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Describes the nature, level and content of the programme you successfully completed. Includes the transcript of modules taken, marks achieved and overall classification. States the method of study.

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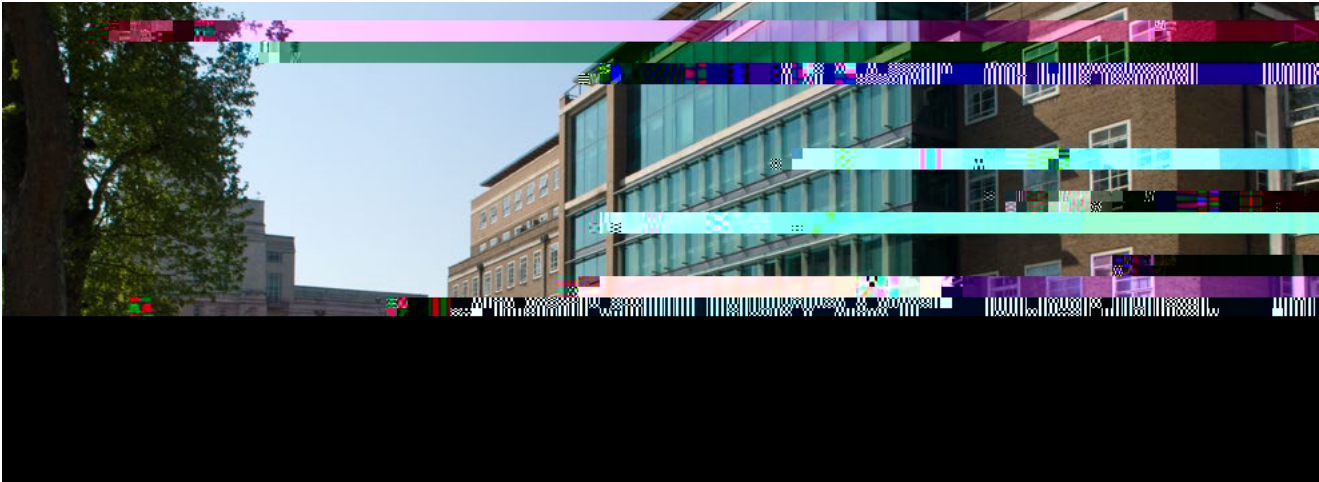
1 October 2024

Registration deadline :

30 November 2024

Programme starts:

November 2024



Since 1823, Birkbeck has reached out to people traditionally excluded by other universities.

It is unique in its mission to enable mature students to gain higher education qualifications via part-time study. Today, it is ranked among the leading UK university institutions for its excellence in research in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

By studying this programme, you will:

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A message from the Programme Director



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Programme Director

Many philosophical questions were first asked in one form or another thousands of years ago. Others are prompted by the latest developments in the arts and sciences. But whether

ancient or recent, these questions are fundamental to human existence. By participating in great philosophical debates, you will develop your skills of rigorous reasoning; by study, analysis and criticism of great works of philosophy, ancient and modern, we hope you will develop your capacity to make reasoned judgements for yourself. Since reasoned argument is at its heart, it provides excellent training for professional careers. The skills of reasoning, analysis and precision of thought and expression that it develops transfer to areas such as management and law. The study materials for the programme have been developed with the needs of students in mind. The subject guides for each course

are designed to support independent study, and are written by philosophers who are experts in their fields. The CertHE Philosophy makes it possible for you to see what is involved in philosophical investigation, without being committed immediately to the longer period of study required for the BA. You can also gain credit towards further study. The 'Introduction to philosophy' course, which all students study, is intended to provide initiation into the subject. I welcome you into a study that is rewarding and fascinating at the same time. Whether as a BA, DipHE or CertHE student, I hope you will enjoy your studies with us.



How you study



Distance learning offers you the flexibility to balance your studies with your existing commitments. You will have access to a range of online resources with materials designed for independent study,



Philosophy of Language

Prerequisite: Greek philosophy: the Pre-Socratics and Plato must be taken at the same time or already have been passed.

The study of the broadly metaphysical, logical and epistemological doctrines of Aristotle. The emphasis in this course will be on Aristotle's logical, epistemological and metaphysical views; his ethical writings form part of the subject on historical perspectives on ethics.

Philosophy of Mind

Prerequisite: Modern philosophy: Spinoza, Leibniz and Kant must be taken at the same time or already have been passed.

This course covers the main doctrines of Hegel and two post-Hegelian nineteenth-century German philosophers: Schopenhauer and Nietzsche. It is advisable to also have knowledge of Kant's philosophy when studying this course.

Philosophy of Art

An investigation of problems such as: the nature and value of art, aesthetic judgement, representation, expression and interpretation. Included will be a historical approach to these issues involving writers such as Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Nietzsche and Collingwood.

Philosophy of Language

An exploration of the notion of meaning as well as an investigation into the more detailed problems arising from study of natural language. Included are topics such as metaphor, reference and the nature of rules and language.

Philosophy of Mind

This course is concerned with metaphysical and epistemological issues that arise from reflecting on the mind. It explores the problems raised by intentionality, consciousness and action. Study of logic, metaphysics, epistemology and methodology also contribute to this course.

History of Political Philosophy

The study of the history of political philosophy as well as an investigation of contemporary issues. Included in the historical part of the course are works by Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hegel, Marx and Mill.

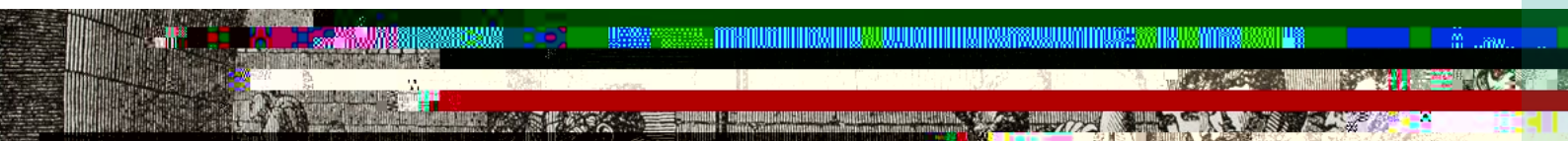
History of Political Philosophy

The focus of study is mainly on Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Among the questions raised are: the existence of God; the coherence of theism; the compatibility of divine omniscience and human freedom; the problem of evil; and immortality.

Dissertation

Prerequisite: You may only enter for the Dissertation once you have passed all four courses at Level 4 and a minimum of four courses at Level 5 and/or Level 6.

A 7,500-word dissertation on a topic agreed with a member of the staff at Birkbeck, University of London. A dissertation can be on any topic in philosophy that falls within the area of competence of a member of the Department.



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You must:

- normally* be aged 17 or above by 30 November in the year of registration

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- meet our general entrance requirements

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- meet our English language

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How to apply



Further information

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The total fee payable to the University of London for 2024–2025 will be published on our website once confirmed. For the latest information on programme fees, please visit: london.ac.uk/fees

Please note: student fees shown on our website are net of any local VAT, Goods and Services Tax (GST) or any other sales tax payable by the student in their country of residence. Where the University is required to add VAT, GST or any other sales tax at the local

statutory rate, this will be added to the fees shown during the payment process. For students resident in the UK, our fees are exempt from VAT.

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UK undergraduate students may be able to apply for a part-time tuition fee loan. For full details on eligibility criteria, please visit: gov.uk/student-finance

Alternatively, some employers in both the public and private sector may be willing to consider offering financial assistance to their employees.

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