

A-Level Philosophy Part 1

Summary

This qualification encourages deep thinking about truth, morality, existence and the nature of knowledge. Philosophy involves questioning the world around us and developing rigorous reasoning skills. You will explore classic and contemporary ideas in ethics, epistemology, religion and the mind – learning to evaluate arguments, uncover meaning and think independently. This course can help you strengthen your critical thinking and logical analysis and improve your communication and essay-writing skills.

PET offers A-levels in two parts. Upon completing Part 1 of this A-Level, you will not be able to take an AS exam, so if you want a qualification you will need to continue 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 01223 400200 www.nec.ac.uk
Qualification Accreditation	AQA
Academic level	Level 3
PET entry requirements	Level 2 English
Format of course material	Paper-based
Structure of course	<p>Five Lessons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Epistemology 2. Perception as a Source of Knowledge 3. Reason as a Source of Knowledge 4. Normative Ethical Theories 5. Meta-ethics and Applied Ethics
Assignments	5 written assignments

Exam	None
Study hours	150
Course expiry date	24 months
Prison support requirements	Facilitate tutor support via email. This often requires scanning learner assignments and email them to their tutor.
Supplier tutor's support	Yes - accessed with prison staff support
Certificate	You cannot gain an AS-level certificate for this course. If you want a qualification, complete both Part 1 and Part 2 to gain an A-level.
Progress	The obvious progression from here is A-Level Philosophy Part 2 but you can discuss other options by calling our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).