

A-Level Religious Studies Part 1

Summary

Find out how people make sense of existence, morality and the divine. You will explore topics such as religious experiences, ethical theories and the role of religion in society – developing an understanding of different worldviews and the ability to think critically about moral and spiritual issues. This qualification cannot only help you build strong analytical and evaluative skills, but also fosters empathy, reflection and reasoned argument.

PET offers A-levels in two parts. Upon completing Part 1, you can choose either to take your AS exam (a qualification marking the first year of a full A-level) or 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 01223 400200 www.nec.ac.uk
Qualification Accreditation	Pearson Edexcel
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 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	5 written assignments
Exam	3 invigilated, closed book exams (60 minutes each)
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. Co-ordinate with NEC to arrange and facilitate exams.
Supplier tutor's support	Yes - accessed with prison staff support
Certificate	Upon completing Part 1, you can choose either to take your AS exam (a qualification marking the first year of a full A-level) or continue on to Part 2 to build up to a full A-level. On successful completion of either exam, you will receive a certificate.
Progress	There are range of possible progression options but most likely you would continue to the A-Level Religious Studies Part 2. Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).