

# Philosophy

BA [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]



## BA Degree [Joint Honours] **BAU1**

Length of Course 3 Years

### Guideline Entry Requirements

(please note, successful candidates generally present with grades well in excess of the minimum grades indicated below)

IB - International Baccalaureate Diploma	IB Total 26 A high level of English language competency is normally required
Cambridge A Level (+ GCSE O Level)	BCC A high level of English language competency is normally required
Other Examinations	For country specific information see page 157
UCD International Foundation Year	No

### Why is this subject for me?

Are you interested in thinking for yourself? Do you like problem solving? Do you want to tackle some of the most challenging questions that have fascinated thinkers for centuries, such as:

- How can we know anything?
- Do we have free will?
- What is consciousness?
- How should we live?
- Does God exist?

Maths, sciences, literature or history are all equally good preparation for studying Philosophy. The main requirement is a capacity for clear thinking and methodical argument.

### What will I study?

#### First Year

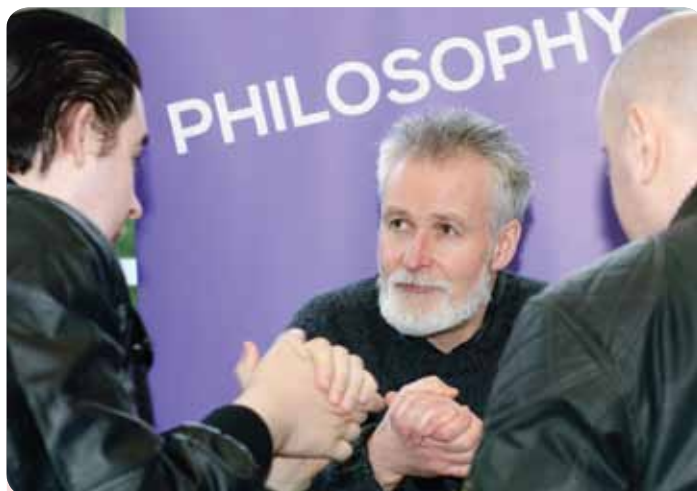
You will be introduced to a wide spectrum of philosophical approaches, from ancient thought through to existentialism and conceptual analysis. Themes will include:

Morality & Political Identity • Freedom & Personal Identity • Knowledge & Truth • Mind & Meaning • The Idea of Evil • Alienation and the Death of God

#### Second & Third Year

Plato, Aristotle & Medieval Philosophy • Rationalism & Empiricism • Hume & Kant • Hegel, Heidegger & German Idealism • Critical Social Theory • Phenomenology & Hermeneutics • Metaphysics & Epistemology • Philosophy of Mind & Language • Law & Religion

Students attend lectures and tutorials and undertake independent study. They are also encouraged to attend public lectures by eminent philosophers and other formal and informal academic events organised by the School of Philosophy. If you are pursuing the single subject degree you will also undertake at least one major research project.



UCD's Dr Timothy Mooney discusses contemporary continental philosophy with students.

Assessment is through a combination of end-of-semester written examinations, class tests and continuous assessment.

### Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

Careers that involve problem-solving abilities, imagination and the communication of complex ideas in a clear and coherent form will welcome Philosophy graduates. Our graduates have established careers in areas such as:

Media • Law • IT • Management • Advertising • Politics • Civil and diplomatic services • Education • Humanitarian NGOs

Students may continue to graduate study at MA and PhD level in universities in Ireland and abroad, from Paris to Oxford to Harvard.

### International Study Opportunities

Recent students have extended their studies with a year abroad in partner universities in Auckland, Paris, Leuven, Seattle and Siena.



Sean Murphy  
GRADUATE

Ireland's rich literary history made it the ideal environment to work in. Whether it was in my flat or in the café or the library, the coast or the Wicklow hills, I always felt myself immersed in a swell of passionate humanists and explorers of ideas. The professors were all visibly interested in the success of their students and instilled in me the confidence that it takes to move on in philosophy, as I am now doing, as I prepare to move into the world of professional philosophy.

Sean, a UCD MA in Philosophy graduate, is a doctoral candidate at Indiana University, a top-25 Philosophy programme in the US.

#### KEY FACT

Corporate headhunters often target Philosophy graduates.

### Find out more

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