Academic Year 2025/26

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Philosophy
UCAS Code: V500 (3 years)

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Philosophy (with Year Abroad)
Internal Code: 1429U (4 years)

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Philosophy (with Placement Year)
Internal Code: 1434U (4 years)

(i)   *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*

(ii) *All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*

(iii) *Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.*

(iv) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*

(v)   *A core module is a module which a student must pass, and in which a fail mark may neither be carried nor compensated; such modules are designated by the board of studies as essential for progression to a further stage of the programme or for study in a further module.*

(vi) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

1.   Stage 1

(a)   All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type
PHI1004	Stage 1 Project	20	10	10	4	
PHI1011	Introduction to Moral Philosophy	10		10	4	
PHI1016	Foundations of Philosophy	20	20		4	
PHI1017	Philosophical Approaches to the Humanities and Social Sciences and Critical Reasoning	20	20		4	

(b)   All candidates shall take at least 10 credits from the following optional modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type
PHI1002	Philosophy and Religion	20	10	10	4	
PHI1005	Existentialism and the Self	20		20	4	

| PHI1014 | Introduction to Political Philosophy | 10 | | 10 | 4 | |
| PHI1112 | Introduction to Aesthetics | 10 | | 10 | 4 | |

(c)   All candidates shall take their remaining credits from (b) or from elsewhere in the University, subject to availability and Degree Programme Director approval.

2.   Stage 2

(a)   All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type
PHI2003	Ethics and the Modern World	20	10	10	5	
PHI2004	Stage 2 Project	40	20	20	5	
PHI2018	Kant and Post-Kantian Philosophy	20	20		5	

(b)   Candidates shall take optional modules to a total of 40 credits to be chosen with tutorial advice from anywhere in the University, subject to availability and Degree Programme Director's approval.   A choice from the following options is recommended:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type
NCL2007	Career Development for second year students	20	10	10	5	
PHI2005	Consciousness, Art and Technology	20		20	5	
PHI2017	Place-Based Philosophy: Investigating Context through Fieldwork	20	20		5	
PHI2021	Italian Thought	10		10	5	
PHI2111	Practice and Creative Practice of Philosophy	20	10	10	5	
PHI2204	Texts in the History of Philosophy: William James' Pragmatism	10		10	5	
PHI2800	Philosophy and Science	10	10		5	

3.   Year 3 (Intercalating Year) – Year Abroad/Careers Service Placement Year

Candidates may opt to take an intercalating year between Stages 2 and 3, and spend a year studying abroad or on a placement year. Candidates who do not wish to take an intercalating year but want to study abroad may opt to spend a semester abroad by taking PHI3600 in the third stage of their degree – please see below for details.

Travel and study abroad will be guided by institutional and governmental policy at the time.

Year Abroad (1429U)

Candidates have the opportunity to transfer to 1429U BA Hons Philosophy (with Year Abroad) which involves a year of study in another country**.** This year abroad does not substitute for one year of study at Newcastle, but is in addition to the three years spent at Newcastle. In order to progress to Stage 3, students on 1429U must pass the following module:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type
PHI3100	Philosophy Study Abroad Module	120	60	60	6	

Candidates who fail will be required to transfer to Stage 3 of V500.

Careers Service Placement Year (1434U)

On completion of Stage 2 and before entering Stage 3, candidates on the V500 Philosophy programme may, as part of their studies for the degree, spend a year in a placement with an approved organisation and transfer to 1434U. Candidates who are required to re-sit their Stage 2 assessment must delay the start of their placement until they have done so. Candidates who fail Stage 2 may not complete a placement year.

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type
NCL3000	Careers Service Placement Year Module	120	60	60	6	Blended

Candidates who fail the module will be required to transfer to Stage 3 of V500.

Permission to undertake a placement or Erasmus exchange is subject to the approval of the Degree Programme Director. It is the responsibility of individual candidates to make sure they meet the visa requirements of the country in which they plan to undertake a study/work placement. The University will withdraw the Tier 4 sponsorship for international students spending a year overseas. Once sponsorship is withdrawn, the Home Office will curtail the Tier 4 visa to 60 days. Candidates intending to return to the UK to complete their studies must apply for a new Tier 4 visa from their home country.

4.   Stage 3

(a)   All candidates, except for those on V500 taking a semester abroad, shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type
PHI3001	Social and Political Philosophy	10	10		6	
PHI3002	Continental Political Thought	10		10	6	
PHI3004	Projects (Stage 3)	40	20	20	6	
PHI3019	Phenomenology and Twentieth Century Philosophy	20	20		6	

(b)   Candidates on V500 taking a semester abroad shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type
PHI3600	Philosophy Study Abroad Semester 1	60	60		6	
PHI3002	Continental Political Thought	10		10	6	
PHI3004	Projects (Stage 3)	40	20	20	6	

(c)   All candidates, except for those on V500 who have taken a semester abroad, shall take optional modules to a total of 40 credits to be chosen with tutorial advice from anywhere in the University, subject to availability and Degree Programme Director's approval. The following optional modules are recommended:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type
NCL3007	Career Development for Final Year Students	20	10	10	6	
PHI3006	The Networked Society: Human Identity and Practices	20	10	10	6	
PHI3013*	Practice and Creative Practice of Philosophy	20	10	10	6	
PHI3020	Philosophy and Psychoanalysis	10		10	6	
PHI3021	World Philosophies	10	10		6	
PHI3023	Project Presentation	10		10	6	
PHI3203	Texts in the History of Philosophy: William James' Pragmatism	10		10	6	

* Candidates cannot study PHI3013 if they have previously taken PHI2111

(d)   Candidates on V500 taking a semester abroad shall take optional modules to the total of 10 credits to be chosen with tutorial advise from anywhere in the University, subject to availability and the Degree Programme Director's approval. The following optional modules are recommended:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Level	Type
PHI3020	Philosophy and Psychoanalysis	10		10	6	
PHI3203	Texts in the History of Philosophy: William James' Pragmatism	10		10	6	

5.   Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

6.   Degree classification

Candidates will be assessed for degree classification on the basis of all the modules taken at Stages 2 and 3 with the weighting of the stages being 1:1 for Stage 2 and Stage 3 respectively.

The study abroad year (1429U) is assessed on a pass/fail basis and does not contribute to the degree classification.

The placement year (1434U) is assessed on a pass/fail basis and does not contribute to the degree classification.

7.   Name of Award

Candidates who choose to take the intercalating year shall be transferred onto the four year version of the programme:

- Candidates who study abroad for one year will be transferred onto 1429U and will graduate with a BA (Hons.) in Philosophy (with Year Abroad)
- Candidates who undertake the placement year will be transferred onto 1434U and will graduate with a BA (Hons.) in Philosophy (with Placement Year)