

Religious Studies A-Level Part 1

Summary

This course explores a variety of perspectives on religion and its impact on people's behaviour, communities and cultures. Focussing on topics such as life after death and the existence of God, you'll get the chance to reflect on your own values and attitude, as well as develop critical thinking and effective communication.

PET offers A-levels in two parts. Upon completing Part 1 of this A-Level, you will be able to take an AS exam, or you can continue on to Part 2 to build up to a full A-level.

You will need to apply for each part separately. You can start an A-level at any time of the year, but exams usually take place in June.

Before making your application, please speak to PET or your education department to find out if your prison can hold A-level exams as many cannot facilitate this. Alternatively, you might be able to take the exams on Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) or after your release - we will be happy to advise you further on this.

Course Provider	National Extension College (NEC) Woolpack House, 70 High Street, Sawston, CB22 3HJ 01223400200 pet@nec.ac.uk
Qualification Accreditation	Edexcel A-Level (Exams can only be taken at Edexcel registered centres)
Academic level	3
PET entry requirements	Level 2 English
Format of course material	Paper Based Only
Structure of course	<p>Five Lessons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Religious Studies 2. The Existence of God (Design Argument, Cosmological Argument, Ontological Argument) 3. Religious and Ethical Debates (Religious Experience, The Problem of Evil, Environmental Ethics, The Ethics of Equality) 4. Theory and Application of Ethics (Utilitarianism, Natural Moral Law, Situation Ethics, War and Peace, Sexual Ethics) 5. Christianity (The Nature of God, The Trinity, The Church, The Bible, The Role and Nature of Jesus, Shaping and Expressing Christian Identity)
Assignments	<p>Five written assignments. These do not count towards the final grade and are used to check progress and understanding.</p> <p>All materials including assignments are sent at the beginning of the course. Tutors will aim to</p>

	mark and return assignments with feedback within 5 working days of submission for marking.
Exams	There are three 1 hour exams. Exams are Invigilated/ Closed book and involve extended essay writing. You will need to apply to us separately for exam fees.
Estimated completion time	150 hours
Maximum course duration	24 months
Prison support requirements	Support assessment submission (ideally scan to the tutor or post). It is recommended to make copies in case assignments get lost; contact supplier for tutor support or more info on assignment submission; help to facilitate exam; contact supplier for more info on assignment submission or exam facilitation. See contact details are above in the 'Course provider' section.
Supplier tutor's support	Tutors give support by providing feedback on learners' work and answering their queries. Occasionally providing extra resources.
Certificate	Awarding Organisation Official Qualification Certificate is awarded
Progress	The A-Level Part 2 is a popular follow-up to Part 1, but please contact us if you need advice about other options. Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).