

Philosophy and Theology Information Sheet for entry in 2020

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.

Central to this degree is a recognition that 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 its library and other facilities are acknowledged as among the best in the country. Members of the Faculty of Theology and Religion include more than 100 academics ranging from experts in the ancient languages and literature of the world's religions to historians and systematic theologians. The Faculty's reputation and excellent library facilities attract scholars from all over the world.

A typical week

Your weekly timetable will be divided usually between one or two tutorials, which may take place at your college or at the college of a specialist tutor. A large part of your week will be spent in independent study preparing essays for tutorials. You will also attend about four to six lectures each week as well as classes for some topics, all of which take place in the faculty or central University buildings.

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

YEAR 1	
<p>COURSES Four papers are taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The figure of Jesus through the centuries • General philosophy • Logic and moral philosophy • And one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction to the study of the Bible ○ Religion and religions ○ New Testament Greek ○ Biblical Hebrew ○ Qur’anic Arabic ○ Church Latin ○ Pali ○ Sanskrit 	<p>ASSESSMENT First University examinations: four papers each assessed by written examination</p>
YEARS 2 AND 3	
<p>COURSES 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 in either subject may be offered as one of these. All students study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early modern philosophy <i>or</i> Knowledge and reality • Ethics <i>or</i> Plato’s <i>Republic</i> <i>or</i> Aristotle’s <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> • Philosophy of religion <p>Remaining papers are chosen from a wide range of options in Philosophy and Theology. Students may choose freely from Theology papers that cover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblical Studies • Systematic theology and ethics • History of religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism) • Religion and religions (Contemporary Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism) <p><i>The options listed above are illustrative and may change. More information about current options is</i></p>	<p>ASSESSMENT Final University examinations: eight papers (assessed either by written examination or by submitted coursework, depending upon the option), <i>or</i> seven papers plus a thesis</p>



available on the [Philosophy](#) and [Theology and Religion](#) websites.

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

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2020.

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas	£27,285

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

Please note that the course fees you pay include your fees for both University and college services and are divided between the University (including your department or faculty) and your college on a formula basis. More information is provided in your 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 £1,135 and £1,650 per month in 2020-2021. 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.

Living costs breakdown

	Per month		Total for 9 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£270	£385	£2,430	£3,465
Accommodation (including utilities)	£630	£760	£5,670	£6,840
Personal items	£130	£245	£1,170	£2,205
Social activities	£45	£110	£405	£990
Study costs	£40	£95	£360	£855
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495
Total	£1,135	£1,650	£10,215	£14,850

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 2020-21, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.