

Interviews for Philosophy

General questions

Tell us about your A-levels.

Why did you choose to apply here?

What do you hope to do during your year out?

How firm are your plans?

Besides your course, how do you spend your time?

Course/subject specific questions

1 Justify the study of philosophy.

2 What are the set texts in your present literature courses? Did you or the teacher choose them? Tell us about the philosophical stance of either the author or a particular character in one of the books. *[Detailed questions about the set texts/an essay you have written and submitted may follow.]*

3 Who is your favorite philosopher? Why?

4 If we were to lock you up for a year with just four books, which four would you choose to have with you? Why those four?

5 Do you think teachers believe in original sin, or the perfectability of man?

6 What do you think the study of Philosophy involves?

7 How do you think courses in Philosophy differ? Why does this one attract you?

8 Whilst you were waiting to come in you were given an essay to look over: What did you make of it?

9 Describe yourself in your friends' eyes.

Questions you might ask

What is your attitude to students having a year out before taking this course?

What have previous graduates from this course gone on to do?

How easy is it to get accommodation?