**Student Feedback**

Philosophy is committed to revising its practices in dialogue with students. We are eager to hear student suggestions for improvement on our programme as a whole and to our individual courses. There are many avenues for you to communicate with us, both formally and informally. Below, find out some of the avenues for having your concerns addressed and how we adjust our practice in light of feedback.

**Programme Level:**

*Staff Student Liaison Committee.* By contacting your student representatives, you can have your concerns anonymously raised at the Staff-Student Liaison Committee, which happens twice a semester.

You can see minutes from previous meetings and find out who your representatives are here: [https://www.ed.ac.uk/ppls/philosophy/current/undergraduate/student-representation](https://www.ed.ac.uk/ppls/philosophy/current/undergraduate/student-representation)

*Faculty Contacts:* You can also directly contact faculty ([https://www.ed.ac.uk/ppls/philosophy/people/roles](https://www.ed.ac.uk/ppls/philosophy/people/roles)). Some important faculty in administering the undergraduate programme are the following:

- Undergraduate Director of Teaching: Bryan Pickel ([bryan.pickel@ed.ac.uk](mailto:bryan.pickel@ed.ac.uk))
- Pre-Honours Coordinator: Alistair Isaac ([a.m.c.isaac@ed.ac.uk](mailto:a.m.c.isaac@ed.ac.uk))
- Honours Coordinator: Aidan McGlynn ([a.m.c.isaac@ed.ac.uk](mailto:a.m.c.isaac@ed.ac.uk))
- Joint Honours Coordinator: Brian Rabern ([brian.rabern@ed.ac.uk](mailto:brian.rabern@ed.ac.uk))

*National Student Surveys:* At the end of your final year, you will be asked to fill out a National Student Survey (NSS).

**Course Level:**

You can also provide feedback on individual courses.

*Mid-course feedback cards:* Sometime in the middle of the course, you will be asked to fill in a feedback card. This is an opportunity for you to provide real time feedback about what is going well and what needs improvement.

*Course Enhancement Questionnaire:* At the end of each course, you will be asked to complete a survey about your experience. The results of this survey are returned to the course organiser to use for improvement the following year.

*Office Hours:* If you feel comfortable, most course organisers are happy to hear feedback on their courses during their office hours.

**How We Use Feedback:**

Course organisers can sometimes improve a course in response to feedback in real time.

Other adjustments must be approved by School or College Committees and so adjustments in light of feedback are used to improve the course the following year.
Some feedback requires balancing different needs of students. In these cases, the faculty may bring it up for discussion in a Staff-Student Liaison Committee and at Philosophy Staff Meetings.

Some feedback is acted on, but requires a long build up and a series of consultation with students, with partner degrees, and with college. Philosophy’s recent Honours Curriculum reform was initiated after student feedback, but took several years to implement.