These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's core regulations for undergraduate programmes, and the marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes.

BA PHILOSOPHY (V500)
BA PHILOSOPHY (With Year Abroad) (V500A)
BA PHILOSOPHY (With Placement Year) (V500P)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study.

Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 80 credits:

		Credit value
Ethics and Values	PHIL1011	20
Knowledge and Reality	PHIL1021	20
Reading Philosophy	PHIL1041	20
The Philosophical Traditions	PHIL1091	20

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List A:

List A:		**Credit value**
Science, Medicine and Society	PHIL1111	20
Being Human: An Introduction to Post-Kantian Philosophy	PHIL1101	20
Up to 40 credits of Level 1 open modules offered by another Board of Studies (including up to 20 credits of language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study)		40

Level 2 (Diploma)

4. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 120 credits from List B1 - B3.

5. If candidates choose modules offered in Michaelmas or Epiphany, then equal credits should be chosen from each term.

List B1 (Michaelmas)		**Credit value**
Language, Logic and Reality	PHIL2021	20
The Philosophy of Economics and Politics: Theory, Methods and Values	PHIL2171	20
Feminist Philosophy	PHIL2201	20
World Philosophies	PHIL2221	20
List B2 (Epiphany)		
Early Modern Mavericks	PHIL2031	20
Moral Theory	PHIL2041	20
Fundamentals of Logics	PHIL2181	20
Political Philosophy	PHIL2081	20
Philosophy of Science	PHIL2151	20
Epistemology	PHIL2211	20
List B3 (Year-long)		
Philosophy of Religion	PHIL2091	20
Philosophy of Mind	PHIL2011	20
History, Science and Medicine	PHIL2191	20
Up to 40 credits of Level 2 open modules offered by another Board of Studies (including up to 20 credits of language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study)		40

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Level 3 (Degree)

6. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following module to the value of 40 credits:

		Credit value
Dissertation ~	PHIL3112	40

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 80 credits from List C:

List C:		Credit value
Kant's Critical Philosophy and Other Revolutions	PHIL3011	20
Aesthetics	PHIL3031	20
Twentieth-Century European Philosophy	PHIL3051	20
Biomedical Ethics: Past and Present	PHIL3211	20
History and Philosophy of Psychiatry	PHIL3181	20
Ethics in Business Practice	PHIL3191	20
Philosophical Issues in Contemporary Science	PHIL3021	20
Issues in Contemporary Ethics	PHIL3131	20
Metaphysics	PHIL3171	20
Formal and Philosophical Logic	PHIL3201	20
Philosophy, Climate Change and the Environment (Michaelmas Term)	PHIL3221	20
Up to 20 credits of Level 3 open modules offered by another Board of Studies (including up to 20 credits of language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).		20

Assessment, progression and award

8. Modules marked with a # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.

9. Modules marked ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.

10. With reference to the Core Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes pt 13 "*Where undergraduate modules are delivered entirely in a single term, students undertaking such modules should be permitted to take no more than 70 credits in total in a single term*."

11. Exceptionally for academic year 2025/26 only, candidates may, with the written permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies, take 20 credits of programme-specific Level 1 modules during Level 2 study (subject to timetable compatibility).

12. Exceptionally for academic year 2025/26 only, candidates may, with the written permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies, take 20 credits of programme-specific Level 2 modules during Level 3 study (subject to timetable compatibility).

Year 3 (Year Abroad)

13. Candidates wishing to transfer to BA Philosophy (with Year Abroad) (V500A) must:

    a. have successfully completed BA Philosophy (V500) Level 1 and progressed to Level 2 of the honours programme;

    b. During their Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in Philosophy to be admitted to the BA Philosophy (with Year Abroad) (V500A) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in Philosophy;

    c. Successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Philosophy (V500) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy (V500) Honours programme.

14. Students will undertake an approved placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. Courses relating to Philosophy should normally comprise a minimum of 50% of those taken.

15. Students who the Philosophy Board of Examiners deems to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad, judged by reference to each student's learning agreement, will continue to Level

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3 of the BA Philosophy (with Year Abroad) (V500A). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Philosophy (with Year Abroad) (V500 A) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Philosophy programme (V500).

Year 3 (Placement)

16. Students admitted to the BA Philosophy (V500) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Philosophy (with Placement Year) programme (V500P). Students taking the BA Philosophy (with Placement Year) (V500P) will undertake an approved placement in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.

    Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine whether the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Philosophy (with Placement Year) (V500 P). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Philosophy (V500) programme.

17. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Philosophy (with Placement Year) (V500P) must:

    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Philosophy (V500) and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours programme; and

    b. during their Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Philosophy to be admitted to the BA Philosophy (with Placement) (V500P) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and

    c. secure a placement / year abroad opportunity comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Officer; and

    d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Philosophy (V500) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy (V500).

18. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Philosophy deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy (with Placement Year) (V500P). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Philosophy (with Placement Year) (V500P) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Philosophy programme (V500).