

Theology and Religion Information Sheet for entry in 2016

While Theology is an ancient intellectual discipline, no-one can doubt the momentous social significance of religion around the world today. Study of the subject provides an understanding of the intellectual underpinning of religious traditions, and of the social and cultural contexts for religious belief and practice. Engaging fully with the questions that scrutiny of religions elicit will require you to become something of a historian and a philosopher, a textual and literary critic, and a linguist. To be able 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.



Theology and Religion at Oxford

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 other universities. At the same time Theology and Religion at Oxford is embracing whole-heartedly the challenges of the twenty-first 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.

Work placements/international opportunities

Most students will have the opportunity to visit Israel during the vacation to work on an archaeological dig or in a kibbutz, to study Hebrew in Jerusalem, or to travel on a study tour with a college tutor. There are other opportunities for a year abroad at Bonn University, Germany.

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 Four papers are taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Religion and religions• Introduction to the study of the Bible	Assessment First University examinations: One written paper in each of four subjects

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The figure of Jesus through the centuries • One of the following languages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Testament Greek Biblical Hebrew Qur’anic Arabic Vulgate Latin Pali Sanskrit 	
Terms 4–9	
<p>Courses</p> <p>Choice of seven papers across four subject areas, from which students select freely</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblical studies • Systematic theology and ethics • History of religions • Religion and religions (Contemporary Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism) <p>All students must prepare a 12,000-word thesis on a topic of their choice</p>	<p>Assessment</p> <p>Final University examinations: Seven papers (assessed either by written examination or by submitted coursework, depending upon the option), plus a compulsory thesis.</p>

A number of Permanent Private Halls (Regent’s Park, St Stephen’s House, Wycliffe Hall, Blackfriars, St Benet’s) and an Anglican Theological College (Ripon College Cuddesdon), and Mansfield and Harris Manchester Colleges enrich the life of the faculty by offering the BTh and Certificate in Theology.

Candidates choose up to 12 areas of study, including pastoral theology, Christian prayer and worship, and the integration of Biblical and theological studies, which can be examined by extended essays and which also include the opportunity to undertake practical work. Application should be made directly to one of the above.

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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