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Philosophy (Old Regulations)

BA
Diploma

Important document – please read
This document contains important
information that governs your
registration, assessment and
programme of study



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Important information regarding the Programme Regulations

About this document

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As a student registered with the University of London you are governed by the current General Regulations and Programme Regulations associated with your programme of study.

The Programme Regulations are designed and developed by the College of the University of London responsible for the programme and they normally take account of the associated arrangements within the College. Programme Regulations, together with the [Programme Handbook](#), will provide the detailed rules and guidance for your programme of study. Further information about how to use the Programme Regulations and Programme Handbook can be found in the [Student Guide](#).

In addition to Programme Regulations you will have to abide by the [General Regulations](#). These regulations apply to all students registered for a programme of study with the International Academy and provide the rules governing registration and assessment on all programmes; they also indicate what you may expect on completion of your programme of study and how you may pursue a complaint, should that be necessary.

Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General Regulations.

A [Glossary](#) provides an explanation of the terms used in this document.

If you have a query about any of the programme information provided please contact us. You should use the *ask a question* tab in the student portal <https://my.londoninternational.ac.uk>.

To note:

Throughout the Regulations, 'we' 'us' and 'our' mean the University of London; 'you' and 'your' mean the student, or where applicable, all students.

Changes to Philosophy (Old Regulations) 2016-17

- Registration for the BA and Diploma in Philosophy (Old Regulations) has been discontinued and no new registrations for this programme will be accepted. The last examinations, including resits, under these Regulations will be held in 2017.

1 Structure of the programme/s

1.1 BA Philosophy

Compulsory courses

The following five courses:

- Logic [PY1070]
- Epistemology [PY1025]
- Greek philosophy: Plato and the Pre-Socratics [PY1085]
- Ethics: historical perspectives [PY1095]
- Modern philosophy: Descartes, Locke, Berkeley and Hume [PY1065]

Further courses

Three courses chosen from the following:

- Metaphysics [PY3075] (Prerequisite: PY1070)
- Methodology: induction, reason and science (formerly known as 'Methodology') [PY3035] (Prerequisite: PY1025)
- Greek philosophy: Aristotle [PY3120] (Prerequisite: PY1085)
- Ethics: contemporary perspectives [PY3115] (Prerequisite: PY1095)
- Modern philosophy: Spinoza, Leibniz and Kant [PY3125] (Prerequisite: PY1065)

Optional courses

Two courses chosen from the following:

- Continental philosophy: Hegel, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche (formerly known as 'Continental Philosophy from Hegel') [PY3190] (Prerequisite: PY3125)
- Philosophy of mind [PY3100]
- Philosophy of language [PY3210] (Prerequisite: PY3075)
- Political philosophy [PY3090]
- Aesthetics [PY3130]
- Philosophy of religion [PY3110] (Prerequisite: PY3035)

1.2 Diploma in Philosophy (Old Regulations)

One compulsory course, which must be taken in the year in which the student first enters for an examination:

- Introduction to philosophy [PY1020]

Plus **three** further courses from the following list:

- Logic [PY1070]
- Epistemology [PY1025]
- Greek philosophy: Plato and the Pre-Socratics [PY1085]

- Ethics: historical perspectives [PY1095]
- Modern philosophy: Descartes, Locke, Berkeley and Hume [PY1065]

1.3

You may apply to change your choice of course at any stage in your studies until you enter the examination for that course. If you have entered for an examination your application will not be considered until after the examination results for that session have been published.

2 Registration

Effective date of registration

2.1

Registration for the BA and Diploma in Philosophy (Old Regulations) has been discontinued and no new registrations for this programme will be accepted.

Period of registration

See the Programme Specification, available in the VLE, for the minimum and maximum periods of registration applicable to this programme.

2.2

The last examinations, including resits, under these Regulations will be held in 2017.

See [Glossary](#) for the definition of 'effective date of registration'.

3 Recognition of prior learning and credit transfer

To be read in conjunction with the [General Regulations](#), Section 3.

Accreditation of prior learning

3.1

APL is not awarded for any course of the BA or Diploma.

4 Course selection

[Appendix A](#) provides details of the programme structures and module titles.

4.1

The examination for *Introduction to Philosophy* must be taken in the year in which you first enter for an examination.

4.2

Some of the Further and Optional courses have prerequisites. Prerequisite courses must either:

- be passed in a previous examination **or**
- be taken in the same examination period as the courses for which they are prerequisite.

5 Assessment for the programme

Assessment methods for the BA and Diploma

See [Glossary](#) for the definition of 'examination' and 'written paper examination'.

5.1

Each course of the BA and the Diploma will be assessed by one three-hour unseen written examination.

Dates for examinations

5.2

Written examinations take place in May each year.

See [General Regulations](#) Rules for taking written examinations

6 Number of attempts permitted at an examination

6.1

The maximum number of attempts permitted at any examination is three.

7 Progression within the programme

See [section 5](#) for method of assessment.

7.1

Within the limits given below and [Section 4](#), Course Selection, and the minimum and maximum registration periods, you may decide when you are examined, the number of courses you attempt each year and the order in which your courses are examined. You do not have to be examined every year.

7.2

In any one year you normally may attempt examinations in a maximum of **four** courses, excluding re-sits.

Transfer from the BA to the Diploma

7.3

You may not normally transfer your registration from the BA to the Diploma

Transfer from Philosophy (Old Regulations) to Philosophy (New Regulations)

7.4

Transfer from the Diploma to the BA (Old Regulations) is not permitted. A Diploma in Philosophy (Old Regulations) student can transfer to the BA (New regulations).

7.5

Transfer to an award offered under the New Regulations is at our discretion, and individual cases will be considered on their own merits.

7.6

If you have one or more courses with a pass mark of 35-39 you will **not** be eligible to transfer.

7.7

Following your transfer to an award offered under the New Regulations we will confirm if the following will be carried forward from your current record:

- marks for passed courses;
- marks for failed courses and whether they will be counted towards the number of attempts permitted at the same courses following your transfer.
- your current period of registration

7.8

If you transfer you must follow the rules of progression and structure laid out in the New Regulations, regardless of the courses already passed (i.e. you may be required to complete courses at a level lower than those already passed, in order to progress through the New Regulations structure).

7.9

You may transfer to an award offered under the New Regulations until 31 August 2017.

Transfer from Diploma (Old Regulations)

7.10

If you are registered for the Diploma (Old Regulations) the following options are available to you:

- Remain on the Diploma (Old Regulations)
- Transfer to the Certificate of Higher Education in Philosophy (New Regulations) if no more than three of the following courses have been taken:
 - Introduction to philosophy [PY1020]
 - Ethics: historical perspectives [PY1095]
 - Epistemology [PY1025]
 - Logic [PY1070]
- Transfer to the Diploma of Higher Education or BA (New Regulations) if you meet the entrance requirements.

Transfer from BA (Old Regulations)

7.11

If you have passed the following three Level 4 courses you will be given accreditation of prior learning from *Introduction to Philosophy*:

- Ethics: historical perspectives [PY1095]
- Epistemology [PY1025]
- Logic [PY1070]

You will not have to study *Introduction to Philosophy* following your transfer.

7.12

If you have entered the examination for ten courses you will not be permitted to transfer to the BA (New Regulations).

7.13

For the BA (New Regulations) you are required to enter the examinations for 12 courses – two more courses in total than for the BA (Old Regulations).

7.14

The table below lists how passes in courses which are not available in the BA (New Regulations) can be carried forward:

Course in BA (Old Regulations)	Accreditation of prior learning/equivalent course to be given in BA (New Regulations)
Philosophy of mathematics [PY3230]	Level 6 option
Indian philosophy [PY3170]	Level 6 option
Medieval philosophy [PY3160]	Level 6 option
Post-Aristotelian philosophy [PY3150]	Level 6 option
Philosophy of science [PY3135]	Level 6 option
Symbolic logic [PY3140]	Level 6 option
Continental Philosophy from Hegel	Continental philosophy: Hegel, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche
Philosophy of Kant [PY3080]	Level 6 option
The philosophies of Frege, Russell, and Wittgenstein [PY3220]	Level 6 option

7.15

If you have a pass in a course where the title has changed, but the syllabus remains the same, this pass will automatically be carried forward when you transfer:

Course title in BA (Old Regulations)	Course title in BA (New Regulations)
Methodology [PY3035]	Methodology: induction, reason and science [PY3035]

8 Schemes of award

8.1

To obtain the BA with a given classification you will be required to achieve a final mark within the following ranges:

Grade	Class equivalent
70 and more	First Class Honours
60–69	Second Class (Upper Division)
50–59	Second Class (Lower Division)
40–49	Third Class Honours
35–39	Pass
0–34	Fail

8.2

To obtain the Diploma with a given classification you will be required to achieve a final mark within the following ranges:

For students registered before 1 September 2008

Mark range	Diploma classification
70 and above	Pass with Merit
51–69	Pass with Credit
35–50	Pass

For students registered with effect from 1 September 2008 or later

Mark range	Diploma classification
70 and above	Pass with Distinction
60–69	Pass with Merit
35–59	Pass

8.3

If you can be classified you will **not** be permitted to make any further attempts at any examinations.

8.4

All courses are weighted equally

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8.5

You are required to have attempted the examination and passed in all ten courses.

8.6

You will be awarded a degree in a given class (as above) if:

- a) the majority of the best eight course marks (i.e. five or more) fall into that class and
- b) the average of these eight marks is no lower than that required for the next lower class

In determining the classification of the degree, Examiners have complete discretion and will take into consideration the marks for all ten courses.

Diploma in Philosophy

8.7

You are required to pass the examination in a total of **four** courses.

8.8

The final mark is determined by an average of all four marks obtained for each of the four courses studied.

Appendix A – Syllabuses

Diploma Compulsory course

Introduction to philosophy [PY1020]

An introduction to the subject matter and methods of philosophy by means of a study of certain fundamental philosophical problems and texts. Included here will be: the problem of free-will and determinism, the nature of the self, arguments for equality and the foundations of knowledge.

Diploma further courses/BA Compulsory courses

Logic [PY1070]

The course itself is broadly concerned with the philosophical questions that arise from logic. Topics included are: truth, conditionals and validity, reference, necessity, vagueness, as well as a number of issues addressing the relationship between natural language and logic. (Note: it is advised that students acquire some background in elementary formal logic either whilst doing this course, or before attempting it.)

Epistemology [PY1025]

An investigation of the problems of analysing knowledge, and dealing with the challenge of scepticism.

Modern philosophy: Descartes, Locke, Berkeley and Hume [PY1065]

Study of the main metaphysical, logical and epistemological views of Descartes, Locke, Berkeley and Hume.

Greek philosophy: Plato and the Pre-Socratics [PY1085]

Previously known as Greek philosophy: the Pre-Socratics and Plato

The interpretation of the extant fragments of Pre-Socratic Philosophy and a selection of Plato's dialogues, including (but not limited to) *The Republic*, *Symposium*, *Theatetus*, *Phaedo*, *Philebus* and *Parmenides*.

Ethics: historical perspectives [PY1095]

An exploration of the history of moral philosophy, including the views of Plato, Aristotle, Hume, Kant and Mill.

BA further courses

Metaphysics [PY3075]

Prerequisite: **Logic** must be taken at the same time or already have been passed

An exploration of the main questions of metaphysics, including those raised by the nature of substance, problems of identity and individuation, as well as issues involving time, causation and universals.

Methodology: induction, reason and science [PY3035]

Important note: whilst the title of this course has changed slightly to better reflect the content of the course, there is no change to the content or scope of the syllabus.

Prerequisite: **Epistemology** must be taken at the same time or already have been passed

An investigation of explanation generally, and in science, as well as the problems of induction and confirmation.

Modern philosophy: Spinoza, Leibniz and Kant [PY3125]

Prerequisite: **Modern philosophy: Descartes, Locke, Berkeley and Hume** must be taken at the same time or already have been passed

Study of the main metaphysical, logical and epistemological views of Spinoza, Leibniz and Kant.

Greek philosophy: Aristotle [PY3120]

Prerequisite: **Greek philosophy: the Pre-Socratics and Plato** must be taken at the same time or already have been passed

The study of the broadly metaphysical, logical and epistemological doctrines of Aristotle. Works covered include: *Physics*, *On God*, *De Anima (On the Soul)*, *Categories* and *Posterior Analytics* and *Metaphysics*.

Ethics: contemporary perspectives [PY3115]

Prerequisite: **Ethics: historical perspectives** must be taken at the same time or already have been passed

An investigation of the central questions in moral philosophy including such issues as: the metaphysical status of moral value, morality and truth, theories of the good, moral relativism and moral conflict, consequentialism and moral accountability.

BA optional courses

Continental philosophy: Hegel, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche [PY3190]

Important note: the title of this course has changed and the syllabus has been amended to better reflect the content of the course in the study materials. Students should consult the Philosophy VLE for further information.

Prerequisite: **Modern philosophy: Spinoza, Leibniz and Kant** must be taken at the same time or already have been passed

The main doctrines of Hegel, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche.

Philosophy of mind [PY3100]

An exploration of the problems raised by intentionality, consciousness and action. Issues covered include: the relationship of the mind to the physical world, the understanding of subjectivity and the nature of human action.

Philosophy of language [PY3210]

Prerequisite: **Metaphysics** must be taken at the same time or already have been passed

An exploration of the notion of meaning as well as an investigation into the more detailed problems arising from study of natural language. Included are topics such as metaphor, reference and the nature of rules and language.

Political philosophy [PY3090]

The study of the history of political philosophy as well as an investigation of contemporary issues. Included in the historical part of the course are works by Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hegel, Marx and Mill. Contemporary issues involve topics such as political authority and the state, democracy, liberalism, distributive justice and markets and capitalism.

Aesthetics [PY3130]

An investigation of problems such as: the nature and value of art, aesthetic judgement, representation, expression and interpretation. Included will be a historical approach to these issues involving writers such as Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Nietzsche and Collingwood.

Philosophy of religion [PY3110]

Prerequisite: **Methodology**: induction, reason and science must be taken at the same time or already have been passed.

The overall aim of this course is the philosophical scrutiny of the claims of religious believers and those made on behalf of the major religious traditions. Specific topics include: arguments for God's existence, an investigation of religious language, the nature of religious experience and the issue of the soul and immortality.