

Postgraduate study in Philosophy



The Department of Philosophy is home to an energetic and friendly community of philosophers, which continues to expand with the appointment of many new staff members. These include Birmingham fellows ([Nick Jones \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/jones-nicholas.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/jones-nicholas.aspx) and [Jeremy Williams \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/williams-jeremy.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/williams-jeremy.aspx)), three new lecturers ([Elizabeth Miller \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/miller-elizabeth.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/miller-elizabeth.aspx), [Alex Silk \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/silk-alex.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/silk-alex.aspx) and [Scott Wisor \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/wisor-scott.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/wisor-scott.aspx)), one new Reader ([Hanna Pickard \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/pickard-hanna.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/pickard-hanna.aspx)) one new Professor ([Ian Rumfitt \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/rumfitt-ian.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/rumfitt-ian.aspx))

and seven new Distinguished Research Professors ([Paul Boghossian \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/boghossian-paul.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/boghossian-paul.aspx), [Hartry Field \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/field-hartry.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/field-hartry.aspx), [Kit Fine \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/fine-kit.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/fine-kit.aspx), [Alison Jaggar \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/jaggar-alison.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/jaggar-alison.aspx), [Stephen Neale \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/neale-stephen.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/neale-stephen.aspx), [Susanna Siegel \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/siegel-susanna.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/siegel-susanna.aspx) and [Ralph Wedgwood \(/staff/profiles/philosophy/wedgwood-ralph.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/philosophy/wedgwood-ralph.aspx)), all of whom teach and supervise our postgraduate students. (</schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/news/2012/researchprofessors.aspx>)

Our staff produce world-leading research in all core areas of contemporary philosophy and in a number of speciality areas. Given our wide range of philosophical expertise, we are in a position to provide **first-rate teaching** (</schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/postgraduate/teaching.aspx>) and **supervision** (</schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/postgraduate/supervisionareas.aspx>) in traditional subjects as well as in a great variety of more topical and interdisciplinary areas, such as global ethics and philosophy of psychology.

To explore our **research** (</schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/index.aspx>) and range of **supervision** (</schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/postgraduate/supervisionareas.aspx>), please follow the links on the left.

Our programmes

We offer a large choice of postgraduate degree programmes:

Taught

- [Philosophy MA \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/philosophy.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/philosophy.aspx)
- [Philosophy of Health and Happiness MA \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/phil-health-happiness.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/phil-health-happiness.aspx)
- [Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science MA \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/phil-mind-cognitive-sci.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/phil-mind-cognitive-sci.aspx)
- [Philosophy of Religion and Ethics MA/Diploma \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/phil-religion-ethics.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/phil-religion-ethics.aspx)
- [Health, Bioethics and Law MA \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/health-bioethics-law.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/health-bioethics-law.aspx)
- [International Law, Ethics and Politics MA \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/international-law-ethics-politics.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/international-law-ethics-politics.aspx)
- [Global Ethics MSc \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/global-ethics.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/global-ethics.aspx)
- [Human Values and Human Rights MSc \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/human-rights-human-values.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/phil/human-rights-human-values.aspx)

We also offer a standalone taught module in the [Philosophy of Health and Happiness \(/postgraduate/courses/cpd/phil/philosophy-health-happiness.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/cpd/phil/philosophy-health-happiness.aspx), accredited by the Royal College of Physicians.

Combined

- [Philosophy MRes \(/postgraduate/courses/combined/phil/philosophy.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/combined/phil/philosophy.aspx)

Research

- [Philosophy PhD \(/postgraduate/courses/research/phil/philosophy.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/research/phil/philosophy.aspx)
- [Global Ethics PhD \(/postgraduate/courses/research/phil/global-ethics.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/research/phil/global-ethics.aspx)
- [Philosophy MA by Research \(/postgraduate/courses/research/phil/philosophy.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/research/phil/philosophy.aspx)

Distance learning

We are pleased to offer an expanding range of postgraduate programmes by distance learning:

- [Philosophy of Health and Happiness MA by Distance Learning \(/postgraduate/courses/distance/philosophy/philosophy-health-happiness.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/distance/philosophy/philosophy-health-happiness.aspx)
- [Philosophy of Religion and Ethics MA by Distance Learning \(/postgraduate/courses/distance/philosophy/philosophy-religion-ethics.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/distance/philosophy/philosophy-religion-ethics.aspx)
- [Philosophy PhD by Distance Learning \(/postgraduate/courses/research/phil/philosophy.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/research/phil/philosophy.aspx)
- [Global Ethics PhD by Distance Learning \(/postgraduate/courses/research/phil/global-ethics.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/research/phil/global-ethics.aspx)

Our postgraduate community

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 on-going research activities, including our **Research Seminars** (</schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/seminars/index.aspx>) and **Events** (</schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/events/index.aspx>), 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.

Funding opportunities

A number of postgraduate taught and research funding opportunities available to support your studies at the University of Birmingham. You can find details of all of all available funding opportunities on our new [funding database \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/funding/FundingFilter.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/funding/FundingFilter.aspx). PhD students in Philosophy also have the opportunity to undertake [paid work \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/postgraduate/funding.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/postgraduate/funding.aspx) – and gain invaluable experience – as Teaching Assistants.

Learn more

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