of those texts, including translation issues.
K3	Respectful debate: advanced skills necessary for engaging sensitively with debates on meaning, experience, values and different religious perspectives and for constructing an independent argument using relevant sources.
K4	Critical analysis and method: advanced skills necessary for critical analysis and assessment of philosophical, ethical and religious concepts and of methods of interpreting religions, assessing ethical issues and understanding philosophical texts that are used in the fields of philosophy, ethics and religion.
I1	Critical analysis of concepts: a sophisticated ability to critically analyse and assess philosophical, ethical and religious concepts.
I2	Construction of arguments: a sophisticated ability to construct and analyse philosophical arguments and positions, particularly on issues relating to religious belief, the self and values in order to understand and reinterpret a perspective or put forward a new one.
I3	Debating and argumentation: an advanced ability to contribute in an informed, reasonable and reflective way to debates on a range of philosophical, ethical and religious topics, demonstrating a secure knowledge of these and appreciations of a range of different perspectives on them acquired through research, active debate and deliberation.

Employability Outcomes

Employability skills are embedded and assessed throughout your programme. Therefore, we use a generic set of employability outcomes at all levels of study.

E1	Self-management – the ability to plan and manage time; readiness to accept responsibility and improve their own performance based on feedback/reflective learning; the ability to take initiative and be proactive, flexible and resilient;
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E2	Team-working – the ability to co-operate with others on a shared task and to recognise and take on appropriate team roles; leading, contributing to discussions and negotiating; contributing to discussions; awareness of interdependence with others;
E3	Business and sector awareness – an understanding of the key drivers for business success, including the importance of customer/client satisfaction and innovation; understanding of the market/sector in which an organisation operates; the ability to recognise the external context and pressures on an organisation, including concepts such as value for money, profitability and sustainability;
E4	Problem-solving – a capacity for critical reasoning, analysis and synthesis; a capacity for applying knowledge in practice; an ability to retrieve, analyse and evaluate information from different sources;
E5	Communication – the ability to present information clearly and appropriately, both orally and in writing, and to tailor messages to specific audiences and purposes;
E6	Application of numeracy – a general awareness of mathematics and its application in practical contexts; the ability to carry out arithmetic operations and understand data, to read and interpret graphs and tables and to manage a budget;
E7	Application of information technology – the ability to identify and use the appropriate IT package for a given task; familiarity with word-processing, spreadsheets and file management; the ability to use the internet and email effectively;
E8	Entrepreneurship/enterprise – the ability to demonstrate an innovative approach and creativity, to generate ideas and to identify and take opportunities;
E9	Social, cultural & civic awareness – embracement of an ethos of community and civic responsibility; an appreciation of diversity and ethical issues; an understanding of cultures and customs in the wider community.

4 External Benchmarks

Statement of congruence with the relevant external benchmarks

The Philosophy, Ethics and Religion programme is congruent with the subject benchmarks for Philosophy and Theology and Religious Studies:

Philosophy: https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/subject-benchmark-statement-philosophy.pdf?sfvrsn=6fe2cb81_5

Theology and Religious Studies: https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/subject-benchmark-statement-theology-and-religious-studies.pdf?sfvrsn=70e2cb81_5

Both subject benchmark statements underline the importance of articulacy in identifying problems, weaknesses and proposing new solutions to a wide variety of debates.

Key skills identified include:

- The ability to interpret historical, religious and philosophical texts from different historical periods and traditions.
- The ability to use specialised philosophical language in debates and in written expression.

- The ability to understand complex arguments, interpret them and offer new interpretations or suggestions.
- The ability to construct credible arguments for or against a philosophical or religious or ethical claim.
- Precision of analysis and argument especially in relation to complex and/or controversial topics.
- Clarity and rigour in presenting arguments.
- The ability to understand the disciplines of philosophy, ethics and religious studies, and to critically examine their presuppositions.

5 Indicative Content

Summary of content by theme

Each strand of the programme – philosophy, ethics and religion – can be studied at each level with a range of options in the final year allowing you to specialise.

Philosophy

In first year, you will become acquainted with some central questions in philosophy (e.g. What is the self? What is knowledge? What is the nature of reality?), as well as with key concepts in logic and reasoning (e.g. validity, soundness, consistency). By engaging with these topics, you will begin to develop essential skills in philosophical analysis and argumentation—skills that you will apply and refine throughout your three years of study. Then, in second and third year, you will continue to study topics in metaphysics and epistemology; you will also have the option to study subdisciplines outside these domains, such as political philosophy and philosophy of science.

Ethics

In first year, you will become acquainted with some foundational approaches to normative theory and with questions about the relationship between faith and morality. In second year, you will reflect on approaches to social justice, applying these reflections to ‘real-world’ case studies in, for instance, sport, education, religion, and politics. Finally, in third year, you will have options to study applied ethics, drawing on the normative theories studied in first year, and applying them to questions concerning, for example, the law, the environment, criminal justice and sexual ethics.

Religion

In the first year you will become acquainted with the academic study of religion as a category of analysis (e.g. What is religion? What is *not* religion?) and the study of religions, including religions of Asia and lesser-known ones such as Druidry. In addition, you will be able to employ social research methods to carry out your own original research on religion and gain a variety of digital skills for presenting your research. In the second year, you will be studying religions in their local contexts, including visits to religions in the region. You will also have the option to study debates on religion and science or the religions and philosophies of Asia. In the final year, you have the option to study indigenous religions, which will include, e.g., Native American and African traditions as well as recent debates on cultural appropriation.

Employability and research skills

In first year, you will gain confidence in developing critical thinking skills and applying logic that can be applied throughout your programme of study and beyond. In second year, you will develop your research skills and undertake a work placement where you can apply the skills and subject knowledge gained so far. In the final year, you will continue to develop your research skills for the dissertation on a topic of your choice.

related to your programme of study. You will also be able to progress in your work-based learning toward developing skills for a career of your choice.

You will also as part of PER4013 – Ethical Foundations – gain an opportunity to do either a work placement or an Employer Challenge based around sustainability goals. Students will be given tasks centrally in order to complete this component of module and will be required to pass this element in order to progress to Level 5. Details of this aspect of the module will be provided and sessions will be offered to students to support with this.

6 Programme Structure

Programme Structure – BA (Hons) Philosophy, Ethics and Religion			
Duration	3 years full-time		
Total credit rating	360 (180 ECTS)		
Level 4 – With effect from: September 2021			
Core: You are required to take the following modules			
Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits
PER4013	Ethical Foundations	Year-long (Semester 1 & 2)	30
PER4023	Introduction to Philosophy	Year-long (Semester 1 & 2)	30
PER4033	Studying Religion	Year-long (Semester 1 & 2)	30
PER4015	Critical Thinking and Logic	Semester 1	15
PER4025	Representing Religion	Semester 2	15
Level 5 – With effect from: September 2022			
Core: You are required to take the following modules			
Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits
PER5013	Mind, Self and World	Year-long (Semester 1 & 2)	30
PER5023	Religions in Leeds and Bradford	Year-long (Semester 1 & 2)	30
PER5015	Social Justice Perspectives	Semester 1	15
PER5025	Researching PER	Semester 2	15
CYP5015	Professional Placement	Semester 2	15
Options: You are required to choose 15 credits from the following modules			
Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits

PER5035	Asian Religion and Philosophy	Semester 1	15
PER5045	Science and Religion	Semester 1	15
Level 6 – With effect from: September 2023			
Core: You are required to take the following modules			
Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits
PER6013	Dissertation in PER	Year-long (Semester 1 & 2)	30
PER6015	Professional Learning Through Work	Year-long (Semester 1 & 2)	15
Options: You are required to choose 75 credits from the following modules*			
Module Code	Module Title	Semester	Credits
PER6023	Applied Ethics	Year-long (Semester 1 & 2)	30
PER6033	Contemporary Metaphysics and Epistemology	Year-long (Semester 1 & 2)	30
ENG6515	Sexuality Studies	Semester 1	15
PER6025	Political Philosophy	Semester 1	15
PER6035	Indigenous Religions and Cultural Appropriation	Semester 2	15
PER6045	Philosophy of Technology	Semester 2	15

* **Note:** students are required to choose at least one 30 credit module from the options listed.

7 Pre-requisites

Modules students must study and achieve credit for before enrolling on a module at a higher level, or attaining their final programme award

N/A

8 Learning, Teaching and Assessment

The University's Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy informs the design of your programme. You can find more information about learning, teaching and assessment for your programme (including information on Integrated Assessment) within the relevant Assessment Handbooks.

9 Entry requirements

Do the University's standard entry requirements apply?

Yes

Detail of any deviation from and/or addition to the University's standard entry requirements (if applicable)	N/A
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10 Additional support needs

Students with disabilities or other support needs are welcome and are expected to be able to participate fully in this programme. Arrangements will be made, via the normal University support systems, to accommodate students with additional support needs wherever possible, with reasonable adjustments made to accommodate individual needs.

Programme-specific requirements / unavoidable restrictions on participation in the programme

N/A

11 Technical Information

Awarding Body / Institution	Leeds Trinity University
Teaching institution	Leeds Trinity University
Parent School	Institute of Childhood and Education
Department	Department of Children, Young People and Families
Professional accreditation body	N/A
Final award	BA (Hons)
Title of programme(s)	Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
Subsidiary award(s)	Certificate of Higher Education in Philosophy, Ethics and Religion Diploma of Higher Education in Philosophy, Ethics and Religion BA (Ordinary) Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
Honours type	Single
Duration and mode(s) of study	3 years full-time
Month/year of approval of programme	June 2021
Periodic review due date	2025/26
HECoS subject code(s)	100337 Philosophy (33%), 100793 Ethics (34%), 100803 Comparative Religious Studies (33%)

UCAS course code(s)	V520
SITS route codes	PHERESH
Delivery venue(s)	Leeds Trinity University

12 Level Learning Outcomes and Employability Outcomes

The grids below demonstrate where Level Learning Outcomes and Employability Outcomes are assessed at module level and ensure that students are assessed in all Level Learning Outcomes at each level of their study. Students might not be assessed in all Employability Outcomes at each level of study. However, all Employability Outcomes will have been assessed by the end the programme.

Level 4 <i>Adjust LO codes as necessary.</i> ↓	Assessed level learning outcomes							Skills development								
	K1	K2	K3	K4	I1	I2	I3	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9
Lighter or hatched shading indicates modules that are not core, ie. not all students on this programme will undertake these.	Discipline knowledge	Textual Interpretation	Respectful Debate	Critical Analysis and Method	Critical Analysis of Concepts	Construction of Arguments	Debating and Argumentation	Self-management	Teamworking	Business & sector awareness	Problem-solving	Communication	Application of numeracy	Application of IT	Entrepreneurship / enterprise	Social, cultural & civic awareness
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Level 5 <i>Adjust LO codes as necessary. ↓</i>	Assessed level learning outcomes							Skills development								
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Level 6	Assessed level learning outcomes							Skills development								
<i>Adjust LO codes as necessary. ↓</i>	K1	K2	K3	K4	I1	I2	I3	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9
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