



### **Theology and Religion Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019**

Theology is an ancient intellectual discipline with continuing and momentous social significance around the world today. Students gain an understanding of the intellectual underpinning of religious traditions, and of the social and cultural contexts for religious belief and practice. In order to engage fully with the questions raised by the critical study of Theology and Religion you will be required to become something of a historian and a philosopher, a textual and literary critic, and a linguist. The ability to employ these disciplines effectively will not only make you a scholar of religion but equip you to embark on a wide range of careers.

Oxford has been at the very heart of religious debate, reform and turmoil in the British Isles for eight centuries so that the faculty here wears a mantle of history not available in most other universities. At the same time Theology and Religion at Oxford is embracing wholeheartedly the challenges of the 21st century with the opportunity to study all the major world religions and their primary languages. Students can also explore the relationship between religion and science, and the place of religious ethics in public life.

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 as visiting lecturers.

#### **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. Class sizes may vary depending on the options you choose. There would usually be no more than around 10 students though classes for some of the more popular papers may be up to 20 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> <b>Four papers are taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religion and religions</li> <li>• Introduction to the study of the Bible</li> <li>• The figure of Jesus through the centuries</li> <li>• One of the following languages: New Testament Greek Biblical Hebrew Qur'anic Arabic Church Latin Pali Sanskrit</li> </ul>	<p><b>Assessment</b> First University examinations: Four papers each assessed by a written examination.</p>
<b>Terms 4–9</b>	
<p><b>Courses</b> <b>Choice of seven papers across four subject areas, from which students select freely</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biblical studies</li> <li>• Systematic theology and ethics</li> <li>• History of religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism)</li> <li>• Religion and religions (Contemporary Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Hinduism)</li> </ul> <p>All students must also prepare a 12,000-word thesis on a topic of their choice</p> <p><i>The options listed above are illustrative and may change. More information about current options is available on the <a href="#">Theology and Religion website</a>.</i></p>	<p><b>Assessment</b> Final University examinations: Seven papers (assessed either by written examination or by submitted coursework, depending upon the option), plus a compulsory 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.