



Course Information Sheet for entry in 2020-21

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. It includes a thesis of up to 30,000 words based on independent scholarly research, which may contribute to a future research degree, three written examination papers, and three short essays or one long essay.

Two units, amounting to 40% of the course, will be assessed in the first year, with the remaining units, including the dissertation, assessed in the second year. The precise units assessed in the first year will be determined by the subject stream the student is studying. The choice of essays and dissertation topics is decided by the student, subject to advice from the supervisor and final approval by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Theology and Religion. Your supervisor, in most cases, will be the course coordinator for the specific subject stream of the MPhil in Theology on which you are enrolled. 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 and to share aspects of your work with your peers. The seminars are an important way of staying in touch with peers and presenting your research at various stages of development.

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 (AD 200-600, AD 400-1100, AD 1000-1500, AD 1400-1800, AD 1800-the present)
- Christian Ethics

Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the Faculty of Theology and Religion and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. Under exceptional circumstances a supervisor may be found outside the Faculty of Theology and Religion. In such circumstances, a second internal supervisor may be appointed.

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

Mode of study	Full Time Only
Expected length	21 months

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2020-21

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home/EU (including Islands)	£11,605
Overseas	£26,405

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

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (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.

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 2020-21 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	£270	£385	£2,430	£3,465	£3,240	£4,620
Accommodation	£630	£760	£5,670	£6,840	£7,560	£9,120
Personal items	£130	£245	£1,170	£2,205	£1,560	£2,940
Social activities	£45	£110	£405	£990	£540	£1,320
Study costs	£40	£95	£360	£855	£480	£1,140
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495	£240	£660
Total	£1,135	£1,650	£10,215	£14,850	£13,620	£19,800

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2020-21, 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.