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There's a reason why our graduates are among the most targeted by the UK’s top graduate recruiters. We offer you the opportunity for true personal and professional change and growth.

Stellify yourself

Participate in some of our most transformative academic and extracurricular activities. Truly stand out to graduate employers and work towards the Manchester Leadership Award.

Learn without boundaries – try an unparalleled range of interdisciplinary courses, placements and options for study abroad. The only limit to learning at Manchester is your own curiosity.

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Religions and Theology at Manchester enables you to engage with a wide range of traditions and beliefs, covering all periods up to the present day. We offer one of the widest ranges of courses at any British university. You can study ancient Hebrew, Greek, or Sanskrit, learn about Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish and Islamic traditions, pursue an interest in the Bible or Christian theology, or discover the different approaches to religion offered by sociology, anthropology and philosophy.

Whether or not you have a religious background, the study of the beliefs, philosophies, practices, policies, ethics and values which have defined our civilisations over hundreds of years provides insight into one of the most fascinating aspects of the human psyche. You’ll explore topics crucial to understanding the shape of our current multicultural society – from religion, culture and gender to Holocaust theory, from sacred spaces to apocalyptic expectation. Studying in one of the most religiously-diverse and dynamic cities in the UK, you will have the opportunity to engage with living religious traditions in a contemporary context.

Our courses cover Hindu and Buddhist worldviews, Islam, Judaism and Christianity, and include theology, history and biblical studies. You can also learn to read scriptures in their original language.

As a Theological Studies in Philosophy and Ethics student, you’ll delve into theology and explore how it impacts philosophy and ethics. You’ll study continental philosophy and Christian theology and consider their relationship to Indian, Jewish and Islamic theologies and philosophies. From arguments for God’s existence to interactions between religion and politics, you’ll analyse key issues in theological and philosophical debate.

Study Religions and Anthropology and you’ll find out more about how religious ritual and magico-religious practice have long been standard topics in the research of anthropologists and how scholars of religion increasingly use anthropological concepts and tools to formulate questions regarding religious phenomena.

Our teaching will encourage you to actively participate in constructive debate, developing your investigative and critical thinking skills across a full breadth of religious and non-religious traditions.

How to apply:
www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applications

Please note that the course units listed in this brochure only represent a sample of the full breadth of available units for each course. Units are reviewed on an annual basis and as such may vary slightly to those advertised.

For up-to-date course information, including unit detail and entry requirements in full, visit our course finder:
www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate

Religions and Theology BA (3 Years)
Theological Studies in Philosophy and Ethics BA (3 Years)
Religion and Anthropology BA (3 Years)
**RELIgIONS AND THEOLOGY BA**

UCAS code V600 (3 years)

- Choose subjects from the full range of traditions and topics taught in Religions and Theology
- Concentrate on one specific subject area, or tailor your course to your interests by combining units in multiple subject areas
- Study the lives and works of key religious thinkers and literary, historical, theological, anthropological and gender-theory approaches

**YEAR 1:**
Explore the variety of approaches to the study of religions and theology through key thinkers such as Augustine, Luther, Maimonides and Gandhi. You’ll gain a solid foundation of the history of the discipline, and will begin to explore specific areas of interest through optional course units.

**YEAR 2:**
Tailor your studies through a breadth of course units each designed to focus on a specific topic – from storytelling in Indian religion, to texts from the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible and ethical issues such as war and violence, justice and peace, gender, marriage and family life, wealth and poverty, and ecology.

**YEAR 3:**
Continue to select from increasingly specialised optional units, exploring themes in depth. Produce a substantial piece of independent research, working under the supervision of one of your lecturers in your final year dissertation.

**SAMPLE COURSE UNITS:**

| YEAR 1: | Introduction to the Study of Religions and Theology | Studying Islam | The World of Buddhism |
| YEAR 2: | Religion, Culture and Gender | Studying Sacred Spaces in the City | Introduction to the History of Jewish-Christian Relations |
| YEAR 3: | Holocaust Theology | The Ethics of Killing in Buddhism: Texts and Contexts | "End of the World": Apocalyptic Thought 1640-Present |

**THEOLOGICAL STUDIES IN PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS BA**

UCAS code V610 (3 years)

- Work at the interface between theology, philosophy and ethics
- Gain a rigorous grounding in the main areas of theological thinking
- Study key theologians and philosophers

**YEAR 1:**
Gain a solid foundation in the three disciplines of theology, philosophy and ethics and their interactions. Explore theories of moral behaviour and ethical reasoning through additional core unit Theories of a Good Life. Begin to explore specific areas of interest through optional course units.

**YEAR 2:**
You’ll study core units: Key Thinkers in the History of Philosophy, and also Problems in Theology. Philosophy and Ethics: Evil, to develop your critical skills and understanding. Select from a breadth of additional optional units, including subjects as diverse as Philosophy of Science to Religion, Culture and Gender.

**YEAR 3:**
Conduct research in a specialist area of interest through your final year dissertation, supervised by a member of our teaching staff. Supplement your final year study with optional units ranging from Radical Theologies and Freedom of the Will to Existentialism.

**SAMPLE COURSE UNITS:**

| YEAR 1: | Problems in the Philosophy of Religion I: Theories of a Good Life | Introduction to Christian Theology | Bible in Ancient and Modern Worlds |
| YEAR 2: | Ethical Issues from Joshua to Jesus | Key Thinkers in the History of Western Philosophy | Problems in Theology, Philosophy and Ethics: Evil |
| YEAR 3: | From Religion to Politics | Real Theology, Ethics, Philosophy | Radical Theologies |

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**
A level: Grades ABB, not including General Studies.
IB: 33 points overall (core points accepted). 6,5,5 at Higher Level.

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RELIGION AND ANTHROPOLOGY BA
UCAS code VL66 (3 years)

• Combine the tradition-based study of religion with the social scientific approach of Anthropology
• Study topics such as Judaism, the problem of evil, the Bible, social theory, power, and ethnography

YEAR 1: You’ll look at some of the key concepts and approaches to understanding culture, including topics such as nationalism, refugees and gender. You’ll also have the opportunity to study different regions of the world.

YEAR 2: Take a core course unit in Social Anthropology and Religion and explore a wide range of different religious beliefs and practices, as well as questions about how such beliefs and practices should be understood.

YEAR 3: Tailor your study and pursue your own research in a specific area of interest through your final year dissertation. Your dissertation will relate to both religion and anthropology and you’ll receive supervision from a member of teaching staff in each discipline.

SAMPLE COURSE UNITS:

| YEAR 1 | Power and Culture: Inequality in Everyday Life | Key Ideas in Social Anthropology | Religion in Modern South Asian History |
| YEAR 2 | Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa | Interpreting Religion | Storytelling in Indian Traditions |
| YEAR 3 | Radical Theologies | An Anthropology of Science, Magic and Expertise | The Ethics of Killing in Buddhism |

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A degree from The University of Manchester will open doors to a wide range of careers

Professions

Degrees in Religions and Theology provide some of the best skills to prepare for the working world - recent employers include the BBC; the Civil Service; Xaverian College; PwC; SPCK; the Church of England; Christian Aid and the Liberal Jewish Synagogue.

Our graduates enjoy success in a wide range of careers:

- Teaching and education
- Finance
- Publishing
- Youth work
- Charity work
- Media

Postgraduate Study

A popular route for our graduates is to pursue postgraduate study. Some of our most recent graduates are currently pursuing further study in Religions and Theology and PGCE. We also offer a wide range of specialist master’s programmes within the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, to suit all undergraduate pathways.

Careers Service

Our award-winning careers service provides a wealth of tools, advice, development opportunities, and industry links specific to your subject. You’ll have access to dedicated support throughout your studies and up to two years after graduation.

Find out more: www.manchester.ac.uk/careers

Where can your degree take you?

The most targeted university by the UK’s top graduate employers

The Graduate Market 2016, High Fliers Research
It took me a while to get involved with societies at the University, but I’m glad I did as they’ve allowed me to meet some of my best friends.

Alyx Adams
Undergraduate student
School of Arts, Languages and Cultures

The University of Manchester’s Students’ Union is run by students, for students. The biggest students’ union in the UK, it’s home to a free, confidential, professional advice service, and Manchester Academy - one of the UK’s most iconic music venues, as well as more than 300 societies, 18 of which are faith-based including:

• The Religions and Theology Society – an inclusive community, this society plans activities - both academic and social - from first year through to postgraduate level.

• The Manchester University Buddhist Society – provides opportunities to learn about Buddhism, a weekly meditation class and a programme of talks.

• The Indian Society of Manchester – promotes the rich Indian culture and heritage, and promulgates the essence of India within Manchester.

• Manchester Jewish Society – provides a quality Jewish experience for every Jewish student on campus, regardless of affiliation, with social, educational, cultural and religious activities.

• The Christian Union – aims to give every student on Campus an opportunity to hear and respond to the good news about Jesus Christ.

• The Madinah Society – aims to promote love for Allah (the Almighty) and his Holy Prophet (Peace be upon Him), his Blessed Household, and his Companions (May Allah be pleased with them all).

• The Sikh Society – works to unify the Sikh community, organise talks, workshops and seminars and raise awareness of Sikh practices.

For more information about these and other societies visit: www.manchesterstudentsunion.com
You may apply to spend one semester studying abroad during the second year of your degree. Exchange partners are offered through the Erasmus Exchange scheme (in Europe) and the Worldwide Exchange Scheme (e.g. USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Singapore).

The benefits of studying abroad:
• Enjoy the opportunity of a lifetime
• Broaden your horizons
• Grow as a person
• Boost your prospects in the job market
• Improve your language skills and cultural awareness
• Gain a new perspective on your subject area and on higher education

Find out more:
Find out more about what it’s like to study abroad through our social channels, including our blog, Manchester on the Road, written by Manchester students currently studying abroad.
www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/studyabroad

www.manchesterontheroad.wordpress.com
/TheUniversityOfManchesterStudyAbroad
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My course has brought me many benefits, including confidence and a knowledge of our world and different cultures thanks to my time abroad.

Jessica Gilbert
Undergraduate student
School of Arts, Languages and Cultures
FLEXIBLE HONOURS

A new way to study subject combinations across a host of arts, languages and cultures disciplines.

Our Flexible Honours scheme may offer you the opportunity to study an additional arts, languages or cultures subject, allowing you to create a unique blend of knowledge, experience and transferable skills to suit your needs.

Taking a Minor in your first year will allow you to explore another subject area, but it will still allow you to complete your original Single Honours degree.

At the end of your first year you’ll have the opportunity to reflect on your study experience so far. You can choose to continue with your current Minor subject at years two and three and you can even have the subject featured in your degree title should you wish.

Alternatively, if you feel that your Minor subject isn’t right for you, you can simply drop it and revert back to your original Single Honours subject.

If you decide to drop your Minor subject, you can still make use of your 40 free choice credits at Levels 2 and 3.

For Flexible Honours compatible Single Honours degrees please visit www.manchester.ac.uk/flexiblehonours

* Please note that all Flexible Honours subject combinations are subject to academic approval, availability and timetabling constraints.
The John Rylands Library
Our most distinctive research resource is The John Rylands Library - an internationally renowned resource which holds one of the finest collections of rare books, manuscripts and archives in the world.

As well as an excellent general collection of books on Religions and Theology and related areas, the library houses many collections of world importance. You will find a substantial collection of papyri, such as the oldest manuscript fragment of a New Testament book, alongside several major archives, including the Methodist archive with a large number of original documents. www.jrri.manchester.ac.uk

The University of Manchester Library
The University of Manchester Library is one of only five National Research Libraries. With more than 4 million printed books and manuscripts, over 41,000 electronic journals and 500,000 electronic books, as well as several hundred databases, the library is one of the best-resourced academic libraries in the country.

The Alan Gilbert Learning Commons
Our new £24 million Alan Gilbert Learning Commons offers students a stimulating 24/7 environment for study, combining inspiring decor with flexible spaces and the latest in learning technology.

Culture on Campus
The University is also home to internationally renowned cultural assets such as:
- The award-winning Whitworth Art Gallery, reopened in 2015 following a £15m redevelopment
- The John Rylands Library, home to one of the world’s finest collections of medieval illuminated manuscripts and rare books
- Manchester Museum, which houses important prehistoric, classical and ethnographic collections

Find out more about our unique study facilities: www.manchester.ac.uk/university

LEARNING SUPPORT
We’ll provide individual learning support to help you take control of your learning and develop your confidence.

Peer support scheme
Our peer support scheme is one of the largest in Europe. Peer mentors are higher-year students on the same degree programme as you, who will help you find your feet when you arrive here and adjust to student life. As they’ll have already been a student at Manchester for at least a year, they should be able to help you with anything you might be worried or unsure about.

PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions)
Led by volunteer students, PASS sessions will often be based around a specific area of study. You’ll have the opportunity to consolidate and build on your existing knowledge through discussion with other students in an informal and supportive environment, where you can compare notes, analyse, ask questions and talk through ideas.

Academic advisers
Study with us and you’ll be assigned an academic adviser who is there to give advice about any academic issues throughout the duration of your course. Your adviser will be able to help you with the transition from school / college to university – and can help you get to grips with studying and learning more independently. They’ll also be able to help you develop your skills in academic writing or research, or any other skills that are specific to your degree programme.

Disability support
If you have additional needs arising from a medical condition, physical or sensory disability, specific learning disability such as dyslexia, or a mental health difficulty that affects your study, we can provide support. Contact or visit our Disability Advisory and Support Office before you apply, to discuss your needs and support available. www.manchester.ac.uk/dass

Find out more about the personal and academic support available to you throughout your studies: www.manchester.ac.uk/study/experience/student-life/university/student-support
Finding Out More Online

Accommodation
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Everything you need to apply:
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Our hi-tech 24/7 independent learning space:
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Library
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The best thing about my course is the ability to have total freedom within the Religions and Theology department. I really enjoy the breadth of subject areas I can study.

Alice Poulter
BA (Hons) Theological Studies in Philosophy and Ethics
SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

The School of Arts, Languages and Cultures is the largest grouping of arts, languages and humanities scholars and students in the UK. Study with us and you’ll benefit from multidisciplinary learning opportunities and world-renowned cultural resources as well as the creative fabric of Manchester itself.
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This brochure was printed in June 2017 for the purposes of the 2018 intake. It has therefore been printed in advance of course starting dates. For this reason, information contained within the brochure, for example, about campus life, may be amended prior to you applying for a place on a course of study. Course entry requirements are listed for the purposes of the 2018 intake only.

Prospective students are therefore reminded that they are responsible for ensuring, prior to applying to study on a course of study at the University of Manchester, that they review up-to-date course information including checking entry requirements, which is available by visiting www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/ and searching for the relevant course.

Further information describing the teaching, examination, assessment and other educational services, offered by the University of Manchester is available from www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/

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