

Why choose GCSE RE?

Pupils will;

- develop their knowledge and understanding of religious and non-religious beliefs
- develop their ability to construct balanced and well-structured written arguments
- understand that religious traditions in Great Britain are diverse



Careers

In medicine, a knowledge of religious differences can help inform decisions on treatment for patients.

Lawyers and Barristers are mindful of religion and religious beliefs when considering cases.

The uniformed services use their knowledge of religion to ensure they work in an appropriate way.

Youth workers use their knowledge of religion to inform their work with young people.

Teachers use their knowledge of the students to make sure the curriculum is suitable for everyone.

About the course

Eduqas (WJEC) GCSE – Route A3

Component 1 weighting 50%

Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World
Candidates will study the following four themes. All questions are compulsory.

Theme 1: Relationships

Theme 2: Life and Death

Theme 3: Good and Evil

Theme 4: Human Rights

Written examination: 2 hours
120 marks (plus 6 for spelling, punctuation and grammar)

Component 2 weighting 25%

Study of Christianity

Candidates will study the beliefs, teachings and practices of Christianity

Written examination: 1 hour
60 marks (plus 6 for spelling, punctuation and grammar)

Component 3 weighting 25%

Study of a World Faith

Candidates will study the beliefs, teachings and practices of Islam

Written examination: 1 hour
60 marks

How academic skills are assessed

AO1 Demonstrate **knowledge** and **understanding** of religion and belief, including:

- beliefs, practices and sources of authority
- influence on individuals, communities and societies
- similarities and differences within and/or between religions and beliefs

AO2 **Analyse** and **evaluate** aspects of religion and belief, including their significance and influence

	Route A	
	AO1	AO2
Component 1	25%	25%
Component 2	12.5%	12.5%
Component 3	12.5%	12.5%
Overall weighting	50%	50%

Course content

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Theme 1: Relationships

- adultery ●divorce ●cohabitation ●commitment ●contraception
- gender equality ●responsibilities ●roles

Theme 2: Life and Death

- afterlife ●environmental sustainability ●euthanasia ●evolution
- abortion ●quality of life ●sanctity of life ●soul

Theme 3: Good and Evil

- good/evil ●forgiveness ●free will ●justice ●morality
- punishment ●sin ●suffering

Theme 4: Human Rights

- censorship ●discrimination ●extremism ●human rights
- personal conviction ●prejudice ●relative and absolute poverty
- social justice

Component 2 weighting 25%

Study of Christianity

Candidates will study the beliefs, teachings and practices of Christianity

Topics

- The nature of God • Creation • Jesus Christ • Salvation • Forms of worship • Sacraments • Pilgrimage and celebrations
- Christianity in Britain and the church in the local community

Concepts

- omnipotent • omnibenevolent • Trinity • incarnation • atonement
- resurrection • sacraments • evangelism

Component 3 weighting 25%

Study of a World Faith

Candidates will study the beliefs, teachings and practices of Islam

Topics

- The nature of Allah • Prophet hood (Risalah) • Angels (Malaikah)
- Afterlife (Akhirah) • Foundations of Faith • The Five Pillars of Sunni Islam • The Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam

Concepts

- tawhid ●prophethood ●halal (permitted) ●haram (forbidden)
- greater/lesser jihad ●mosque ●shariah (straight path) ●ummah