



Studying Philosophy at St Anne's College

Oxford is one of the world's great centres for philosophy. There are over 50 full-time permanent members of the Faculty of Philosophy, each with a college Fellowship, together with a still larger number of associate members, between them covering a vast range of subjects within philosophy.

Many are international leaders in their fields. The Faculty of Philosophy is one of the largest departments of philosophy in the world, and is widely recognized to be amongst the best.

Visiting Students can study Philosophy at St Anne's as a single or joint subject. St Anne's has dedicated Philosophy faculty and one of the largest philosophy library collections amongst Oxford colleges.

You will find a list of currently available philosophy papers and course descriptions on the Faculty of Philosophy website: <https://www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/course-descriptions-finals>

Please note the following when selecting your choices:

- All philosophy courses listed in the Finals Course Descriptions require some prior background in philosophy. If you have not studied philosophy previously you can participate in the introductory, first-year courses outlined below. Particularly, if you have not taken logic and introduction to philosophy courses in your home institution, you will not be expected to take courses listed in the Finals Course Descriptions.
- Please note that most courses have normal prerequisites (NPs). In the listed Finals Course Descriptions, NPs for each paper are stated explicitly. Please only select such papers if you have the relevant background. Tutors may refuse to teach you a particular course if they are not convinced that you have studied a prerequisite course or equivalent. This is especially important in relation to papers requiring a background in logic, which requires a firm grasp on propositional and predicate logic (up to and including identity). Please also note the restriction of certain papers to students who are studying Classics ("Literae Humaniores") since these papers are studied in the original languages.
- Not all courses listed are available to visiting students. Those unavailable include papers in Philosophy of Physics 120 and 121/123 and 198 Special subjects.
- Some courses (especially the first-year courses) are only available in specific terms.

If you have not studied philosophy before you can choose from the following three introductory papers:

Introductory Logic (only in Michaelmas Term)

This course introduces students to formal work in propositional and predicate logic, through study of a dedicated text: *The Logic Manual*, by Volker Halbach (OUP). Students investigate the patterns of valid inference by means of the formal system set out in the text, and learn about the relationship between elements of the system and the types of argument and inference used in ordinary language. The course is intended both for those with an interest in logic who will undertake further work in it or related topics at finals, and for those who will not study it further but who will find the ability to understand formal expressions useful in their later study of philosophy.

General Philosophy (only in Hilary Term)

General Philosophy introduces students to key topics in epistemology and metaphysics, including knowledge and scepticism, induction, mind and body, personal identity, freewill, and God and evil. Students approach these topics in one of two ways: either using relevant sections from Descartes, Hume and Locke as a starting point, or by studying key contemporary writings on the topics.

Moral Philosophy (only in Trinity Term)

Moral Philosophy is studied in conjunction with J. S. Mill's *Utilitarianism* and, by means of the study of Mill's and contemporary versions of utilitarianism, introduces students to discussion of subjects such as happiness and pleasure, the criterion of right action, the role and foundation of moral principles, and justice."