

BA Philosophy

What you will study

This document gives you a flavour of what you might study as part of a Philosophy at Manchester.

Each year of your degree you need to take units that add up to 120 credits.

Each unit is made up of 10 or 20 credits. This reflects the amount of work involved, so for every one credit you should do approximately 10 hours of work (eg lectures, tutorials, office hours and independent study).

Each of the course units below has **pre-requisites – other course units which you need to have taken the year before**. You can find information about these by clicking on the particular course unit information pages.

The actual units taught will depend on the availability of staff.

Philosophy Course Options

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A full interactive version of this course structure can be found online at:

<http://bit.ly/philcs>

Year 1

You will have one compulsory unit for Philosophy

| Course unit | Credit |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Critical Thinking | 20 |

You would then choose your remaining 100 credits.

80 credits of these (or at least 4 course units) would need to be from Philosophy:

| Course unit | Credit |
|---|--------|
| Values We Live By | 20 |
| History of Philosophy | 20 |
| Philosophy & Social Science | 20 |
| Discovering Reality | 20 |
| Mind and World | 20 |

You can choose your final 20 credits from the Philosophy courses above or from outside the discipline.

You could choose other social sciences or courses from across the University so long as they are first year courses and are open to all students.

For example, you can choose things such as a language through the LEAP scheme (Language Experience for All Programmes).

You can find information about the languages that you can choose to study through:

www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/languages/leap/.

Year 2

You would need to choose at least one analytical methodology course from:

| Course unit | Credits |
|--|---------|
| Philosophical Methods | 20 |
| 20th Century Analytical Philosophy | 20 |
| Formal Logic | 20 |

You would also need to choose one course unit from:

| Course unit | Credits |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Aesthetics | 20 |
| Ethics | 20 |

You would then need to choose your remaining 80 units. At least 60 of these should come from the list below: (You will only be allowed to select one of the Politics course units as part of this.)

| Course unit | Credits |
|---|---------|
| Philosophy of Religion | 20 |
| Locke, Berkley, Hume | 20 |
| Philosophy of Science | 20 |
| Philosophy of Mind | 20 |
| Phenomenology | 20 |
| Ethics (if not already chosen) | 20 |
| 20th Century Analytical Philosophy (if not already chosen) | 20 |
| Formal Logic (if not already chosen) | 20 |
| Aesthetics (if not already chosen) | 20 |
| Philosophical Methods (if not already chosen) | 20 |
| Jurisprudence | 20 |
| Freedom and Equality: Contemporary Debates (Politics course) | 20 |
| Arguing About Politics: Political Theory in the World (Politics course) | 20 |

Free choice units

As part of the 120 units in your second year you can choose to take up to 20 units of courses that are not part of your second year options with the approval of your programme director.

This means that you can choose things such as a Language through the LEAP scheme (Language Experience for All Programmes). You can find information about the languages that you can choose to study through: www.ulc.manchester.ac.uk/languages/leap/

You can also take advance of the Manchester Leadership Programme (MLP) which allows you to build your employability and leadership skills and boost your CV as part of your degree. You can find more the courses that you can choose from on: www.mlp.manchester.ac.uk

You can also choose units offer by the University College for Interdisciplinary Learning. This scheme is designed to let students on any programme study courses that cross disciplines and study subjects from departments across the University. You can find out more about the courses offered on: www.college.manchester.ac.uk

Year 3

In your final year you will do a supervised dissertation. You can choose to do a 20 unit or 40 unit version:

| Course unit | Credits |
|---|----------------|
| <u>Dissertation (20 credit)</u> | 20 |
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You will then choose the rest of your 120 units (either 80 or 100 depending on the dissertation you have chosen) from the list below.

| Course unit | Credits |
|---|----------------|
| <u>Philosophy of Mathematics</u> | 20 |
| <u>Special Author: Russell</u> | 20 |
| <u>Philosophical Logic</u> | 20 |
| <u>Metaphysics</u> | 20 |
| <u>Philosophy of Language</u> | 20 |
| <u>Issues in Epistemology</u> | 20 |
| <u>Philosophy of Psychology</u> | 20 |
| <u>Philosophy of Action</u> | 20 |
| <u>Philosophy of Music</u> | 20 |
| <u>Personhood and Freedom of the Will</u> | 20 |
| <u>Metaethics and Religious Language</u> | 20 |
| <u>Jurisprudence</u> | 20 |
| <u>Pluralism, Democracy and Citizenship</u> | 20 |

You can again take 20 units of free choice units instead of one of the courses above.