

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2024-25: MTh in Applied Theology



Course facts

Mode of study	Full Time	Part Time
Expected length	2 years	3-4 years

About the course

The MTh in Applied Theology is designed to enable theological reflection upon experience in pastoral practice. It may be taken if candidates hold a ministerial or pastoral appointment at present, or if they are able to include a period of approved pastoral experience in your course of study on the MTh.

The MTh may be taken either full-time (residential) in two years, or part-time in three or four years.

The course is divided into two parts. Part I is the first year of taught study during which you must be resident in Oxford if you are studying full-time. If studying part-time, you must participate regularly in accordance with University regulations for part-time study. You may transfer from full-time to part-time after the first year. As a part-time student, you may be non-residential but you must attend classes and seminars in Oxford on one day each week (currently Fridays) during your first year and continue to take part in occasional seminars and supervisions for your essays during the subsequent years. Colleges may offer further seminars for their Applied Theology students.

You will take four units in total during Part I. The two core units are:

- Doctrine, Context and Practice
- Experiential Project with Theological Reflection.

Further units may include the following options, subject to supervisor availability:

- Sociology of Religion
- Pastoral Psychology
- Science and Faith in the Modern World
- The Use of the Bible
- Christian Spirituality
- Liturgy and Worship
- Christian Ethics
- Mission in the Modern World
- Inter-faith Dialogue
- Ecclesiology in an Ecumenical Context

Core classes and seminars on methodology and approaches in applied theology will be offered weekly. If studying part-time, you will attend these classes during their first year. The classes will include required reading and discussion. Extended essays for particular units will be supervised by an individual tutor. In addition to the core classes, the Applied Theology Research Seminars provide an opportunity for all students to hear from senior members of the University as well as visiting scholars. The Research Presentation Seminars allow students to present their current research to one another and receive feedback. Thus there is a balance of supported learning and independent research.

You will be encouraged to attend lectures and postgraduate seminars offered by the Faculty of Theology and Religion. Participation in some of these may require permission of the convenor.

In Part II of the MTh, you will write a dissertation of up to 20,000 words on an agreed aspect of applied theology. This dissertation can be completed part-time.

Supervision

You will be assigned supervisors to help you formulate and prepare your essay projects, as well as the dissertation. The number of meetings with supervisors will vary, but you should expect regular, at least fortnightly interactions with supervisors, tutors or course coordinators, whether at classes or in one-to-one meetings.

For this course, the allocation of graduate supervision is the responsibility of the Faculty of Theology and Religion and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. Under exceptional circumstances a supervisor may be found outside the Faculty of Theology and Religion.

Assessment

In addition to a dissertation on an agreed aspect of applied theology (Part II), each unit in Part I is assessed by an extended essay. There are two submission windows each year: after the end of Hilary term (Friday of 0th week of Trinity term) and at the end of the Long Vacation (Friday of 0th week of Michaelmas term). In most circumstances, full-time students submit one essay (typically the Doctrine, Context and Practice unit), or occasionally two, after the end of Hilary term and the rest of the Part I essays at the end of the Long Vacation. Occasionally, permission is given to submit the Experiential Project at the end of Hilary term of the second year. The dissertation must be submitted by the end of the second Long Vacation. Submission timelines for part-time students typically require at least one essay submitted ideally by the end of the first Hilary term but at the latest by the end of the first Long Vacation and the rest of the Part I essays by the end of the second Long Vacation. The dissertation would then be due before completing their time on the course.

Changes to this course

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after you commence your course. These might include significant changes made necessary by any pandemic, epidemic or local health emergency. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>) and our page on changes to courses (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/coursechanges>).

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2024-25

Full-time study

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home	£13,970
Overseas	£31,980

Part-time study

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home	£6,985
Overseas	£15,990

Information about course fees

Course fees are payable each year, for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay course fees). For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>).

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

Additional cost information

Full-time study

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Please note that, depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

Part-time study

Please note that this course requires that you attend in Oxford for teaching, and you may incur additional travel and accommodation expenses for this. Further, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

Living costs

In addition to your course fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

If you are studying part-time your living costs may vary depending on your personal circumstances but you must still ensure that you will have sufficient funding to meet these costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2024-25 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

Likely living costs for one month

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£315	£495
Accommodation	£745	£925
Personal items	£190	£320
Social activities	£40	£95
Study costs	£35	£85
Other	£20	£35
Total	£1,345	£1,955

Likely living costs for nine months

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£2,835	£4,445
Accommodation	£6,705	£8,325
Personal items	£1,710	£2,880
Social activities	£360	£855
Study costs	£315	£765
Other	£180	£315
Total	£12,105	£17,595

Likely living costs for twelve months

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£3,780	£5,940
Accommodation	£8,940	£11,100
Personal items	£2,280	£3,840
Social activities	£480	£1,140
Study costs	£420	£1,020
Other	£240	£420
Total	£16,140	£23,460

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2024-25, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of 5% or more each year – although this rate may vary depending on the national economic situation.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.

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