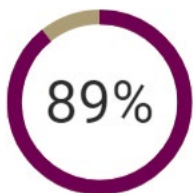
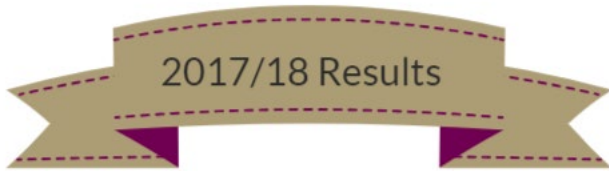


RELIGIOUS STUDIES

WHY STUDY RELIGIOUS STUDIES AT STONYHURST?



89% of A Level Religious Studies students achieved grades A* - B



100% of A Level Religious Studies students achieved grades A* - B

WHAT TYPE OF CAREER COULD I GO INTO?

Philosophy is a very highly regarded discipline and future careers could include law, Government, banking, business and journalism.

MORE THAN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

We will help you to develop and share your individual gifts and talents, learn from others and reach your full potential, preparing you for a successful future, wherever it may take you.

WHAT DO THE STUDENTS SAY?



Religious Studies at A2 can be viewed as a learning curve in reasoning, logical deduction, and the construction of coherent arguments. In my degree I look at cases, judgements, even philosophical ideas, and must ask why they are so. No matter where you go and what you do, the critical and analytical skill set that the Religious Studies course provides its students with will always be of great use and value.

Rory McCullough, Theology at Edinburgh.



A Level Religious Studies is especially suited to anyone who questions the world in which they live. You will be exposed to a huge variety of fascinating philosophies and perspectives which will leave you astonished, fascinated and galvanised to learn more.

Through being stimulated by these topics, you will most importantly learn how to critically think and argue. This subject requires and trains you to question assumptions, create imaginative solutions to problems and justify your views convincingly: truly vital and valued skills in life.

James Powell, Jurisprudence (Law) at Oxford



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics explore the fundamental questions that people have asked since the beginning of time, and confronts new problems

arising within contemporary society. These questions are many and varied:

What exists?

What is it to be a human being?

What can we know?

How do I know what is the right thing to do?

Such questions are explored through an examination of various themes and texts. Studying Religion, Philosophy and Ethics develops intellectual rigour, an open and critical mind, and a willingness to understand alternative views.

At the core of Theology is a concern with truth and clarity of understanding, achieved through critical and systematic thinking, careful analysis of arguments and close reading.

Looking ahead to higher education, every course of study at university has its roots in Philosophy and Ethics, so understanding the critical techniques involved will allow you to better understand whichever degree you wish to take.

WHAT COURSES ARE ON OFFER?

A LEVEL RELIGIOUS STUDIES WJEC

Philosophy of Religion

- ✓ Arguments about the existence of God
- ✓ The nature of Religious Experience
- ✓ The problem of evil
- ✓ Human nature
- ✓ Analysis of language



Religion and Ethics

- ✓ Ethical theories – how have people said we should
- ✓ make ethical decisions?
- ✓ Application of ethical theories

- ✓ Ethical language
- ✓ Are we free to choose?



Christianity

- ✓ An in-depth study of scriptural passages.
- ✓ Religious concepts such as the Trinity, atonement and the nature of God
- ✓ Historical developments in Christianity such as science and religion and the role of secularism
- ✓ Social Development: The role of men and women and attitudes towards wealth
- ✓ Religious identity: Diversity, Christian celebrations, and the search for unity.

Assessment

Students will take three 2-hour exams. All papers are worth 33.3% of the final grade. In the exam you will be asked to explain and to analyse the material covered during their course.

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