

Global Ethics and Human Values MA

Year of entry: 2019

Duration: full-time: one year, part-time: two years

Study mode: full-time, part-time

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Our Global Ethics and Human Values MA is the most wide-ranging and philosophical course in its field, allowing you to study the most pressing ethical issues of our time, from globalisation and climate change to war, terrorism, poverty, inequality, justice and human rights.

Key benefits

- A wide-ranging course covering challenging contemporary philosophical topics and urgent ethical issues.
- Taught by distinguished academic staff whose areas of expertise include a very wide range of topics in ethics and political philosophy.
- Based in the heart of London, close to the Houses of Parliament, the Royal Courts of Justice, multinational corporate headquarters and international NGOs.
- Open to students from law, the humanities and social sciences as well as those with relevant work experience.
- Generous scholarships are available to support the brightest and best students.

Course details

Our Global Ethics & Human Values course will encourage and develop your thinking about the complex theoretical and practical issues confronting the world and equip you with the analytical skills to address those issues with philosophical rigour. It draws extensively on branches of philosophy, politics and international relations and will introduce you to a wide range of ideas, concepts and problems within those areas.

You will examine theoretical perspectives within ethics, such as deontology, consequentialism and virtue and explore how these perspectives can be used to understand important and emotive issues such as religious and political conflict, nationalism, abortion and sexual perversion. You will also study the works and insights of major political philosophers to consider how concepts such as liberty or equality have been interpreted to shape the world we live in.

Our course is equally suited for students with a background in philosophy, politics, economics, history or social sciences, or those already working in government, international aid or NGOs, or in corporate social responsibility in the commercial sector.

You will study three required modules and choose three optional modules. In the first semester, you will be exposed to a range of philosophical approaches within epistemology, ethics and political philosophy, which will be applied to relevant topics in a globalising world. In the second semester, you will be asked to apply the philosophical techniques and conceptual frameworks of the first semester to various global issues, ranging from terrorism to environmental concerns, human rights, world poverty and international justice.

In the final months of the course, you will choose a global issue of special interest to you and research it to write a 12,000-15,000-word dissertation.

Teaching

All modules are run as seminars, with a mixture of formal presentation by the instructor and active discussion among members of the seminar. Instructors are also available outside of seminars, and during the dissertation phase students will have personal guidance from a specific instructor.

Full-time

Course stage	Lectures, seminars and feedback	Self-study
Year 1	6-8 hours	32-34 hours

Part-time

Course stage	Lectures, seminars and feedback	Self-study
Year 1	4-6 hours	14-16 hours
Year 2	4-6 hours	14-16 hours

Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Assessment

The three required modules are assessed together by one three-hour exam and optional modules are assessed by a 3,000 word essay.

Regulating body

King's College is regulated by the Office for Students.



Course structure

Courses are divided into modules. You will normally take modules totalling 180 credits.

Required modules

You are required to take:

- Contemporary Political Philosophy (20 credits)
- Dissertation – Global Ethics and Human Values (60 credits)
- Ethics (20 credits)
- Ideological Conflict, Belief and Philosophy (20 credits)

Optional modules

In addition, you are required to take 60 credits from a range of optional modules, which may typically include:

- Citizenship and Corporate Responsibility (20 credits)
- Ethics of Culture (20 credits)
- International Justice & Human Rights (20 credits)
- Topics in Global Ethics (20 credits)

Part-time students are advised to take 80 credits in the first year and 100 credits (which includes the 60 credit dissertation) in the second year of their course of studies.

King's College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant courses of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

Location

This course is primarily taught at the King's College London Strand Campus. There may be some classes on the Waterloo Campus.

Career prospects

Our course has broadened students' awareness of global issues. Many of our graduates have gone on to do research degrees and work for governmental and non-governmental organisations.



Fees and funding

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – UK

The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King's terms and conditions.

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – EU

Students starting their programme in 2019/20 (September 2019) who are eligible to pay EU fees will pay the same rate of tuition fees as UK students. This will apply for the duration of their programme, but may be subject to change by the UK Government for subsequent cohorts from 2020/21.

The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Full-time and part-time tuition fees – International

The International tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Deposit

When you receive an offer for this course you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure your place. The deposit will be credited towards your total fee payment.

The UK/EU deposit is £500.

The International deposit is £2,000.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website:
<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx>

Additional costs

In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:

- books if you choose to buy your own copies
- clothing for optional course related events and competitions
- library fees and fines
- personal photocopies
- printing course handouts/binding costs
- society membership fees
- stationery
- travel costs for travel to and around London and between campuses
- graduation costs.

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