

Theology and Oriental Studies Information Sheet for entry in 2016

The course in Theology 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.



Theology and Oriental Studies at Oxford

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. Theology 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 weekly timetable

Work is divided between tutorials (at least one a week), lectures (up to six a week), and language classes (at least three a week). A large part of your week will be spent in private study to prepare for tutorials.

Terms 1–3

Courses

Religion and Religions and one of the following languages:

- Greek
- Hebrew
- Arabic
- Tibetan
- Pali
- Sanskrit

Assessment

First University examinations: Four written papers and possibly an oral examination, depending on the option.

which have three assessment components each.

Terms 4–9

Courses

Students take seven papers, three in Oriental Studies and three in Theology; the seventh may be chosen from either Oriental Studies or Theology. 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 Theology.

Papers are chosen from a wide range of options, which can be found at www.theology.ox.ac.uk and www.orinst.ox.ac.uk.

Assessment

Final University Examinations: Seven papers assessed either by written examination or by submitted coursework, depending upon the option, plus a thesis.

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 2016.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,000	£0	£9,000
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,000	£0	£9,000
Overseas	£15,295	£7,135	£22,430

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

Living Costs

Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £970 and £1,433 per month in 2016-17. Undergraduate courses usually consist of three terms of eight weeks each, but 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	£265	£298	£2,384	£2,673
Accommodation (including utilities)	£469	£667	£4,221	£6,002
Personal items	£119	£244	£1,073	£2,187
Social activities	£60	£107	£539	£960
Study costs	£36	£73	£314	£661
Other	£19	£44	£197	£410
Total	£970	£1,433	£8,727	£12,894

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