Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

PGDip in Theology

About the course

The Postgraduate Diploma in Theology is provided as an alternative qualification for those wishing to pursue graduate study in theology but whose first degree is not in theology or religious studies. The Postgraduate Diploma in Theology offers an intensive period of study in Christian theology, with the option to explore other world religions.

You may complete the course either in nine months as a full-time student or in twenty-one months as a part-time student.

You choose three papers which are typically taught through a series of eight tutorials supported by lectures and classes; a fourth paper can be chosen if you wish to extend your studies. These papers are chosen from the syllabus for the faculty's BA in Theology and Religion, although some papers are excluded from this selection. In general you choose to study an aspect of the New Testament, Old Testament or modern doctrine, and options for the other two papers include topics in:

the history of Christianity

Christian ethics

Islam, Buddhism or Hinduism

the philosophy of religion.

Whether you are a full-time or part-time student you are assessed by written examinations at the end of the course. If studying part-time, you will study two papers in your first year of study, and the third (and fourth, if this option is chosen) in your second year of study. You may choose to write either two short essays or one long essay in place of a written examination in one of your chosen papers, with titles chosen from a list supplied by the faculty.

The course is mainly taught by tutorials, for which you customarily prepare written work for discussion with the tutor. In addition, you attend relevant classes and lectures as advertised for the BA in Theology and Religion, and a series of seminars, normally twice per term, specifically organised for Postgraduate Diploma students. Teaching usually takes place up until week four of Trinity term.

Although as a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology student you make use of undergraduate lectures and classes, you are full members of the graduate community, and are entitled to draw on all the graduate resources of the faculty and the university. Please note that there is no graduation ceremony for the PGDip.

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 (full time) or 21 months (part-time)

Annual fees for entry in 2016-2017

Full-time study

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees	
Home/EU	£5,910	£2,933	£8,843	
(including islands)				
Overseas	£17,555	£2,933	£20,488	

Part-time study

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees	
Home/EU	£2,955	£1,467	£4,422	
(including islands)				
Overseas	£8,780	£1,467	£10,247	

The fees shown above are the annual tuition and college fees for this course for entry in the 2016-17 academic year; for courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. For details, please see our guidance on likely increases to fees and charges.

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

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

The likely living costs for 2016-17 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.

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	Likely living costs for 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months		Likely living costs for 12 months	
	Lower	Upper range	Lower	Upper range	Lower	Upper range
Food	£265	£298	£2,384	£2,673	£3,177	£3,565
Accommodation	£469	£667	£4,221	£6,002	£5,627	£8,006
Personal items	£119	£244	£1,073	£2,187	£1,429	£2,915
Social activities	£60	£107	£539	£960	£718	£1,280
Study costs	£36	£73	£314	£661	£418	£880
Other	£19	£44	£197	£410	£265	£547
Total	£970	£1,433	£8,727	£12,894	£11,636	£17,191

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2016-17, 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.

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