

WEA classes are friendly and supportive. You will be encouraged to work together with your fellow students and tutor. You will be asked to share your ideas and views in the class and work with the group to give and accept feedback in a supportive environment. The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you to be actively involved in your learning. You may be asked to undertake work to support your course outside of your class.

By the end of the course I should be able to:

1. Identify the main issues addressed by philosophy and the major world religions.
2. Evaluate their political, historical, cultural and worldwide significance.
3. Apply insights from the course to the conflict of ideologies at a national and international level.
4. Articulate and evaluate their own beliefs and those of others.
5. Apply ideas, insights and structures from the course to their personal narratives of life experiences.

How will I know I'm making progress?

Your tutor will ask you to present, in whatever form is appropriate, an evaluation of the course and of your own learning.

Your tutor will observe and take note of your contributions to discussions (whole-group and small-group), providing feedback where appropriate either at the time or following the session, in person or by email. Your tutor will ask you questions from time to time to check the effectiveness of teaching and learning.

What else do I need to know, do or bring?

None

Reading and information sources

Any general introductory book on philosophy will be helpful - The only essential is an open mind and a readiness to join in discussion with others.

What could the course lead to?

Melvyn Bragg's "In Our Time" (R4 Thurs 9.00am) and associated message boards
Reith Lectures - especially the online archives and message boards

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your first course you accept a learning agreement (the tear-off portion of your enrolment form). This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for some courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact:
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