

A Level Religious Studies: Philosophy, Ethics and Religion



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Exam Board: OCR

Specification Number: 7037

Entry Requirements:

You need to get a minimum grade
5 in RE, at GCSE level.

Why study Religious Studies: Philosophy, Religion and Ethics?

OCR Religious Studies A Level would give you a detailed understanding of the philosophical ideas that have shaped much of western thought, it will give you an overview of some of the great ethical debates that have been at the heart of European civilisation for the last 500 years. It will also give you a more critical awareness of Christianity and how modern ideas about society, religion and culture have been shaped. An A Level in RE would give you the transferable skills of critical thinking, evaluation and debate which are critical in many jobs.

Course requirements:

OCR A-Level Religious Studies will be assessed based on three components. These components are made up of Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics and Developments in religious thought. Students are given the opportunity to study ancient philosophies and their influences, ethical language and thought and religious beliefs, values and teachings. Each examination paper is 2 hours in length.

Component 1	Philosophy of Religion (01) 120 Marks 2 Hour Written Paper
Component 2	Religion and Ethics (02) 120 Marks 2 Hour Written Paper
Component 3	Developments in Religious Thought 120 Marks 2 Hour Written Paper



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How can I prepare?

In this course you will be learning how to think like a philosopher, think through ethical dilemmas and delve deeper into the developments of religious thought. This course is about humanity, it is about the mind, it is about the way we act, the way that we interact as well as deeper questions around meaning, belief, God and the afterlife. To prepare yourself for the course, research either a philosopher, an ethicist or a famous Christian and read a book that they have written. The best thing that you can do is to think, what do you think about some of the big questions of life and why do you think it and how do you know it is right?

What could I do next with a Religious Studies A Level?

The world is open to you as a student of philosophy, ethics and religion. The transferable skills that you build of critical analysis and evaluation are fundamental to many jobs including: the law, teaching, business and working in the financial sector. Learning how to be a creative thinker and learning how to think through problem properly are skills that are invaluable to any employer in any sector. Careers are not just reserved for being a Vicar and an RE teacher!

Link to specification:

[OCR A Level Religious Studies H573 Specification](#)