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Education

2014-2017

BA in Politics & Philosophy

University of York

Year 1 average: 70%

Year 2 average: 76.25%

Year 3 average so far: 79.3%

Modules studied include:

German Idealism: Legal, Moral, and Political Philosophy (85%), Contemporary Political Philosophy (78%), The Idea of Liberty (73%), Contemporary Moral Theory (80%), History of Political Thought (78%), Introduction to Political Theory (77%), Ancient Philosophy (80%), History of Philosophy (76%), and Moral Philosophy (76%). Marks currently pending in modules on Ethics In Public Policy, Karl Marx, and The Value and Meaning of Life.

I have written extended assessed essays on a range of relevant topics including:

The independence of right and morality in Fichte's political philosophy; Immanuel Kant and freedom of the will; John Rawls on rejecting the role of moral desert in matters of distributive justice; John Locke's political philosophy and its role in Liberal political philosophy; Robert Nozick, John Tomasi and the Libertarian conception of justice; A comparative assessment of Immanuel Kant, Thomas Hobbes, and Jean-Jacques Rousseau on revolution and sovereignty; and the Republican and Liberal conceptions of freedom, from a political and philosophical perspective.

2012-2014

The King's School, Ely

A Levels

Government & Politics: A*

Religious Studies: A

Classical Civilization: A

As well as an A in English Literature at AS Level.

Was awarded the Grayling prize for a piece of outstanding writing in the humanities. I also received the highest prize for achievement in my year group in the subjects of Government & Politics, Religious Studies, and Classical Civilization.

Other work experience and responsibilities

2016 – Ongoing	Welfare officer The Fringe, York’s alternative music society In 2016 I successfully ran for the post of Welfare officer for The Fringe, and was successfully re-elected this February. This role has involved a wide range of important responsibilities (including ensuring the safety of society members at social events including trips, both personally and through the correct submission of paperwork) as well as keeping things on track for the society more broadly by helping to organise events, co-ordinate with other societies at a number of other universities, offering helpful suggestions at various points, and generally working well as part of a team.
20 June – 20 July 2016	Customer service assistant Ede & Ravenscroft
23 June – 24 July 2015	This role involved providing support to customers, largely university graduates. Taking orders for university graduation gowns and photography, addressing and resolving complaints and issues, tracking orders and resolving difficulties, and providing support to the senior Customer Support team. This has required working well as part of a team; remaining calm and working well under stressful circumstances; maintaining strong communication skills in the face of difficult customers; learning and putting into practice new IT systems and skills on the job; as well as maintaining an eye for small details related to gown purchases and hires, graduation ceremonies and other areas.

Interests

In my spare time, I run a small independent online blog, writing on the topic of heavy metal music. This has involved taking the initiative to reach out and contact artists, record labels and PR firms to conduct in-depth interviews, reviews and the like. I have also contributed articles on politics and music to the student newspaper *The Yorker* in the past. I also enjoy traveling. In January 2016, I chose to attend the PEP Department Study Trip to Berlin where we toured the city. We visited the British embassy and had the chance to interview the ambassador, likewise with a German government department, and visited various museums while also taking in the culture of the city. I also enjoy reading (particularly the genres of history and fiction) and playing the guitar.

References

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