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Any updates or changes can be found on the Philosophy Test website.

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Key dates for the Philosophy Test 2017

Registration opens:

1 September

Requests for modified question papers:

By 30 September

Registration deadline:

15 October by 18.00 BST

This is the same date as the UCAS application deadline

Test date:

2 November

Results:

The test is marked by the University of Oxford. You are not automatically sent your test results, but you may request your score as part of the usual University of Oxford feedback process.



PHILOSOPHY TEST

for the joint course of Philosophy and Theology



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Guide for students 2017

Register by 15 October 2017

The Philosophy Test

You need to take the Philosophy Test if you are applying to study **the joint course of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Oxford**.

If you are applying for Philosophy and Linguistics (PPL); Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) or Psychology and Philosophy (PPL), you need to take the Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA) Oxford.

If you are applying for any Philosophy and Modern Languages course, you need to take the relevant parts of the Modern Languages Admissions Tests (MLAT).

Please see [ox.ac.uk/tests](https://www.ox.ac.uk/tests) for more information on which courses require which admissions tests.

The test is only one part of the overall application process.

What's in the test?

The Philosophy Test is a 60-minute test of philosophical reasoning skills. There is no expectation that you will have undertaken any formal study of philosophy, and it is not a test of your philosophical knowledge.

You will typically be asked to undertake a comprehension exercise and write a short essay or answer a structured question. Credit will be given for precise and careful reasoning which answers the question asked, with particular merit being given to answers which anticipate and are able to answer objections to the reasoning given. No credit will be given for irrelevance, nor for the statement of opinions without evidence or argument to support them.

Where do I take the Philosophy Test?

If you are currently attending school or college, you can normally take the test at your school: check with your Exams Officer. If your school is not already registered as a centre, they can apply to become a test centre – even if you are the only person taking a test. admissionstestingservice.org/become-a-centre

Once they are a test centre, they will then need to register you as a test candidate separately.

We advise that you take the test at school, if possible, rather than at an alternative authorised test centre. These centres may charge an administration fee.

If you are not attending school or college, you may be able to take the test at your old school: check with the Exams Officer. If this is not possible, you will need to find an authorised test centre where you can take the test. admissionstestingservice.org/find-a-centre

When do I register?

Your centre needs to register you. Registration opens on 1 September 2017 and closes on 15 October 2017.

This is done separately from your UCAS application.

You must give your centre your name, date of birth and UCAS number exactly as they have been entered on your UCAS application.

As late registrations are not accepted, ask your centre to register you for the Philosophy Test **well before the registration deadline**.

How much does the test cost?

You don't need to pay a test entry fee.

What if I need Access Arrangements?

Access Arrangements are available if you have a disability or special requirement, and are normally entitled to support for exams.

You need to inform your centre of any special requirements when they register you for the test. They will ask for full details and a copy of your medical evidence. Requests for modified question papers must be submitted by your centre by 30 September 2017.

How do I prepare for the Philosophy Test?

Doing a practice paper in timed conditions is an excellent way to prepare and gets you used to the test format and question style. You can find a specimen paper at: [ox.ac.uk/tests](https://www.ox.ac.uk/tests)