Philosophy is the systematic attempt to arrive at clear answers to profound questions about issues such as knowledge, life, morality, science and human nature using reason and argument.

MA (Hons) (V502): Four years
Joint Honours available, see glasgow.ac.uk/ug/philosophy.

Year 1
You will study two courses, which will introduce you to a range of philosophical tools and ideas by thinking through a series of tough philosophical questions.

- **How should I think?** – will help you think critically about what to believe and how to behave in everyday life, start you thinking about the relationship between your mind and the world, and give you the tools to reason formally.
- **How should I live?** – goes on to think about what makes actions good or bad, and uses this to explore practical questions about how to behave, as well as some deeper questions about the meaning of life and death.

You will also study other subjects in years 1 and 2.

Year 2
You will study two more courses, continuing to build your knowledge of the basic philosophical toolkit by exploring tough questions.

- **What am I?** – looks at our minds, our free will, and our identities as individuals and members of societies.
- **What is there?** – addresses foundational questions about logic, metaphysics, science and religion, to help clarify our place in the universe.

By the end of your second year you will have experience of most core areas of philosophy, as well as having practical know-how about how to draw on those areas to develop your own answers to the questions we explore in years 1 & 2.

Years 3 and 4
If you progress to Honours (years 3 and 4) you will choose courses giving you an in-depth knowledge of core areas like epistemology, metaphysics, formal logic, moral philosophy, philosophy of mind, and political philosophy.

You will also take high-level specialist courses linked to the active research of lecturers and researchers in the subject.

In year 4 you will have the opportunity to write a dissertation, working one-to-one with a member of staff on a topic of your choice.

Our international links
We encourage our students to study abroad (usually during year 3). We have an exchange scheme with the University of Barcelona and our Philosophy students have also studied in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Denmark and Finland.

Career prospects
You will develop transferable skills and attributes which will be valuable in your future career. These include the ability to evaluate arguments and interpret texts, the facility to be analytical, the skill to think and write clearly and precisely, and the capacity to question assumptions.

Some of our graduates go on to study for postgraduate degrees in Philosophy and to teach in universities. Examples of recent destinations for Philosophy graduates include Hydrogen Group (recruitment consultant), Hopscotch Films (TV researcher), The Guardian (audience editor) and Civil Service fast track (Treasury and MoD).

Why choose Glasgow?
We host reading parties for students, usually in the Highlands, and have a flourishing undergraduate Philosophy Society.

How to apply
For full-time study you must apply through the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). See ucas.com.
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