

Theology and Religion Information Sheet for entry in 2017



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.

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 most other universities. At the same time Theology and Religion at Oxford is embracing wholeheartedly the challenges of the 21st 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 in the first year). A large part of your week will be spent in private study to prepare for tutorials.

Terms 1–3

Courses

Four papers are taken:

- Religion and religions
- Introduction to the study of the Bible
- The figure of Jesus through the centuries
- One of the following languages:
New Testament Greek
Biblical Hebrew
Qur’anic Arabic
Vulgate Latin
Pali
Sanskrit

Assessment

First University examinations: One written paper in each of four subjects

Terms 4–9

Courses

Choice of seven papers across four subject areas, from which students select freely

- Biblical studies
- Systematic theology and ethics
- History of religions
- Religion and religions (Contemporary Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism)

All students must prepare a 12,000-word thesis on a topic of their choice

The options listed above are illustrative and may change. More information about current options is available on the [Theology website](#).

Assessment

Final University examinations: Seven papers (assessed either by written examination or by submitted coursework, depending upon the option), plus a compulsory 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

Oxford University is committed to recruiting the best and brightest students from all backgrounds. We offer a generous package of financial support to Home/EU students from lower-income households. (UK nationals living in the UK are usually Home students.)

These annual fees are for full-time students who begin this undergraduate course here in 2017.

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Islands (Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250	£0	£9,250
Overseas	£15,755	£7,350	£23,105

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

Additional Fees and Charges Information for Theology and Religion

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 £1,002 and £1,471 per month in 2017-18. 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	£250	£350	£2,250	£3,150
Accommodation (including utilities)	£538	£619	£4,844	£5,569
Personal items	£115	£255	£1,035	£2,295
Social activities	£40	£119	£358	£1,073
Study costs	£38	£83	£338	£743
Other	£22	£45	£196	£407
Total	£1,002	£1,471	£9,021	£13,237

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