

MA Continental Philosophy

Is this course for you?

You will gain a thorough grounding in the European tradition of philosophy. Our course also covers key figures who shaped thinking on fundamental issues. As one of the few MAs of its kind to be offered entirely through online learning, we welcome students from around the world. The course is ideal if you want to pursue philosophy for enjoyment and fit it round your existing commitments, or if you are looking for professional development or a pathway to a PhD. Our students work in an array of industries, pursuing careers in teaching, advertising, banking, psychotherapy, civil service, ministry, engineering and sales.

About this course

Our course covers the full breadth of continental philosophy, from Kant, through Nietzsche and Heidegger, to Bachelard, Foucault and up to the present day. You will also examine some of the big questions in life, including the nature of time and what it means to be human, along with history, knowledge, ethical and political practice.

The MA is designed and run by academic staff who have national and international reputations for their research and many years of experience in the delivery of online learning. You will take part in collaborative sessions and reading groups, experience online lectures, seminars and podcasts, and contribute to discussion boards. There will also be visiting international speakers and Q&As.

We pride ourselves on providing regular contact and support to students.

The modules include: Transcendence and the Body; Phenomenology and Ontology; Knowledge and Politics; and Research Topics in Continental Philosophy: a bespoke staff-led research-led module. Themes include vitalism, poststructuralism, phenomenology, continental epistemology.

Dissertation: You will also complete a dissertation on a topic of your choice.

The transferable skills you will develop through this course, such as critical thinking and problem-solving, are useful for a wide range of careers.

Key features

- Flexible study – a unique opportunity to study this MA via online learning, either part-time or full-time. Learn around your existing commitments at a time that suits you, from the comfort of your own home or anywhere in the world.
- 100% student satisfaction (Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey 2022)
- International reputation – our staff are highly respected in the field of philosophy.

Entry requirements

You will need an undergraduate degree in Philosophy, 2:1 or higher (or equivalent), or an appropriate level of interest and relevant experience.

Key Facts

Mode of study	Duration	Course begins
Online Learning (Full-time)	13 months	September
Online Learning (Part-time)	22 months	September or January



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Modules

Phenomenology and Ontology

Study one of the major figures in 20th century philosophy in detail and learn about ontology, phenomenology, and the ideas behind existentialism and post-structuralism. The module will include a careful reading of Martin Heidegger's *Being and Time*.

Transcendence and Body

Explore the roots of continental philosophy, covering important figures from the 18th, 19th and 20th century thought. You will look at the shift from theories of transcendence to those of embodiment. Thinkers include Kant, Hegel, Nietzsche and Merleau-Ponty.

Research Skills

You will gain the skills you need to carry out research on your MA and will be supported in preparing a proposal for your own research.

Dissertation

You will undertake an independent piece of research on a topic of your choice, connected to the work you've done on the MA. A designated member of staff will support you.

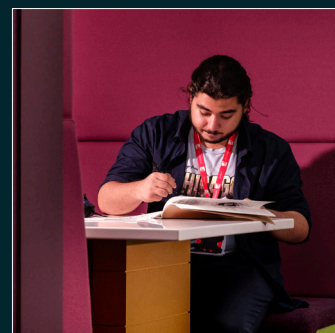
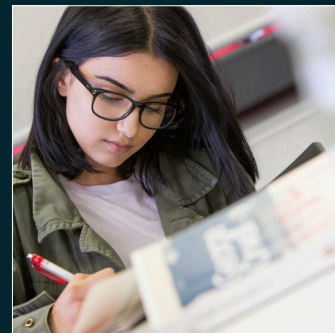
Knowledge and Politics

Knowledge and politics have been closely related since Plato's *Republic*, but their relation has become more problematic. The module will examine key ideas in French historical epistemology and go on to consider Michel Foucault's conception of critique as an ethical and political practice.

Research Topics in Continental Philosophy

This module is built around the current research activity of one or more of your lecturers. It will extend the work you have already done in the other modules and give you insight into the development of research.

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A great experience which really helped me to deepen my understanding of complicated concepts, and I gained a great deal of confidence and skills to write. //

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