

Philosophy and Theology Information Sheet for entry in 2018

Philosophy and Theology brings together some of the most important approaches to understanding and assessing the intellectual claims of religion.

The study of Philosophy develops analytical rigour and the ability to criticise and reason logically. It allows you to apply these skills to many contemporary and historical schools of thought and individual thinkers, and to questions ranging from how we acquire knowledge and form moral judgements to central questions in the philosophy of religion, including the existence and nature of God and the relevance of religion to human life.

The study of Theology provides an understanding of the intellectual underpinning of religious traditions, and of the social and cultural contexts for religious belief and practice. It brings together a wide range of skills and disciplines, historical, textual, linguistic, sociological, literary-critical and philosophical.

The degree is constructed in the belief that the parallel study of these related disciplines leads to a deeper understanding of each. The Philosophy Faculty is the largest in the UK, and one of the largest in the world. Many faculty members have a worldwide reputation, and library and other facilities are acknowledged as among the best in the country.

The Faculty of Theology and Religion has more than 100 members ranging from experts in the ancient languages and literature of the world's religions to church historians and systematic theologians. Its reputation and excellent library facilities attract scholars from all over the world.

A typical weekly timetable

Work is divided between tutorials (usually one or two weekly), lectures (typically six to eight weekly), and (when studying certain topics) some classes. A large part of your week will be spent in private study to prepare essays for tutorials.



1st year

Courses

Four papers are taken:

- The figure of Jesus through the centuries
- General philosophy
- Logic and moral philosophy

and one of the following:

- Introduction to the study of the Bible
- Religion and religions
- New Testament Greek
- Biblical Hebrew
- Qur'anic Arabic
- Church Latin
- Pali
- Sanskrit

Assessment

First University examinations: One written paper in each of four subjects

2nd and 3rd years

Compulsory core subjects:

Students take eight papers, either five in Philosophy and three in Theology, or five in Theology and three in Philosophy, or four in each. A thesis may replace one of the eight papers.

All students study:

- Early modern philosophy **or** Knowledge and reality
- Ethics **or** Plato's *Republic* **or** Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*
- Philosophy of religion

Remaining papers are chosen from a wide range of options

The options listed above are illustrative and may change. More information about current options is available on the [Philosophy](#) and [Theology](#) websites.

Assessment

Final University examinations: Eight papers (assessed either by written examination or by submitted coursework, depending upon the option), or seven papers plus a thesis

The University will seek to deliver each course in accordance with the descriptions 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 registration. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions.

Fees

Oxford University is committed to recruiting the best and brightest students from all backgrounds. We offer a generous package of financial support to Home/EU students from lower-income households. (UK nationals living in the UK are usually Home students.)

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2018.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Overseas	£16,230	£7,570	£23,800

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Additional Fees and Charges Information for Philosophy and Theology

There are no compulsory costs for this course beyond the fees shown above and your living costs.

Living Costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,014 and £1,556 per month in 2018-19. Undergraduate courses usually consist of three terms of eight weeks each, but as a guide you may wish to budget over a nine-month period to ensure you also have sufficient funds during the holidays to meet essential costs.

Living costs breakdown

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£258	£361	£2,318	£3,245
Accommodation (including utilities)	£536	£677	£4,824	£6,093
Personal items	£118	£263	£1,066	£2,364
Social activities	£41	£123	£369	£1,105
Study costs	£39	£85	£348	£765
Other	£22	£47	£202	£419
Total	£1,014	£1,556	£9,127	£13,991

When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2018-19, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

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