

SINGLE HONOURS RELIGION AND THEOLOGY (V600)

Religion and Theology

With its distinctive small group seminars and lectures taught by world-leading academics, the Bristol programme in Religion and Theology enables its students to: (a) think critically about the nature and variety of religions; (b) understand, explain and analyse religion's significant shaping of and complex interaction with the modern world; (c) explore themes (philosophy, ethics, mysticism, sex, power, and politics) across religions; and (d) engage with different living religious communities as part of their Bristol degree.

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BA Religion and Theology V600

3 years, 34 places

Why study Religion and Theology at Bristol?

Religion continues to play a central role in modern culture, and the place of religion in the world today can be best understood by examining it from a variety of perspectives that cross disciplinary boundaries. In our undergraduate course you can study the Bible, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Chinese religions. You are encouraged to investigate issues of philosophy, ethics, mysticism, sex, power, politics and interfaith dialogue across different religions and traditions. To that end, your analysis of religion in its many forms can employ a variety of methodological approaches: historical, archaeological, linguistic and textual, philosophical, theological and comparative. You can choose to study Religion and Theology as a Single Honours or Joint Honours subject with Sociology or with Philosophy. As the department is fairly small, you will enjoy a close working relationship with other students and teaching staff. You will also have your own personal tutor with whom you can meet to discuss academic or other issues that may concern you. You will be taught by a variety of methods including lectures, interactive seminars and tutorials. Extensive use is also made of audio-visual equipment and the internet. Assessment is through a combination of exams and coursework.

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A-levels ABB (BBB+) **IB** 33 (32+)

Religion and Theology at Bristol provides a solid foundation in religion's complex interaction with the modern world in the first year, and in subsequent years allows a great deal of flexibility to shape the degree to suit your interests. In the first and second years, you take units covering issues and approaches to the study of world religions and take optional units on various aspects of Biblical studies, Judaism, Christian history and theology, Islam, and Indian and Chinese religions. You can also choose to study one of the following languages: Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Japanese, Chinese, and Sanskrit. During the third year, you can take options across a wide range of subjects, or specialise in particular areas. Tutors employ a variety of teaching styles, ranging from small group sessions, like the first-year Symposium in Religion and Theology, to larger lecture units.

What kind of student would this course suit?

This course suits students who enjoy independent study and who will appreciate the challenge of engaging with religion's place in the modern world through a variety of different approaches: historical, archaeological, linguistic and textual, philosophical, theological and comparative.

How is this course taught and assessed?

The course is taught through a wide variety of teaching methods, such as lectures, small-group tutorials, student-led seminars, one-to-one meetings with tutors, and optional language classes. Types of assessment are equally varied, and include traditional essays, book-reviews, short class tests, oral presentations, team-work, and formal exams.

What are my career prospects?

You will acquire skills in writing, oral presentation and independent research. You will benefit from training in the critical and analytical skills common to a humanities degree, and also from the breadth of your degree. Hence our graduates are equipped to pursue a variety of careers, not necessarily directly related to religion. However, some graduates do pursue careers in religious education, non-governmental organisations and journalism. A significant number continue further study for a postgraduate degree before pursuing a career in research or teaching.

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Course structure

Year 1:

- Symposium in Religion and Theology
- Approaches to the Study of Religion / Issues in the Study of Religion
- Living Religions
- 60 additional credit points from optional units

Year 2:

- Symposium in Religion and Theology
- Approaches to the Study of Religion / Issues in the Study of Religion
- 80 additional credit points from optional units

Year 3:

- Dissertation, with field work or work placement where appropriate
- 80 additional credit points from optional units

A Levels	ABB
A Levels (<u>contextual offer</u>)	BBB
Subjects required at AS Level or equivalent	None
14-19 Advanced Diploma	Grade A overall in the Diploma to include grade B in an A-level (ASL)
BTEC	The University is currently reviewing the entry requirements for BTEC qualifications
Access	Pass Access to HE Diploma with at least 39 credits at Merit and / or Distinction
SQA	SH: AABBB - AAABB; AH: AB
Welsh Bacc	Pass Advanced Diploma with AB at A-level
IB Diploma	33 points overall including 6, 6, 5 at Higher level Contextual offer 32 points
EB	77%
IELTS	6.5 with minimum 6.0 in each part
Subjects required at GCSE or equivalent	No specific subjects required
Selection:	UCAS form; some mature students may be interviewed
Part-time study available:	No
<u>Deferred Entry:</u>	Welcomed