



## Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and the Catholic Tradition

### The Curriculum

#### Year 1

##### **Introduction to Philosophy**

20 Credits, Level 4

Formative tasks in critical reflections. Summative work in Textual Analysis 2000 words (40%) and Essay 3000 words (60%).

##### **History of Philosophy**

20 Credits, Level 4

Formative tasks in critical reflections. Summative work in Text Analysis 2000 words (40%) Examination (60%)

*Linked to the reading module: Historical and cultural context with the Neoplatonic themes in the Confessions, and Augustine's use and prioritising of Scripture.*

##### **Philosophy of the Human Person & Ethics**

20 Credits, Level 4

Formative tasks in critical reflections and seminars. Summative work Essay 3000 words (60%) and Textual Analysis 2000 words (40%).

#### Year 2

##### **Epistemology**

20 Credits, Level 4

Formative tasks in critical reflections. Summative work in Essay 3000 words (60%) and Text Analysis 2000 words (40%).

*Linked to the reading module Language, rhetoric, conceptual schemes, Augustine's writing metaphor, text meaning and the question of authorial intention. Augustine's encounters with writing.*

##### **Metaphysics**

20 Credits, Level 4

Formative tasks in critical reflections. Summative work in Essay 3000 words (50%) and Examination (50%).

##### **Logic**

20 Credits, Level 4

Formative tasks in critical reflections. Summative work Examination (100%).

**Exit award** possible on successful completion of half of taught elements;

*Cert HE: Philosophy and the Catholic Tradition. Minimum credits required 120.*



## Year 3

### Philosophy of Science

20 Credits, Level 5

Formative tasks in seminars and discussions. Summative work Essay 3000 words (50%) Examination (50%).

### Issues in Current Philosophy

20 Credits, Level 5

Formative work in class sessions. Summative work Text Analysis 2500 words (40%) Essay 3000 words (60%).

*Linked to the reading module Contemporary reception of the Confessions – Augustinian selfhood, Descartes, Derrida, Postmodernism, Radical Theology and the Confessional mode (Heidegger and Lyotard on the Confessions).*

### Social and Political Philosophy

20 Credits, Level 5

Formative work in seminars and formal exercises. Summative work Textual Analysis 2500 words (40%) and Essay 3000 words (60%).

### Philosophy of Culture and Evangelization

20 Credits, Level 5

Formative activity in seminars. Summative assessment in Essay 3000 words (50%) and Examination (50%).

## Year 4

### Philosophy of God and Cosmology

20 Credits, Level 5

Indicative activity in seminars. Summative assessment in Essay 3000 words (50%) and Textual analysis 2500 words (40%).

*Linked to the reading module - Metaphysical concepts – Time, Participation and God.*

### Philosophy of History and the Arts

20 Credits, Level 5

Formative work in seminars and tutorials. Summative assessment in Essay 3000 words (60%) Text Analysis (40%).

**Exit award** possible on successful completion of all taught elements;

*Dip HE: Philosophy and the Catholic Tradition. Minimum Credits required 240.*

### The Thought of St. Thomas Aquinas

20 Credits, Level 6

Formative work in residential sessions. Summative tasks in Textual Analysis 2500 words (40%) and Essay 3000 words (60%).

### Philosophy of Religion

20 Credits, Level 6

Indicative work in seminars and formal exercises. Summative assessment Text Analysis 3000 words, (100%). *Linked to the reading module - Epistemological concepts – Mind, Knowledge, Reason, Rationality, and the Aporetic in the Confessions.*



## Year 5

### **Philosophy and Contemporary Catholic Theology** 20 Credits, Level 6

Indicative activity in seminars and formal exercises. Summative assessment Essay 3000 words (50%), Examination (50%).

### **Long Module: Text Reading Augustine's Confessions** 20 Credits, Level 6

Summative assessment by oral examination (100%) at the end of the level 6 module (Year 5). However on-going formative assessment will be provided through seminars, student presentations, and feedback on draft preparations.

### **Extended Essay** 20 Credits, Level 6

Formative work will take place at residential events, input and short presentations by students. Summative work Dissertation 10,000 words (100%).

### ***Optional Modules (Choose One):***

#### **Thomas More and Renaissance Philosophy** 20 Credits, Level 6

Formative work at residential sessions. Summative task Essay of 4000 words (100%).

#### **Husserl and Phenomenology** 20 Credits, Level 6

Formative work at residential sessions. Summative task Essay of 4000 words (100%).

#### **The Philosophy of Meister Eckhart** 20 Credits, Level 6

Summative assessment: one 3500 word Essay (50%) and Examination (50%). Formative assessment: one 15-minute presentation to the year group with peer and lecturer Q&A (5 min).

#### **Aquinas and Newman in Modernity** 20 Credits, Level 6

Summative assessment: one 3500 word essay (50%) and Examination (50%).

***Exit award possible on successful completion of all taught elements and the Extended Essay;***

***Bachelor of Arts: Philosophy and the Catholic Tradition. Minimum Credits required 360.***