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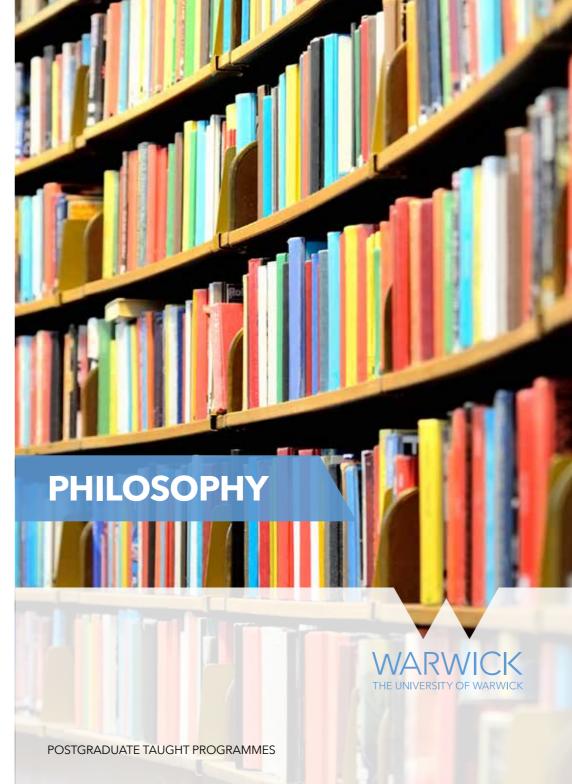
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INTRODUCING PHILOSOPHY AT WARWICK

Be taught by some of the world's leading philosophers in both the analytic and continental traditions.

While many UK philosophy departments possess strength in Analytic Philosophy or Continental Philosophy, we are unique in having world-leading philosophers from both Analytic Philosophy and Continental Philosophy. We provide a wide range of options for postgraduate study and you can choose to focus on Continental Philosophy, Analytic Philosophy, or combine study of both.

Our department is one of the most highly regarded philosophy departments in the UK, as confirmed by our high placing across the range of national leagues tables: we are rated 5th by The Complete University Guide 2018 and 7th in the UK by the Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017.

In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, we ranked first in the UK for the quality of our research ('research outputs'), with over 90% of the research published by our staff assessed as being 'internationally excellent' or 'world leading'.

We offer three taught MA programmes:

'Continental Philosophy', 'Philosophy' and 'Philosophy and the Arts'.

Studying for an MA provides you with the opportunity to engage with a particular area of philosophy in more depth than you typically can as an undergraduate. It will also provide you with research skills in preparation for employment or further postgraduate study.

In addition to our MA courses, we also offer a two year MPhil. This is a closely supervised research programme at masters level designed to prepare candidates for independent academic research. Full details can be found on our website.



MA IN CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY

This programme draws on our long established strengths in research and teaching in Continental Philosophy. It is distinctive in offering an unusually broad range of module options specifically in this area of philosophy, covering major figures and themes, as well as more specialised or less mainstream topics. Because of the breadth of our expertise in this area, whichever module option you choose, you will be taught by world leaders in their respective fields. Unlike some other postgraduate programmes, you'll have the chance to choose all of your course work and your dissertation from the field of Continental Philosophy, although modules from other philosophical traditions or subject areas can also be taken. If you are looking for a course that gives you an exposure to Continental Philosophy that is both broad and in-depth, this is likely to be the right course for you.

On this course, students take six modules from the list of the Philosophy Department's MA modules, including at least two modules from the list of modules in Continental Philosophy. So, whether you're interested in Nietzsche, Kant's Aesthetics, Hegel's Science of Logic or 20th Century French Philosophy, you'll find modules here that suit you.

You might wish to take this MA as a self-standing degree, to enhance your knowledge of Continental Philosophy, or perhaps you wish to take this programme as an entry route to PhD research in Continental Philosophy. Either way, we'll offer you a comprehensive education in the Continental tradition.

See more online at:

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MA IN PHILOSOPHY

This programme provides you with the opportunity to study philosophy at an advanced level, with world leading researchers and teachers. Through interactive seminars, written and oral coursework, research skills classes, and the production of a piece of independent philosophical research, you will develop and refine the skills which will provide a foundation for PhD research in Philosophy, or for the research, communication and analysis needed in a non-academic career.

The breadth and depth of research expertise in the philosophy department means that we can offer you an unusually broad range of options for Masters-level study. We have particular strengths in Philosophy of Mind and Psychology, Epistemology, Aesthetics, Moral and Political Philosophy, Post-Kantian Continental Philosophy, and 20th Century Continental Philosophy.

To develop your research skills, you'll take a core Research Methods module. To promote breadth of knowledge, you'll also be expected to take at least one module from three different areas of philosophy:

- Theoretical Philosophy (including Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language or Logic)
- Value Theory (modules covering topics in Ethics, Aesthetics, or Political Philosophy)
- History of Philosophy

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MA IN PHILOSOPHY AND THE ARTS

This is an interdisciplinary degree that allows you to combine the study of philosophy with any or all of three arts disciplines.*

Warwick has been a home for interdisciplinary work in philosophy and literature since the early days of the university, and this new degree is the successor to Warwick's long-standing MA in Philosophy and Literature.

The degree is designed to take advantage of Warwick's strengths across Philosophy, English and Comparative Literary Studies, History of Art, and Film and Television Studies. Warwick has excellent research strength in all of these areas, and it also has lively scholarly interaction across these fields, especially through the programming of the Centre for Research in Philosophy, Literature and the Arts. On this programme, you will participate in this intellectual community, pursue advanced study in two or more disciplines, and address questions about philosophy and the arts that speak to students' individual interests.

You will take a core module entitled Topics in Philosophy and the Arts, and then the further structure of the degree will depend on whether you choose to take the dissertation or non-dissertation route. You will be able to tailor your study in these fields to your own specific backgrounds, interests and goals. Broadly, this is a degree where you will have a chance to learn from specialists in the visual, cinematic and literary arts, and from philosophers deeply interested in the arts.

Whether you want to continue on to PhD study or whether you're looking to enter a career outside of academia, this programme is a great foundation.

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warwick.ac.uk/maphilarts

*A first degree in philosophy is not required for you to study on this programme. However, some grounding in theoretical study of one or more arts is essential.





I originally chose Warwick as one of the few places I could study both Philosophy and Literature in a joint MA. This opportunity to cross disciplines and to hold disparate topics and approaches in dialogue was an attractive one and helped by the great collaborative atmosphere fostered by the CRPLA (Centre for Research in Philosophy, Literature and The Arts), and the MA conference in Philosophy and the Arts. I continued here for my PhD due to the rare focus on contemporary European Philosophy that the department holds, which is difficult to find in the UK.

The department has a great variety of activities. Graduates can get involved with the organisation of major conferences on diverse topics. I've enjoyed being part of several over the last two years, with topics including 21st Century Theories of Literature, Philosophy of Identity and Community, and the concept of Precarity, as well as with Pli, the Warwick Journal of Philosophy. Even on a weekly basis there's always plenty of things to get involved with, including the Post-Kantian and CRPLA research seminar series.

While some might call it isolated, I enjoy the relative peace provided at Warwick in comparison to the major London universities. For those who want something livelier, the University has good access to Coventry, Leamington Spa and Birmingham, so there's always things happening outside of campus. That being said, the Warwick Arts Centre and student union also hold great events on a regular basis!

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