



AS Level / A Level Religious Studies (Full-Time)

The AS Level / A Level in Religious Studies is the social study of Religion and Religious practices. This is located in the Sixth Form Academy. It focuses on contemporary issues and encourages you to engage critically. The course covers three topics, An Introduction to the Study of Religion (Buddhism), An Introduction to Religion and Ethics and the Philosophy of Religion. The three topics are carried over into the second year covering different topics and making synoptic links to AS work. This is located in the Sixth Form Academy (SFA).

Applying for A Levels? Click Apply Now on any ONE of the subjects you are interested in studying, complete the online application form and then book an Information Evening to meet the tutors and discuss your preferred choices. You can then choose your subjects on the night!

Entry Requirements

A minimum of six GCSEs at Grade C or above including English Language.

Career Prospects

This specification provides a suitable foundation for the study of Religious Studies or a related area through a range of higher education courses (e.g. a degree course in this area or a related discipline), progression to the next level of Vocational Qualifications (e.g. through its contribution to the development of candidate's study skills and understanding of ethical and social issues) or direct entry into employment. Employment opportunities from the study of this topic are many, e.g. Nursing, Social Work, Teaching, Journalism, Police Force and Care Work.

Course Modules

AS Unit 1. An Introduction to the Study of Religion: The religion studied is Buddhism. This unit provides learners with the opportunity to undertake an in-depth and broad study of four fundamental religious themes: religious figures and sacred texts, religious concepts, religious life and religious practices that shape religious identity.

AS Unit 2. An Introduction to Religion and Ethics - this section provides learners with the opportunity to undertake an in-depth and broad study of four fundamental ethical themes: ethical thought, Aquinas' Natural

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Law, Fletcher's Situation Ethics and Utilitarianism. An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion – this section provides learners with the opportunity to undertake an in-depth and broad study of four fundamental philosophical themes: arguments for the existence of God – inductive, arguments for the existence of God – deductive, challenges to religious belief and religious experience.

A2 Unit 3. A Study of Religion – this unit looks at four fundamental religious themes: religious figures and sacred texts, significant historical developments in religious thought, significant social developments in religious thought and religious practices that shape religious identity.

A2 Unit 4. Religion and Ethics – this unit looks at four fundamental themes: ethical thought, deontological ethics, determinism and freewill.

A2 Unit 5 Philosophy of Religion – this unit looks at four fundamental philosophical themes: challenges to religious belief, religious experience, and religious language (parts 1 & 2).

Assessment

There is no coursework/end of year exams. Assessments are carried out through various ways – they include homework and research tasks, questions, quiz, and class tests using exam questions.

Additional Costs

£12 for notes in AS

£12 for notes in A2.

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LOCATION

Neath College - 01639 648000

COURSE LENGTH

2 years

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