



DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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Philosophy at Birmingham

The Department of Philosophy is home to an energetic and friendly community of philosophers. Our staff produce world-leading research in all core areas of contemporary philosophy and in a number of speciality areas, and we received excellent results in the most recent Research Excellence Framework exercise, with 83% of our research judged to be 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent'.

Given our wide range of philosophical expertise, we are in a position to provide first-rate teaching and supervision in traditional subjects as well as in a great variety of more topical and interdisciplinary areas, such as global ethics and philosophy of psychology.

We offer a range of programmes spanning a number of philosophical topics, and provide opportunities to study both on-campus and by distance learning. Our programmes are flexible and some are interdisciplinary – taught with other colleagues in Law, Politics, and Theology and Religion.

The Department is also home to the Centre for the Study of Global Ethics, which delivers a Global Ethics and Justice MSc, exploring topics such as international trade, climate change, war, and violence and terrorism.

Our lively postgraduate community also offers excellent routes in to the research of Philosophy through our PhD and MRes programmes.

Programmes

- Philosophy MA
- Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science MA
- Philosophy of Religion and Ethics MA/Diploma
- International Law, Ethics and Politics MA
- Global Ethics and Justice MSc
- Philosophy MRes
- Philosophy PhD
- Global Ethics PhD
- Global Ethics and Justice MSc by Distance Learning
- Philosophy of Religion and Ethics MA by Distance Learning
- Philosophy PhD by Distance Learning
- Global Ethics PhD by Distance Learning

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STUDENT PROFILE

'The department here is big, and has people doing great research across lots of different specialities. My project is interdisciplinary, so studying here at the University of Birmingham allowed me to be supervised by leading experts in different areas of philosophy.'

'I get great support from my supervisors. They are very generous with their time, and have provided extraordinarily helpful advice on how to shape my project and develop as a researcher. The postgraduate community at our department is friendly and constructive. The postgraduate seminar here is a wonderful place to receive feedback on your work.'

'Academically, you are given the trust and freedom to discover your own voice. From the first day of the PhD you are treated as a proper researcher. This gives you the confidence to explore your ideas and do more interesting research. Socially, the Department is friendly and welcoming. There's always someone to get coffee with, have a chat to, or pitch a wild idea to.'

KASH SUNGHUTTEE, PhD Philosophy



Your career prospects

Birmingham's Philosophy postgraduates develop a range of skills that are highly desirable in the job market including articulacy, precise analytical thought, and the ability to analyse and construct sound arguments. Employers that graduates have gone on to work for include BBC, Friends of the Earth, Birmingham Children's Hospital, Highways England, Ministry of Justice and the University of Birmingham.

Scholarships

Each year, the College of Arts and Law offer a number of funding opportunities for Philosophy students. For more information, please visit birmingham.ac.uk/calfunding

Your learning

Postgraduates at Birmingham are an integral part of our philosophical community and the atmosphere among students and staff is lively, friendly and supportive. Our students play a very active role in the life of the Department.

They are important contributors to our ongoing research activities, including our research seminars and events, such as our weekly speaker series and various workshops and conferences throughout the year. Students are also keen organisers and participants of the Department's many reading groups, which are joined by both students and staff.

As well as the taught elements of our programmes, you are encouraged to participate in our weekly Postgraduate Seminar and in the regular meetings of PhilSoc, so you'll be able to gain insight from a range of academics and peers from across the Department.

Find us on social media by searching for 'artsatbham'



This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be discontinued and new ones offered in their place.

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