**Alternative Courses List 2024/25 – Philosophy**

Spaces on Philosophy courses are very limited, so if you’re looking to study something similar in another subject area, why not consider some of these courses? These are not based in our Philosophy department, nor are they cross-listed in any way, so it is your responsibility to ensure these would be an acceptable alternative for your home institution.

Use the [Course Finder](https://www.ed.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/course) to review course descriptions, and submit any course change requests via the [online Course Change Request form](https://www.ed.ac.uk/arts-humanities-soc-sci/international-and-study-abroad/visiting-student-office/your-studies-in-edinburgh/enrol-on-courses/course-changes) to the CAHSS Visiting Student Office. Remember that pre-requisites apply to some courses, and entry cannot be guaranteed to any specific course.  
  
**Semester 1**

**Classical Literature in Translation**

Stoic Philosophy at Rome (CLTR10026) - – 3rd year (Classics and Classical Literature background required)

**Divinity**

Religion and Ethics in Literature (DIVI10016) – 3rd year (requires relevant background)

Buddhist Ethics (DIVI10041) - 3rd year

Public Theologies: Thinkers and Themes (DIVI10100) - 3rd year

Religion and Nationalism in the Contemporary World (DIVI10087) – 3rd year (requires relevant background)

**Edinburgh Futures Institute** (please note these courses are marked as Pass/Fail)

Creating Edinburgh: The Interdisciplinary City (EFIE08002) – 1st year

Ethics and Politics of Data (EFIE08004) – 1st year

**French**  
Simone de Beauvoir: Intellectual of the 20th Century (Ordinary) (ELCF09004) – 3rd year (requires French background)

Twentieth Century French Political Thought (Ordinary) (ELCF09020)– 3rd year (requires French background)

**German**

Migration in German-Language Discourse (ELCG08011) – 2nd year (must have previous experience of German)

**Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies**

Islamic History A: The Formation of the Islamic World (IMES08033) – 1st year

Muslim Societies in Southeast Asia (IMES10106) – 4th year (relevant background required)

**Science, Technology and Innovation Studies**  
History of Western Medicine (STIS08009) – 1st year  
Investigating Science in Society (STIS08008) – 1st year

The Internet and Society (STIS10001) – 3rd year (requires relevant background)

**Sociology**

Contemporary Feminist Debates (SSPS10001) – 3rd year (requires relevant background)

Invitation to Sociology (SCIL08017) – 1st year   
Sociology 2a: Thinking Sociologically (SCIL08012) – 2nd year

Understanding Gender in the Contemporary World (SSPS08012) – 1st year

**Semester 2**

**Classical Literature in Translation**

Virtue, Contemplation, and Happiness: Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics (CLTR10037) – 3rd year (Classics and Classical Literature background required)

**Divinity**

Film, Religion and Ethics (DIVI10033) – 3rd year (requires relevant background)

Theological Ethics in Continental European Perspective (DIVI10035) – 3rd year (requires relevant background)

Scottish Literature and the Religious Imagination (DIVI10046) – 3rd year (requires relevant background)

Science and Christian Theology: Historical and Theological Perspectives (DIVI10029) – 3rd year (requires relevant background)  
Theories of Religion (DIVI10088) – 3rd year (requires relevant background)

The God(s) of the Philosophers: Proposals and Problems (DIVI08026) - 1st year course

Christian Theology: Doctrines and Debates (DIVI08025) - 1st year

**Edinburgh College of Art**

Introduction to Queer Studies (DESI08141) – 2nd year

**Edinburgh Futures Institute (please note these courses are marked as Pass/Fail)**

Students as Change Agents (EFIE08003) – 1st year  
Sustainable Development Goals: History, Progress and Beyond 2030 (EFIE08008) – 1st year  
  
**French**

The Francophone Postcolonial: Theory and Literature (Ordinary) (ELCF09034) - 3rd year (requires previous study of French)

**Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies**

International, Transnational and Globalised Dynamics of the Muslim World (IMES10108) – 4th year (requires relevant background)

**Science, Technology and Innovation Studies**

History of Science 1 (STIS08005) – 1st year  
Controversies in Medicine, Technology and the Environment (STIS10009) – 3rd year (requires relevant background)

Science, Nature and Environment (STIS08007) - 1st year

**Sociology**

Sociology 1b: Individuals and Society (SCIL08018) – 1st year   
Sustainable Development 2a: Perspectives on Sustainable Development (SCIL08009) – 1st year  
Diversities: Canada and Beyond (SCIL10096) – 3rd year (requires Social Science background)