



### Religion and Oriental Studies Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019

The course in Religion and Oriental Studies enables you to learn in depth about a number of the world's great religious traditions including Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. To engage with all the different aspects of the course, you have to be something of a historian and a philosopher, a textual and literary critic, and a linguist. These disciplines together, not only enable students to appreciate the qualities of religions that can be radically different from those in Western societies, but also equip graduates to embark on a wide range of careers.

This degree offers the opportunity to study the major world religions and their primary languages. Students can also explore the relationship between religions and science, and the place of religious ethics in public life. Religion and Oriental Studies provides an understanding of the intellectual underpinning of religious traditions, and of the social and cultural contexts for religious belief and practice.

The Theology and Religion and Oriental Studies Faculties have between them more than 270 members, ranging from experts in the ancient languages and literature of the world's religions to church historians and systematic theologians. Their reputations, together with excellent library facilities, attract scholars from all over the world.

#### **A typical week**

Work is divided between tutorials (usually one or two a week), lectures (up to six a week) and language classes (at least three a week in the first year). A large part of your week will be spent in private study to prepare for tutorials. Tutorials are usually up to three students and a tutor. Seminar and language class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose or the language you are studying, but there would usually be no more than around 10 students and would often be smaller. Lectures are normally around 15-25 students.

Most tutorials, classes, and lectures are delivered by staff who are tutors in their subject. Many are world-leading experts with years of experience in teaching and research. Some teaching may also be delivered by postgraduate students who are usually studying at doctorate level.

To find out more about how our teaching year is structured, visit our [Academic Year](#) page.

**Course structure**

<b>Terms 1–3</b>	
<p><b>Courses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religion and religions</li> <li>• One of the following languages: Greek Hebrew Arabic Tibetan Pali Sanskrit which have three assessment components each</li> </ul>	<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>First University examinations: Four papers assessed by written and (depending on the option) oral examination.</p>
<b>Terms 4–9</b>	
<p><b>Courses</b></p> <p>Students specialise in the study of a religion (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism), particularly through the study of its texts in their original languages. Students take seven papers, three in Oriental Studies and three in Religion; the seventh may be chosen from either Oriental Studies or Religion. In addition, all students must prepare a 12,000-word thesis on a topic of their choice, which may be chosen from either Oriental Studies or Religion.</p> <p><i>The options listed above are illustrative and may change; not all languages are available every year. More information about current options is available on the <a href="#">Religion and Oriental Studies website</a>.</i></p>	<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>Final University examinations: Seven papers (assessed either by written examination or by submitted coursework, depending upon the option), plus a thesis</p>

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.

## UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND OUTREACH

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### Fees

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2019.

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas	£26,235

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 Theology and Religion

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 £1,058 and £1,643 per month in 2019-20. Each year of an undergraduate course usually consists of three terms of eight weeks each but you may need to be in Oxford for longer. 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.

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£265	£371	£2,387	£3,342
Accommodation (including utilities)	£566	£739	£5,093	£6,655
Personal items	£122	£271	£1,098	£2,435
Social activities	£42	£126	£380	£1,138
Study costs	£40	£88	£359	£788
Other	£23	£48	£208	£432
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,058</b>	<b>£1,643</b>	<b>£9,525</b>	<b>£14,790</b>

In order to provide these likely living costs, the University and the Oxford University Students' Union conducted a living costs survey to complement existing student expenditure data from a variety of sources including the UK government's Student Income and Expenditure Survey and the National Union of Students (NUS). The likely lower and upper ranges above are based on a single student with no dependants living in college accommodation (including utility bills) and are provided for information only.

When planning your finances for future years of study at Oxford beyond 2019-20, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.