

# Your degree

## Year 1

### CORE - Moral and Political Philosophy

We introduce you to key themes in practical philosophy, and develop your ability to reason and think clearly about the question of how we ought to act and organise our interaction. The course aims to treat this issue both systematically and in an applied manner: to familiarise you with various accounts of moral and political theories, but also to use these theories to think critically about real-world problems.

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#### Areas of study typically include:

- Moral philosophy
- Political philosophy
- Gender and philosophy
- Ethical controversies
- Applied political philosophy
- Environmental philosophy

### Global Religions and International Relations CORE - International Relations: Theory and Practice

This provides a firm grounding in the major concepts and debates necessary to understand the modern world of international politics. You will learn about power relations, sovereignty, security, and the real-world problems confronting the international community today. Areas of study typically include international relations theory, regional studies, international institutions and law, global politics and belief, international crises, and international relations and the domestic.

### Global Religions and Philosophy CORE - Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality

This module draws on a broad range of philosophical traditions-- Continental, Analytic, and non-Western. It presents an overview of theoretical sub-disciplines within philosophy, but also equips you with the ability to reason and think clearly about the most fundamental questions of human existence. Areas of study typically include epistemology, metaphysics, phenomenology, philosophy of religion, philosophy of mind.

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### Global Religions and Politics CORE - Politics in the Modern World

You will learn about the foundations of the modern nation-state, and the ways our institutions reflect or fail to meet the ideals of liberal democracy. You'll also explore the behaviour of individuals and groups in political contexts; the workings of national constitutions and international organisations; the interaction of global events and domestic agendas. Areas of study typically include political theory, British politics, comparative politics, ideologies, political behaviour, politics and religion, politics in a global world.

### OPTIONAL - Minor Module

You will select a third module to complement your studies. Some of the subjects you might choose from include:

- Sociology
- History
- English Literature
- Criminology

The choice available will be subject to any timetabling restrictions or entry prerequisites.

## Year 2

### CORE - Global Religions

This core module will cover central themes in the study of religion – for example:

- Religions as involving the control of symbolic and even coercive power, and how this intersects with politics, international relations and philosophy.
- Religions as involving values expressed in norms, laws, and institutions which exercise social and political power, locally and globally.
- How religious identities, practices and values impact on politics, international relations and philosophical thought.
- Religions as diverse traditions in different regions, yet exposed to global changes, and involved in different aspects of globalisation.

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You will select optional modules from the lists below. We allow flexibility so you may be able to choose modules from across the three degree schemes, subject to timetabling and availability.

### Global Religions and International Relations OPTIONS

- China's International Relations
- Peace Studies in Action
- Russian International Politics
- The Politics of Race

### Global Religions and Philosophy OPTIONS

- Indian Philosophical and Religious Thought
- Mind-Body Problem
- Moral Philosophy
- Philosophical Questions in the Study of Politics and Economics

### Global Religions and Politics OPTIONS

- The Politics of Race
- Public Policy
- Issues in Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Politics and History of the Middle East



## Year 3

To help you prepare for work on the dissertation, typically there is an introductory talk in second year on topics relating to doing one's own research and planning and writing a dissertation.

### CORE - Dissertation

This module provides you with an opportunity to choose a topic related to some aspect your studies so far, and to pursue it in depth. This culminates in a 9-10,000 word dissertation.

The topic may be related to one of your other modules, or it may be less directly linked to course work. We encourage you to develop your research skills, and ability to work at length under your own direction.

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You will select optional modules from the lists below and also from second year optional modules. We allow flexibility so you may be able to choose modules from across the three degree schemes, subject to timetabling and availability.

### Global Religions and International Relations OPTION

- Britain in the World
- Understanding External Intervention in Violent Conflicts
- Contemporary Issues in the Middle East
- Indian Politics, Society and Religion

### Global Religions and Philosophy OPTIONS

- Modern Religious and Atheistic Thought
- Future Generations
- Logic and Language
- Darwinism and Philosophy

### Global Religions and Politics OPTIONS

- Religion and Violence
- Politics of Global Danger
- Body in Text: Politics of Gender in Islam

### Study Abroad and Placement Year

If you take a study abroad or placement year degree, you spend your third year abroad or on work placement. You then return to Lancaster campus to complete the above modules in Year 4.



# Your future career

Whatever your career goals, we're committed to ensuring you complete your degree with the skills and experience to make you stand out in the jobs market. One unique opportunity you'll have access to as a Lancaster student is applying for an internship with the Richardson Institute for Peace Studies, based in our department and known for its influential research. Here, you'll have the chance to apply what you've learned to a real-world research project with a faith-based organisation, NGO, or think tank.

You'll graduate with an understanding of global issues and an international perspective that is increasingly in demand from employers in our interconnected world. The skills you build in critical analysis, communication, and research will make you an ideal fit for top graduate jobs in areas like the Civil and Diplomatic Services, international charities and NGOs, media, politics, and education

## Internships

We are home to the Richardson Institute, which undertakes cutting-edge peace and conflict research. Typically, the Institute offers over 60 internships per year to our students to undertake research projects for external organisations. You can also apply for internships as part of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Internship Scheme. Past employers have included Carnegie Publishing, The Dukes Theatre, and the Ethical Consumer Research Association, with roles ranging from marketing and PR to specific research projects with heritage or humanitarian organisations.

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## Graduate destinations

The skills you will develop studying Global Religions are increasingly in demand by employers. Clear communication, the ability to strongly argue your case and a critical approach to thinking are transferable skills that will stand you prepared to take on a number of exciting graduate roles.

What's more, the international outlook you will attain will open the door to roles with an international focus.

Some of the careers a Global Religions graduate might choose to pursue include:

- Civil and diplomatic services
- Politics and government
- International charities and NGOs
- Consultancy
- Media, journalism and public relations
- Teaching and education

Many graduates from our department also choose to go onto further study, taking a Master's degree or PhD.

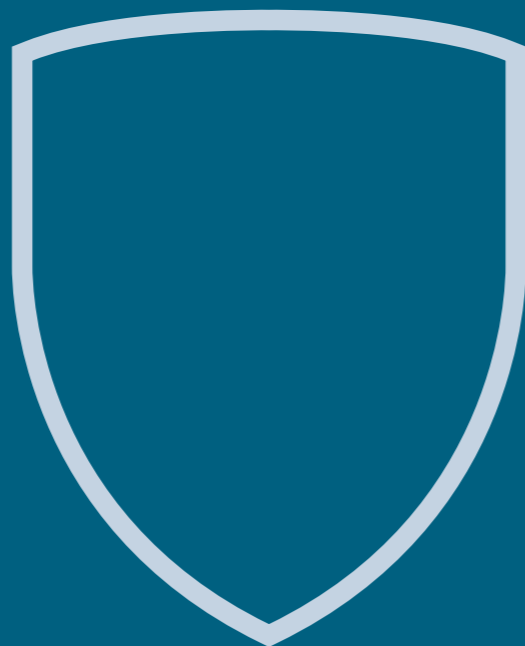
## Careers service

We offer life-long careers support for our students. Our career advisers are available to support you with subject-specific careers guidance, as well as application and interview practice. You can take part in the Lancaster Award, which is a formal recognition of extra-curricular activity that enhances your employability, for example volunteer work, training and attending careers workshops. Find out more: [www.lancaster.ac.uk/careers](http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/careers)

# Degrees and entry requirements

| Degree title  | Award   | Degree length | UCAS code | Typical offer |
|---|---------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Global Religions and International Relations                  | BA Hons | 3 years       | VL01      | ABB           |
| Global Religions and International Relations (Placement Year) | BA Hons | 4 years       | VL02      | ABB           |
| Global Religions and International Relations (Study Abroad)   | BA Hons | 4 years       | VL03      | ABB           |
| Global Religions and Philosophy                               | BA Hons | 3 years       | V651      | ABB           |
| Global Religions and Philosophy (Placement Year)              | BA Hons | 4 years       | V652      | ABB           |
| Global Religions and Philosophy (Study Abroad)                | BA Hons | 4 years       | V653      | ABB           |
| Global Religions and Politics                                 | BA Hons | 3 years       | LV01      | ABB           |
| Global Religions and Politics (Placement Year)                | BA Hons | 4 years       | LV02      | ABB           |
| Global Religions and Politics (Study Abroad)                  | BA Hons | 4 years       | LV03      | ABB           |

Visit our website for more information on degree options, scholarships and entry requirements (such as BTECs).  
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"At Lancaster, we study religions across the globe. We cover Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, world Christianity, and new religious movements. We study them in many regions of the world – from their places of origin to contemporary Britain.

We combine approaches from many academic disciplines. We examine religious texts, philosophical ideas, histories, and changing social forms. We take decolonial and comparative perspectives. We engage with major themes in contemporary British and global politics and in international relations.

Our lecturers and professors are widely recognised in the study of religious traditions. We aim to show our students the many ways in which religion matters, and how this enriches the study of politics, international relations and philosophy.

Lancaster is the place to come to if you want to understand the place of religion in the world, past and present!"

**Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad FBA,**  
 Distinguished Professor of Comparative Religion and Philosophy

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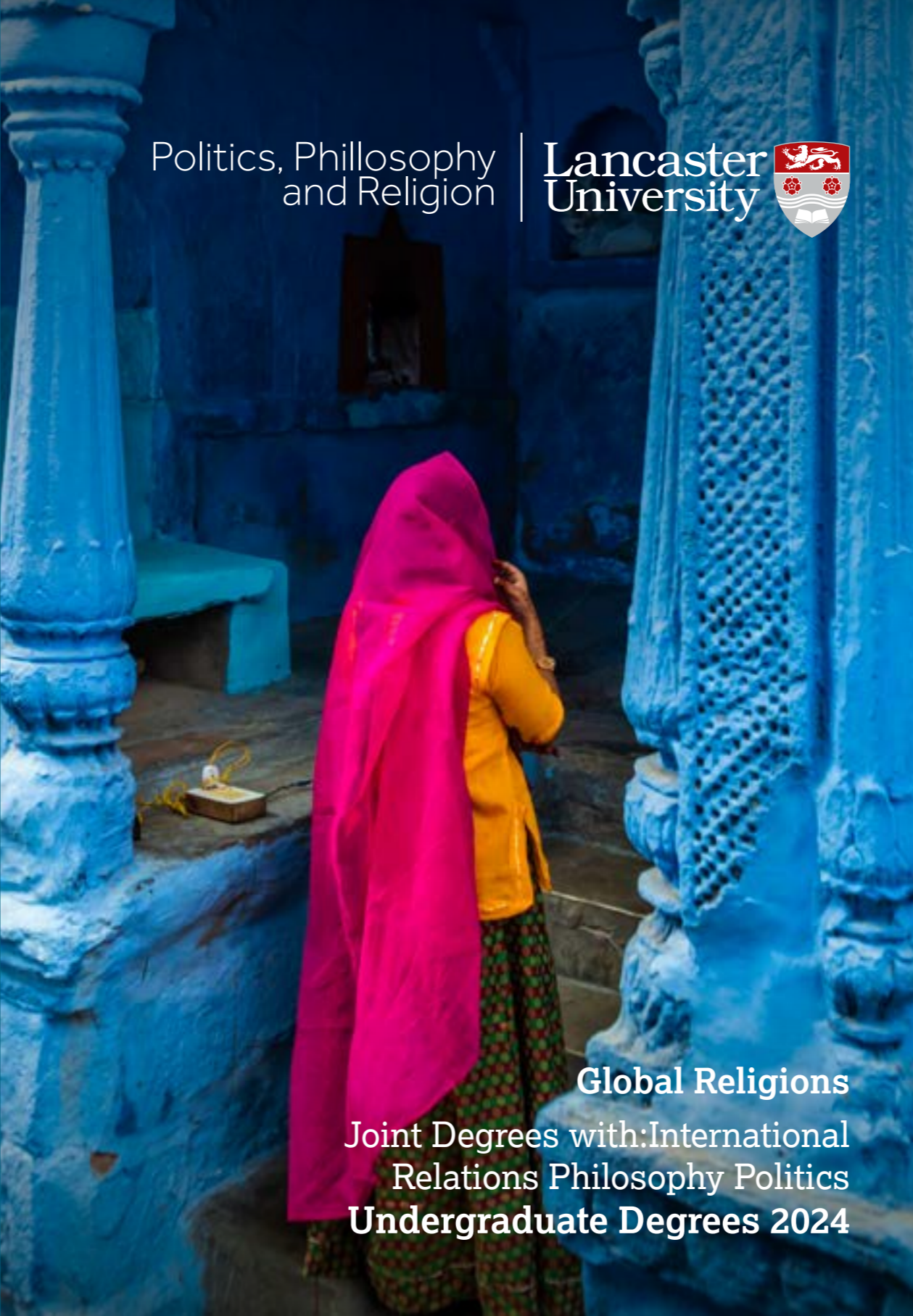


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Politics, Philosophy  
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Global Religions  
 Joint Degrees with: International  
 Relations Philosophy Politics  
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# Global Religions at Lancaster

Religion sits at the heart of some of the global issues which define our era: from the interconnections between race, gender and class, to how societies decide what is good or bad. By studying Global Religions at Lancaster, you'll cut through the complexity of our globalised world, and gain a grasp on our ever-shifting moral and geopolitical landscape.

You'll study in a department known for its cutting-edge research and international outlook. Our research and teaching spans the world's demographically significant religions: including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, and Islam. Explore fascinating topics like gender in Islam, Indian religious and philosophical thought and the interplay between tradition and globalisation.

Our department is unique in that it combines the study of politics, philosophy and religion under one roof. Because of this, you'll have the opportunity to combine your study of Global Religions with a choice of International Relations, Philosophy, or Politics – allowing you to build a sophisticated, interdisciplinary understanding of global issues.

In international relations, you might explore the tensions between tradition and globalisation in a world in transition. In philosophy, you could explore the influence of religion on Chinese philosophical thought. In politics, you might study the spread of religious messages in South and South East Asia. Our research and teaching is underpinned by regular contributions to local, national, and international policy debates, meaning you'll be at the forefront of the latest developments in knowledge.

Whichever route you choose, each of our programmes offers a wide degree of flexibility. You'll be in the driving seat of your learning experience, designing your degree from a diverse and internationally-oriented selection of module choices, alongside core modules which will get you to grips with the foundational theories and debates in religious studies and your chosen field.



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