

## Course Information Sheet for entry in 2017-18

### MSt in Theology

#### About the course

The Master of Studies (MSt) in Theology degree offers the opportunity to study a particular field of theology in depth at an advanced level. The course includes an element of scholarly research and writing, which can constitute part of the training for a future research degree.

The purpose of the nine-month Master of Studies (MSt) degree is to offer specialist graduate education in theology for able students, and to provide training in research methods, general education in a chosen field of research and experience in a controlled field of research. It is a standard mode of entry into the doctoral programme.

The course is taught through core lectures, classes and supervision meetings. You will have the opportunity to attend a wide variety of lectures, talks and seminars.

Your supervisor will in most cases be the course co-ordinator for the specific subject stream of the MSt in Theology that you are enrolled on. They will provide support and guidance and an overall direction for your course.

You will be part of an active and vibrant community of graduate students within the Faculty of Theology and Religion.

The degree is awarded on the basis of several short essays and a dissertation of up to 15,000 words, submitted in Trinity term, and a written examination, which may require a demonstration of linguistic competence according to your field of study.

The choice of essays and dissertation topics is decided by the student, subject to advice from the supervisor and final approval.

Students on the MSt in Theology work in one of the following areas:

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Christian Doctrine, specialising in one of the following fields:
  - History of Doctrine: Patristic Theology (c. AD 100-787)
  - History of Doctrine: Scholastic Theology (c. AD 1050-1350)
  - History of Doctrine: Theology of the Reformation Period (c. AD 1500-1650)
- Modern Doctrine (post-1789)
- Ecclesiastical History
- Christian Ethics
- Science and Religion
- Biblical Interpretation

Students choosing Modern Doctrine select one of three tracks (Modern Theology, Theology and Modern European Thought, or Theology and Literature). Candidates in Ecclesiastical History specialise in a single period and geographical area of church history (The Early Church AD 200-476, The Western Church AD 476-1050, The Western Church AD 1000-1400, European Christianity AD 1400-1800, or European Christianity AD 1800-2000).



### **Changes to courses**

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.

### **Expected length of course**

9 months

### **Annual fees for entry in 2017-2018**

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£7,400	£3,021	£10,421
Overseas	£19,335	£3,021	£22,356

The fees shown above are the annual tuition and college fees for this course for entry in the stated academic year; 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.

Tuition and college 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 tuition and college fees).

### **Additional cost information**

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.

## Living costs

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

The likely living costs for 2017-18 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 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months		Likely living costs for 12 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
<b>Food</b>	£250	£350	£2,250	£3,150	£3,000	£4,000
<b>Accommodation</b>	£538	£619	£4,844	£5,569	£6,459	£7,425
<b>Personal items</b>	£115	£255	£1,035	£2,295	£1,380	£3,060
<b>Social activities</b>	£40	£119	£358	£1,073	£477	£1,431
<b>Study costs</b>	£38	£83	£338	£743	£451	£991
<b>Other</b>	£22	£45	£196	£407	£261	£543
<b>Total</b>	£1,002	£1,471	£9,021	£13,237	£12,028	£17,649

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2017-18, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 2% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at [www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs).

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