

Religious Studies

RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT

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Why choose the subject?

Our courses offer a choice of different religions, ensuring students have a thorough understanding of diverse philosophical and ethical viewpoints.

Students gain critical and evaluative skills sought by higher education and employers – particularly in law, education, social work, politics, medicine, administration and the media.

Religious studies is a thought provoking subject and our contemporary themes will help you inspire engaging classroom discussion.

Who is eligible?

Anyone with an interest in the subject, and the questions mentioned (above) would be welcome to take up this course. A GCSE in Religious Studies is not a prerequisite, but as a rough guide, good grades (6 or higher) in essay based subjects such as English, History or RS would be an indication of suitability for the course. If students want to get the most benefit out of the course, in terms of progressing their thinking and understanding of a philosophical approach to life, then a significant amount of reading, thinking and talking/justifying their ideas will be required.

A LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Year 2019/21 A Level Award
Exam Board: AQA

Component 1

Section A: Philosophy of religion
Arguments for the existence of God
Evil and suffering
Religious experience
Religious language
Miracles
Self and life after death.

Section B: Ethics and religion
Ethical theories
Issues of human life and death
Issues of animal life and death
Introduction to meta-ethics
Free will and moral responsibility
Conscience
Bentham and Kant.

A level. (award 7062)

Component 1

Section A: Philosophy of religion – two compulsory two-part questions, each worth 10 marks and 15 marks.

Section B: Ethics and religion – two compulsory two-part questions, each worth 10 marks and 15 marks. In both sections, questions may span more than one topic. In each two-part question, the first part tests AO1 and the second part tests AO2.

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<p>Year 2019/21 A Level Award Exam Board: AQA</p>	<p>Component 2</p> <p>Section A: Sources of wisdom and authority God/gods/ultimate reality Self, death and the afterlife Good conduct and key moral principles Expression of religious identity Religion, gender and sexuality Religion and science Religion and secularisation Religion and religious pluralism.</p> <p>Section B: The dialogue between philosophy of religion and religion. How religion is influenced by, and has an influence on philosophy of religion in relation to the issues studied.</p> <p>Section C: The dialogue between ethical studies and religion. How religion is influenced by, and has an influence on ethical studies in relation to the issues studied.</p>	<p>Component 2</p> <p>Section A: Study of religion – two compulsory two-part questions, each worth 10 marks and 15 marks relating to the religion chosen. Questions may be set that span more than one topic. In each two-part question, the first part tests AO1 and the second part tests AO2.</p> <p>Section B: The dialogue between philosophy of religion and religion – one unstructured synoptic question from a choice of two (25 marks).</p> <p>Section C: The dialogue between ethical studies and religion – one unstructured synoptic question from a choice of two (25 marks).</p>
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AS LEVEL QUALIFICATION

<p>Year 2019/2020 A Level Award Exam Board: AQA</p>	<p>Component 1</p> <p>Section A: Philosophy of religion Arguments for the existence of God Evil and suffering Religious experience</p> <p>Section B: Ethics and religion Ethical theories Issues of human life and death Issues of animal life and death</p> <p>Component 2</p> <p>Section A: Sources of wisdom and authority God/gods/ultimate reality Self, death and the afterlife Good conduct and key moral principles Expression of religious identity</p>	<p>AS level (award 7061)</p> <p>Component 1</p> <p>Section A covers philosophy of religion and consists of two compulsory two-part questions. In each two-part question, the first part tests AO1 (15 marks) and the second part tests AO2 (15 marks).</p> <p>Section B covers ethics and religion and consists of two compulsory two-part questions. In each two-part question, the first part tests AO1 (15 marks) and the second part tests AO2 (15 marks).</p> <p>Component 2</p> <p>The exam covers the study of religion and consists of two compulsory two-part questions. In each two-part question the first part tests AO1 (15 marks) and the second part tests AO2 (15 marks).</p>
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STUDENT VIEW

Religious Studies



I really enjoyed Religious Studies at GCSE and was keen to take this further in order to extend my knowledge. The subject itself is wonderful and I enjoy the lessons as they are always varied and never fail to leave you marginally mind-blown!

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