

Ethics and Religious Studies

(for students studying in S4 in the 2013/14 sy and taking the 2016 HKDSE Exam)

Why do you need to study Ethics and Religious Studies (ERS)?

Studying ERS promotes your understanding of the major and contemporary religious and ethical issues; enables you to make rational and informed moral judgements as well as enhances your spiritual, moral, and social development. All above are essential qualities of a global citizen.

What will you learn from ERS?

Compulsory Part: Ethics	Elective Part: Religious Traditions (choose ONE only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Normative Ethics● Personal and Social Issues	Module 1 : Buddhism Module 2 : Christianity

How will you be assessed in ERS?

The public assessment of ERS consists of public examination and School-based Assessment (SBA). The SBA is deferred to 2019. The public examination results constitute 100% of the final subject results. The following table outlines the components of the public examination:

Paper 1: Ethics	Weighting: 50%	Duration: 1 hr 45 mins
Part A : Normative Ethics (20 marks) 4-5 short questions will be set. All questions are compulsory.		
Part B : Personal and Social Issues (40 marks) There will be 4 questions, of which candidates are required to answer 2. The paper will consist of essays and guided essay questions.		
Paper 2: Religious Traditions	Weighting: 50%	Duration: 1 hr 45 mins
Candidates are to attempt one of the two modules offered, of which candidates are required to answer 3 essay-type questions.		
# Candidates selecting Christianity may bring approved Bibles(s) into the examination centres.		

How can ERS equip you for the future?

Further Studies	Employment
Studying post-secondary programmes related to humanities, social science and cultural studies	Engaging in professions which require cultural and social sensitivities, such as communication and journalism; cultural studies; social services and education

For further information, please refer to EDB's website "New Academic Structure Web Bulletin"

(<http://334.edb.hkedcity.net/EN/>) or consult your teacher.