

Global Philosophies & Worldviews BA (Hons)

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

Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Liverpool is a truly global city, shaped by centuries of migration, trade, and cultural exchange. Its diverse history and rich cultural mix make it the perfect setting for the Global Philosophies and Worldviews degree, where you will explore how different traditions, cultures, and religions shape the way people understand the world.

The Global Philosophies and Worldviews course takes you on a journey across traditions, examining Asian philosophical and religious thought, as well as Western, Jewish, Muslim, and Christian approaches to life's biggest questions. You will investigate how people form and reform their worldviews, asking critical questions about secularism, scientism, and the challenges of pluralism in a media-saturated world.

Studying Global Philosophies and Worldviews develops your ability to critically engage with diverse perspectives and misunderstood traditions. This degree prepares you for careers that require cultural understanding and engagement with different communities, such as journalism, law, politics, education, policing, and human resource management.

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 2026/2027 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



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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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