

## **AS and A2 (full A-level) Religious Studies**



### **INTRODUCTION**

This subject is offered as part of the full-time A-level programme. The course offers an introduction to the religion BUDDHISM.

### **WHAT WILL I DO**

You will study two AS modules and two A2 modules which explore key features of Buddhism and of Ethical Approaches.

#### **AS:**

##### *Module 1: AS Buddhism*

Study of this module begins in September for a one and a half hour January exam. You will learn about the origins of Buddhism and key beliefs and practices of this religion. You will consider the principles of Buddhism and ways of interpreting this religion.

##### *Module 2: AS Religious Ethics*

You begin studying in January for this one and a half hour June exam. You will learn about ethical theories (Kant, Natural Law, and Utilitarianism) and applied ethics (issues such as the abortion, euthanasia, genetic engineering, war / peace)

#### **A2:**

##### *Module 3: A2 Religious Ethics*

In this module (1 1/2 hour June exam) you will use the ethical theories learned about at AS. You will also learn about other ethical approaches and their relevance to applied ethics.

Meta-ethics; free will and determinism; conscience; virtue ethics

Environmental and Business Ethics; Sexual Ethics

##### *Module 4: A2 Buddhism*

You will build upon your understanding of key concepts such as the importance of scriptures; religious practice; later Buddhist developments; Buddhist ethics. The one and a half hour exam will be in January.

### **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE**

One year for AS and a further year for A2 (full A-level).

### **ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS**

You will have achieved at least five GCSEs at Grade C or above with one of these preferably in English or RS. Mature students without formal qualifications are encouraged to discuss their suitability with the course tutor.

### **WHERE COULD IT LEAD**

This subject is essential for students wishing to pursue a career teaching Religious Studies, and is useful for those pursuing further studies (or a career) in theology. The subject may be helpful for those wishing to apply for any other

university course. It is a relevant qualification for those wishing to enter media-related careers and other careers such as teaching, social worker or public relations.

## **FEES**

Full time Courses are free for those who are under 19 on 31 August of the year they start their course. For others, fees may vary depending on personal circumstances. Please enquire for details.

Tuition is free for full-time A level courses.  
Part time AS levels: Tuition Fees: £317

International and EU Students, please contact the International Office on +44 (0)1205 313212 or [enquiry@boston.ac.uk](mailto:enquiry@boston.ac.uk) for details on Fees.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Where courses last for more than one year, only the first year's fees are shown.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

You can apply for this course by applying [online](#), by filling out an application form from the College prospectus or you can contact the Information Officer on 01205 313218 for further information. Please note that the majority of courses have a September start date.

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