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Important information
Information provided by the University such as in presentations, University brochures and the University website, is accurate at the time of first disclosure. However, courses, University services and content of publications remain subject to change. Changes may be necessary to comply with the requirements of accrediting bodies or to keep courses contemporary through updating practices or areas of study. Circumstances may arise outside the reasonable control of the University, leading to required changes. Such circumstances include, industrial action, unexpected student numbers, significant staff illness (where a course is reliant upon a person's expertise), unexpected lack of funding, severe weather, fire, civil disorder, political unrest, government restrictions and serious concern with regard to the transmission of serious illness making a course unsafe to deliver. After a student has taken up a place with the University, the University will look to give early notification of any changes and try to minimise their impact, offering suitable alternative arrangements or forms of compensation where it believes there is a fair case to do so. Offers of a place to study at the University will provide up to date information on courses. The latest key information on courses can be found at www.leeds.ac.uk/courses. Please check this website before making any decisions.
Welcome to the School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science at the University of Leeds. Each subject area within our School is among the leading centres of its kind in the UK, and brings together internationally recognised scholars from a wide range of approaches and disciplines. This makes for a vibrant, rich and exciting intellectual environment in which innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration are encouraged. As our student, you will have the opportunity to benefit from and contribute to this environment.

Here you can enjoy state-of-the-art facilities together with the expertise and dedication of scholars undertaking research at the cutting edge of their fields. Our teaching staff offer expertise in a range of exciting areas, and we are home to world-leading research centres in Aesthetics, Ethics and Metaethics, History and Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics and Mind, Philosophy of Religion, and Religion and Public Life. We also house the Museum of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, which we use in both teaching and research in partnership with colleagues from across the University.

The University is one of the UK’s largest research-led higher education institutions, and a member of the Russell Group of leading UK universities. We have been recognised for the high quality of our education, achieving University of the Year 2017 in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide, and 92% for student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2016. Our research culture enriches our teaching, and provides outstanding opportunities for our students.

Wide-ranging international partnerships and collaborations - including Australia, Hong Kong, the USA, Canada, Europe and South Africa - allow our students to hear from world-renowned visiting speakers. As those students come to us from all over the world, they also bring with them a wealth of cultural knowledge and insights to share with their peers.

Choosing what to study, and where to study it, are among the most important decisions you will make. We hope very much that you will choose to study in the School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science at the University of Leeds.
Postgraduate study

Taught degrees
We offer taught Masters courses across all the specialisms within our School. In each, you will build a solid knowledge base through compulsory modules and explore your individual interests through a range of optional modules and a research-based dissertation. All of our Masters courses can also be studied part-time; this option extends the length of the course to two years, and may affect which optional modules you are able to take.

It is possible to study some of our taught degrees as a Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate. These courses are also a year long, but involve fewer credits than a Masters and might not require you to write a dissertation. Depending on the course, it may also be possible to study part-time or through distance learning.

All of our taught courses start in September of each year, allowing you to interact with students across our subject areas from the very start of your studies.

Research degrees
As a research student, you will undertake an extended, original research project under the guidance of a supervisor or, more commonly, two co-supervisors. This will result in a written thesis which you will be examined on orally at the end of your degree.

You will have regular meetings with your supervisor(s), who will read your work and provide detailed feedback and advice. They will also assist you to develop an initial training plan, and your acquisition of discipline-specific skills will be fostered and monitored throughout your degree.

We engage in joint supervision across the subject areas within both our School and the wider University. This means that whatever your research topic you will have access to the resources and expertise you need to succeed.

If you are not yet sure about your topic, we are happy to help you focus your ideas. If you have a clear idea for your research topic, you might benefit from exploring the research interests of our academics to identify potential supervisors.

All of our research degrees can be studied part-time, which extends the length of the degree. It may be possible to start your studies at any time, but our research students typically choose to start in October of each year in order to benefit from induction activities and peer support.

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If you study for a research degree with us, you will have access to additional training opportunities and support to both enhance your studies and prepare you for your future career. Your supervisor(s) and the Dean of Postgraduate Research Studies will provide information and advice, and there are many opportunities for you to explore.

Graduate School
The Graduate School brings together research postgraduate students from across the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Cultures. Through it, you can access dedicated study spaces, research groups sponsored by the Faculty, and grants to help you present at conferences and work with external partner organisations. On graduating, you will be able to apply for a short-term Postdoctoral Fellowship with the Leeds Humanities Research Institute, based here on campus. You can also get involved with Leeds Creative Labs, in which researchers from the University collaborate with creative innovators to showcase their research. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/arts/graduateschool

LEAP Researcher Training Hub
The LEAP Researcher Training Hub offers a range of skills development courses covering areas as diverse as statistics, networking, writing for publication, presenting, career management and job interview preparation. Find out more at www.leaptraining.leeds.ac.uk

White Rose College of the Arts and Humanities
Leeds is also a partner institution in the White Rose College of the Arts and Humanities (WRoCAH), which is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and offers training and collaboration opportunities to high-achieving research students, as well as opportunities to work with external partner organisations. Find out more at wrocah.ac.uk

Conferences and research seminars
Our School sustains a vibrant research culture and offers regular research seminars covering a wide range of interdisciplinary interests. Some are given by academics from both within and beyond the University, but as a research student you can apply to present your own work. In addition, we organise an annual colloquium to which all research students are invited to submit a paper they wish to present. Our research students organise and contribute to their own seminars, and also the White Rose Postgraduate Conference, which is attended by staff and students based in the Universities of Leeds, York and Sheffield.

Teaching opportunities
Wherever possible, we offer our PhD students the opportunity to teach undergraduates. This experience provides valuable skills, whether you go on to an academic career or pursue employment paths where the ability to communicate ideas, inspire creativity and direct group work are marketable assets. We aim to fit teaching in with your research specialisms, and full training is provided.
Research activities in the School are organised and focused around six research centres, which all run regular research seminars. Each of our centres encourages postgraduate students to participate through presentations and readings groups.

We also have strong links with the Inter-Disciplinary Ethics Applied (IDEA) Centre - an institute dedicated to research, consultancy and training in applied ethics. IDEA helps students, professionals and employees from a range of fields to identify, analyse and respond to the ethical issues they encounter in their disciplines and working lives. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/arts/idea

Centre for Aesthetics
Aesthetics; philosophy of art; the nature of creativity and character; aesthetic contextualism and relativism; experimental aesthetics; high and mass art ranging from literature and painting to comics.

Centre for Ethics and Metaethics
Moral and political philosophy; issues in metaethics; the nature of reason and value; just war theory; the nature of political authority.

Centre for History and Philosophy of Science
History of science, technology of medicine from the 17th century to the present day; philosophy of science, particularly philosophy of physics; structural realism; the nature and role of models in science; the nature of scientific representation; contingency and inevitability in science.

Centre for Metaphysics and Mind
Metaphysics; philosophy of language; philosophy of mind and action; epistemology; the metaphysics of modality, indeterminacy and time; the nature of representation; conditional and counterfactuals; the nature of perceptual content; free will.

Centre for Philosophy of Religion
Metaphysics of Christian doctrine; religious epistemology; Indian philosophical and religious traditions; theodicy and evil; religion and ethics; religious experience. Hosts Religious Studies: an International Journal for Philosophy of Religion, which funds a research studentship and an editorial assistantship.

Centre for Religion and Public Life
The nature and role of Christianity, Islam and African and Asian religions in society, politics and culture; issues of globalisation, violence, ethics, media, development, ecology, diaspora, race and ethnicity, and gender and sexuality.
Our courses, in addition to the other opportunities open to you as a postgraduate student, provide an excellent foundation for the world of work. On graduating, you will be equipped with the skills needed for a wide range of careers or further study.

The 2017 High Fliers report ranks Leeds as the 5th most targeted university in the UK by graduate recruiters, and the 2017 QS Graduate Employability Rankings place Leeds in the top 60 worldwide. Our postgraduate students have gone on to careers in teaching, journalism, management, accountancy, computer consultancy and the Civil Service - many have also gone on to work in academia at leading universities across the world.

Our award-winning Careers Centre is one of the largest in the country, with experienced advisors who have developed strong relationships with graduate recruiters. The Careers Centre will help you right from the start and provide support after you graduate. Find out more at careerweb.leeds.ac.uk

You will also have access to the Leeds Alumni Mentoring Network, which allows you to benefit from the support of an experienced mentor from the world of work. Your mentor will help you to explore your career options and provide advice on entry into specific sectors. To learn more visit alumni.leeds.ac.uk/mentoring

Kathleen Hawkins
MA Religion and Public Life

I loved doing my BA at Leeds and really wanted to explore more of my personal interests. I thought that having an MA would improve my employability; in particular I knew that I wanted to pursue a career in the media and that religion is a hot topic that needs more knowledgeable people engaging with it.

The School were extremely supportive throughout my MA, and I felt able to talk to my dissertation tutor openly about my plans and aspirations. The Careers Centre can give advice on CVs and applications as well as helping you to get work experience, and I had a productive session there exploring different options.

During my time at Leeds, I wrote for the news and music sections of a student newspaper. This gave me the chance to see whether journalism was something I enjoyed and gave me opportunities to hone my writing skills in a fun atmosphere.

After completing my MA, I started at the BBC on a journalism trainee scheme. I have no doubt that my MA made me a more attractive candidate, as I was able to talk passionately about my subject and show that I had interests and knowledge beyond journalism. I then became a producer on BBC Radio 4’s Sunday programme - as this focuses on religious affairs my MA certainly helped me to get the role! I am now working as a broadcast journalist for BBC News in the disability affairs department, writing features for the website and producing the radio show.
One of the world’s oldest academic subjects, philosophy asks vital questions about the world and how we understand it. Is there such a thing as evil? Are we ever truly free to act? How do we know what we know – if we can ever know anything at all?

These degrees will allow you to think clearly, construct arguments and defend them while giving you the chance to explore ideas and approaches across the full range of philosophy. We have particular research strengths in aesthetics, metaphysics, ethics, philosophy of science and philosophy of religion.

MA Philosophy
Philosophy tackles some of the deepest and most complex questions about humanity and its place in the world. This course will allow you to study the key debates, trends and approaches in different areas of philosophy while improving your skills in research and critical analysis.

Core modules will give you an overview of different topics in analytic philosophy, from philosophy of mind, religion, language and science to epistemology, ethics, aesthetics and metaphysics. You will also choose from a variety of modules specialising in the areas and topics that interest you the most.

MA/PGDip/PGCert Philosophy of Religion and Ethics (Online)
This online distance learning course addresses fundamental questions about the philosophy of religion and ethics. It is designed for students from a wide range of backgrounds and offers the option of taking fewer modules in order to write an extended dissertation.

Core and optional modules will give you the chance to explore issues including concepts of God, the nature of justice, business ethics, spiritual practices and our relationship to the natural world.

It is possible to study this course as a Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate - you will study fewer credits overall but still be able to study both religious and ethical issues.

Research degrees in Philosophy
- MA by Research
- MPhil
- PhD
I immediately recognised that I had found my passion when I came to Leeds to study philosophy at undergraduate level. I wanted to do a taught MA which would both expose me to new areas of the discipline and allow me to cultivate my existing research interests, and knew the School would be an exceptional place to do it.

Philosophy has given me an amazing opportunity to explore really interesting ideas and arguments, and I feel like a clearer and more rational thinker because of my studies. I've found the MA to be a really stimulating mix of creativity and rigor and I think the structure of the course is excellent. For the first semester, my time was mostly dedicated to taught modules. In the second semester, although there was still teaching, I focused a lot more on my own research. The progression from taught modules, which function as a great preparation for graduate level research, to working on my dissertation, has provided me with a solid foundation for further research.

There's a great sense of community in the School, and I think this more than anything else has made my time at Leeds fantastic.

The School itself is large and this creates a really diverse research environment; there are multiple research centres attached to the School and there are always talks and conferences going on. I am also always amazed by the support I receive from the School and University, both of which have a lot of infrastructure in place to make sure that if students need support, be it academic or personal, then they can get it. In addition to the formal provisions of support, individual members of staff are so understanding and caring. I feel that the School is really committed to seeing its students succeed, and I’ve always felt supported and encouraged.

For me the best thing about Leeds as a city is the close proximity to the Yorkshire Dales, where I frequently go out walking and camping. It is a great antidote to the intensity of the postgraduate study! The University has a fantastic Students’ Union; there is so much on offer that pretty much whatever you could want to do, the Union will have a society or a group where you can meet like-minded people and do it together. In the unlikely event that there isn’t already a society which caters to your interests, they will help you start one!
Understanding religion is vital to understanding the world we live in. These degrees will allow you to explore a variety of approaches to religious traditions throughout time and across cultures, as well as their effects on public life.

Spanning disciplines including philosophy, social sciences, history, literature and languages among others, this interdisciplinary and challenging subject area will offer you a fascinating insight into some of the most influential forces shaping and being shaped by our world.

Theology and Religious Studies

MA Religion and Public Life
This interdisciplinary course draws on a range of perspectives to study the public roles of religious communities and individuals. You will think about theological and philosophical responses to issues in the public sphere, the place of religion in public policy on issues such as discrimination and multiculturalism, and the bonds that tie individuals to their communities.

Using approaches from sociology, religious studies, theology, history, anthropology and philosophy among others, you will learn about different research processes. Core modules will introduce you to key issues and approaches, and you will choose from optional modules to explore topics such as religion and gender, Muslims and multiculturalism, and remembering the holocaust.

MA Religious Studies and Global Development
The political and social dimensions of religion are at the heart of this innovative course, which explores the role of religion and theology in global development. You will consider religion as a resource, obstacle and participant in development, exploring the relationships between religions, aid agencies and local communities.

You will develop your understanding of both development and religious studies, as core modules introduce you to theories and issues in development and how they relate to developing countries across the Global South. In addition, you will choose from optional modules in each area, allowing you to specialise in topics such as the links between conflict or gender and development, or the role of religion in public life.

MA/PGDip/PGCert Theology and Religious Studies
This flexible course will give you a sophisticated understanding of theories and methods at the forefront of theology and religious studies. You will study diverse religious traditions in the UK and beyond, as well as their impact on the world around us.

Core modules will explore the relationships between religion, theology and the public sphere in areas such as human rights, wealth and wealth creation, terrorism and social justice. You will also choose from optional modules focusing on topics such as philosophy of religion, the links between religion and global development, and gender and multiculturalism.

It is possible to study this course as a Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate - you will study fewer credits overall but be able to specialise in either theology or religious studies depending on your module choices.

Research degrees in Theology and Religious Studies
- MA by Research
- MPhil
- PhD
The School has such a welcoming and personal feel, and I really like its particular approach to Religious Studies which focuses on getting out there and researching religion as it’s lived out, rather than just the looking at the theoretical side.

I also based my decision to study at Leeds on the University’s reputation - the fact that Leeds is a really fun city and has a fantastic Students’ Union was a welcome surprise. There’s so much to do in Leeds and a great mix of opportunities, from fun nightlife to incredible surrounding countryside; the city centre is pretty compact and close to campus so it’s easy to settle in. There are so many extracurricular opportunities that your only problem will be trying to decide which to do; this year I’ve run the Leeds Half Marathon and been involved with volunteering.

I’d say the most enjoyable aspect of my MA has been the opportunity to find out about and get involved in the staff’s current research. Also having the freedom to decide what I wanted to research and being supported in this was great.

The idea of faith, the impact it has on people’s lives and the way faith communities interact with wider society are such interesting areas to study. If you look at the news hardly a day goes past without some (usually contentious) reference to religion.

My plans for the future include working in the charity sector with a focus on research, policy or faith communities. I plan to do a PhD too which was one of the reasons I wanted to do my MA – before I started studying at this level I had about 17 ideas about what I might like to focus on at PhD level and needed to narrow it down. The MA at Leeds was a perfect way to focus my research interests.
History and Philosophy of Science takes an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the nature of science and its role in society. Using philosophical, historical and social perspectives you will explore the history of scientific thought, the links between magic, science and religion and the nature of scientific knowledge.

We have expanded to incorporate the study of technology and medicine, and welcome interdisciplinary approaches that consider wider perspectives from the humanities and social sciences.

You will also be able to access the rich collections held by the University’s Museum of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine. Based on campus, the Museum provides opportunities for research or museum-relevant skills development. Find out more at arts.leeds.ac.uk/museum-of-hstm

MA History of Science, Technology and Medicine
This course will give you an insight into the complex history of technology, medicine, scientific knowledge and methodology, as well as how they have shaped the world we live in. You will explore the themes, concepts and debates in the study of the history of science through core modules.

These will also allow you to develop your historical research skills, using our excellent library resources to work with primary and secondary sources. But you will also choose from a range of optional modules that allow you to specialise in topics areas that suit your interests, from birth, death and illness in the Middle Ages to modern science communication.

Research degrees in History and Philosophy of Science
- MA by Research
- MPhil
- PhD
I’m from Moscow and my undergraduate degree is in counselling psychology. While at university I became interested in the history of psychology and mental health, and wrote my dissertation on the history of hypnotic treatments.

I think the history of science and medicine is incredibly interesting! I’m a firm believer that knowing history provides us with useful insights into our present and sometimes even our future. My training as a mental health professional has made me aware of the challenges and problems that exist in mental health care globally. I hope my research can contribute to solving these issue and improving the situation.

Studying for my Masters course was like entering a new and fascinating world. The course was challenging and demanding but always interesting.

I especially enjoyed the stimulating discussions in all my classes, the amazingly friendly atmosphere in the School, and the support and guidance I received from all my teachers and supervisors. On this course you become part of an amazing academic community which will stimulate, support and nurture you as a researcher and as a person.

Now that I’ve finished my Masters, I have continued straight on to a PhD in the School, and I am aiming for a career in academia. The course was a perfect springboard for my current research: it helped me to acquire the necessary research skills, allowed me to discover my own academic interests and provided great role models.
Life on campus
As a postgraduate student at the University of Leeds you will be part of a vibrant student community situated only a 10-minute walk from the city centre. Established in 1904, the University of Leeds is one of the largest higher education institutions in the UK, and we are renowned globally for the quality of our teaching and research. The strength of our academic expertise, combined with the breadth of disciplines we cover, provides a wealth of opportunities for our students and has real impact worldwide.

Leeds University Library is a world-class research library that invests around £5 million a year developing its extensive printed and digital collections so that we can offer the best possible resources to our students. A range of different spaces for working either alone or in a group, along with generous opening hours, allow you to study in the way that best suits you. You will also have access to Skills@Library, which provides support, online resources, and practical workshops on academic skills such as referencing, critical thinking and project management. Find out more at library.leeds.ac.uk

Our on-campus sports centre, the Edge, offers a swimming pool, a 250-station fitness suite, sports halls and studios. Leeds University Union was the first students’ union in the UK to hold an excellent status (NUS Quality Students’ Unions Accreditation) and boasts a variety of facilities. With a number of shops, bars, food outlets, performance venues and home to over 300 student societies, the Union aims to make sure you love your time at Leeds. There is even a Postgraduate Society that runs regular events, trips and socials, making it easy to meet other postgraduates from across the University. Find out more at www.luu.org.uk

The University is also a creative community, with a vibrant cultural life. On campus we have the Stanley & Aubrey Burton Gallery and the Treasures of the Brotherton Gallery, as well as our own theatre complex, Stage@Leeds. Our heritage offering includes the Marks & Spencer Company Archive and the Museum of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine. We are also home to the Leeds Poetry Centre, the International Concert Series and the Cultural Institute - find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/culturalinstitute

Life in Leeds
Leeds regularly tops the polls as a favourite UK destination for students. With over 31,000 students at the University of Leeds alone, the city is youthful, multicultural and student-focused, with student discounts and events widely offered throughout the year.

Home to 750,000 people, Leeds is the capital of the Yorkshire and the Humber region and the social and cultural hub of the North. The city has a diverse, buoyant economy and has become one of the UK’s largest financial, business, retail and manufacturing centres outside of London. Leeds is one of the most cost effective places to study in Britain and is also at the forefront of the third Industrial Revolution, with many new cultural and media industries based in the city.

As a big city, Leeds has something for all tastes and budgets. It has a lively cultural calendar packed with music, art, cinema, theatre and dance, including the famous music event Leeds Festival. Its diverse population only adds to the variety, giving rise to events like the Leeds West Indian Carnival. The city centre offers some of the best shopping in the country, with everything from thriving independents and markets to elegant Victorian arcades and bustling malls, as well as a huge array of cafés, pubs, bars and clubs.

Leeds is also one of the greenest cities in the UK, with numerous parks around the city and beautiful countryside just beyond. Excellent transport makes it easy to reach both the region’s many attractions and places further afield, and Leeds-Bradford Airport is only a short drive from the city centre. With these benefits, it is no surprise that Leeds is so popular with students that many stay on after graduating. Discover what Leeds has to offer at www.visitleeds.co.uk
Your application

For more information on your application and what to include visit www.leeds.ac.uk/prhs

If you have any enquiries about your application, please visit our website or contact our admissions team:
+44 (0)113 343 3263
prhs_pgenquiries@leeds.ac.uk

Entry requirements
To apply for any of our postgraduate courses, you should have a bachelor degree with a high 2:1 (Hons) in a related subject.

To apply for an MA by Research or MPhil you must also supply a coherent research proposal.

To apply for a PhD you must supply a coherent research proposal and either hold or be currently studying for a Masters degree.

International applicants
We accept a range of international equivalent qualifications for all levels of study. For more information visit www.leeds.ac.uk/internationalentry

If English is not your first language, you will need to achieve a minimum score in an English language qualification such as IELTS or TOEFL. If you do not meet these requirements you may benefit from our six- or ten-week pre-sessional courses, which will help you to develop the language and communication skills needed for postgraduate study in our School. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/presessional

Fees and funding
Full information about this year’s fees can be found at www.leeds.ac.uk/courses

As a postgraduate student in our School there are a number of awards and scholarships you may be eligible to apply for. For more information visit www.leeds.ac.uk/scholarships

Accommodation
If you are an international postgraduate student (i.e. you are paying your tuition fees at the full international rate) you are guaranteed a place in single University accommodation for your first year of study. If your course is more than one year long you can apply for accommodation for your subsequent years of study, but places are subject to availability. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/accommodation

UK/EU postgraduate students are not guaranteed accommodation, but there is plenty of good private housing available. You can get help with finding this at www.unipol.leeds.ac.uk

Visit Us
If you are thinking about applying to study with us, we recommend attending one of our School open days. You will be able to explore our facilities, speak to current students and staff, and learn more about our courses. You may also wish to attend a University open day, where you will be able to further explore the campus and view our student halls. For more information visit www.leeds.ac.uk/pgopenday

If you are unable to make the dates of our open days, we would be very happy to arrange an informal visit. Please get in touch to find out more.

Representatives from the University regularly travel to international university fairs all over the world. More information is available at www.leeds.ac.uk/meetus