

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019-20

MPhil in Theology



About the course

The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Theology degree offers more extensive study of a particular field of theology at an advanced level, with rigorous training in relevant research methods and a period of scholarly research and writing.

This 21-month course offers extensive graduate education in a specialist field of theology for very able students. It includes a short thesis of up to 30,000 words based on independent scholarly research, which may contribute to a future research degree, and at least three formal examination papers or groups of assessed essays.

The choice of essays and dissertation topics is decided by the student, subject to advice from the supervisor and final approval.

Your supervisor will in most cases be the course co-ordinator for the specific subject stream of the MPhil in Theology that you are enrolled on. They will provide support, guidance and an overall direction for your studies.

The Faculty of Theology and Religion runs graduate seminars in different subjects, which offer a space for all those doing graduate work to meet regularly, to share aspects of your work with your peers and to be informed by that interaction. The seminars are an important way of staying in touch with peers and presenting some of your research at various stages of development.

If you are successful in the MPhil then you may be allowed to expand the MPhil thesis for a DPhil. The total investment of time necessary for the DPhil by this route need not be longer and the route via the taught course may be an especially good foundation for a teaching career.

Students on the MPhil in Theology work in one of the following areas:

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Christian doctrine, specialising in one of the following sections:
 - History of Doctrine: Patristic Theology (c. AD 100-787)
 - Issues in Theology with special reference to Patristic Theology
 - Issues in Theology with special reference to theology from 1780 to the present day
- Ecclesiastical history
- Christian ethics

Students taking Ecclesiastical History may study one of five historical periods (AD 200-600, AD 400-1100, AD 1000-1500, AD 1400-1800, AD 1800-the present).

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description 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

21 months

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2019-20

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU (including Islands)	£11,160
Overseas	£25,387

The fees shown above are the annual course fees for this course, for entry in the stated academic year.

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional information section below, course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information below.

Course 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 course fees). 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.

Additional cost information

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.

Living costs

In addition to your course fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2019-20 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.

	Likely living costs for 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months		Likely living costs for 12 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£265	£371	£2,387	£3,342	£3,183	£4,456
Accommodation	£566	£739	£5,093	£6,655	£6,790	£8,874
Personal items	£122	£271	£1,098	£2,435	£1,464	£3,246
Social activities	£42	£126	£380	£1,138	£506	£1,518
Study costs	£40	£88	£359	£788	£478	£1,051
Other	£23	£48	£208	£432	£277	£576
Total	£1,058	£1,643	£9,525	£14,790	£12,698	£19,721

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2019-20, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.