

# Global Philosophies & Worldviews BA (Hons)

**UCAS Code: Combined Honours only** (please see website for details)

**Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2025/2026**

Placement year opportunities available



## Course Overview

We live in a global society, and every day the apps on our phones and computers bring us new ideas and opinions from across the world. So, how do people negotiate this media-saturated world with its diverse - and sometimes apparently irreconcilable - ways of understanding the big questions? How do people coexist with others whose worldview is radically different to their own? What makes for a global citizen?

This Major challenges you to grapple with these - and similar questions. You will explore what can be learned from the 'wisdom' of different traditions in our pluralist contemporary world - chiefly by asking how other people have worked through questions like these. In responding to this question, you will explore in depth how non-Western philosophical and religious traditions have tackled them.

You will also look at the ways that Western philosophers and Jewish, Muslim and Christian theologians have looked at these issues. Along the way you will look at how people form - and reform their worldview. You will ask such questions as does scientism lead to a reduction in human capacity for engaging with reality? Is the Western secularisation model fundamentally colonialist?

## Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.

## Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2025/2026 are £9,535 for full-time undergraduate courses.

On top of your tuition fees, you also need around £150 to purchase key textbooks throughout your Degree.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university. Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence:

[www.hope.ac.uk/halls](http://www.hope.ac.uk/halls)



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# Global Philosophies & Worldviews Curriculum

## Year One

The first year lays the foundations for your studies by introducing you to some of the key ideas of the course:

- Starting points: Liverpool as a case study
- Globalisation, decolonization and 'global ethics'
- Introduction to Worldviews
- Modernity and Post-Modernity: The Secular and the post-secular
- Challenging Eurocentrism
- Power, ideology and oppression
- Gender, the body and sexuality.

## Year Two

During the second year, the global dimension of the course becomes more prominent:

- Islamic Philosophy of Religion
- Introduction to Buddhism
- Global Christianity

- The Bhagavad Gita
- Introduction to Zen: the 'Ten Bulls' parable
- A shared planet? Ecology, hope and conflict
- Human flourishing.

## Year Three

The third year takes you into some of the most important issues at play today in this field, as well as offering in-depth studies in Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism and Islam:

- Advaita Vedanta
- Kabbalah
- Zen Buddhism in depth
- Violence and the Sacred
- Radical Islam
- Religion and nationalism
- Sufism: mysticism and philosophy
- Research Project.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, where all students are taught together, and smaller groups of seminars and tutorials.

### Year 1

3 x 1- hour lectures; 2 x 1- hour seminars; 1 x 1-hour small group tutorial per week.

### Year 2

2 x 1- hour lectures; 2 x 1- hour seminars; 1 x 1-hour small group tutorial per week.

### Year 3

2 x 1- hour lectures; 2 x 1- hour seminars per week, plus regular research supervision (some in small groups, some one-to-one).



## ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

You will have a number of assessments throughout your studies, including essays, presentations, vivas, exams (in your 2nd and 3rd years), textual analyses and portfolios.



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