RELIGIONS AND THEOLOGY

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WITH A WIDE RANGE OF TRADITIONS AND BELIEFS, COVERING ALL PERIODS UP TO THE PRESENT DAY

18+ FAITH-BASED SOCIETIES FOR YOU TO JOIN

ENGAGE

WE ARE THE MOST TARGETED UNIVERSITY IN THE UK FOR TOP GRADUATE EMPLOYERS

The Graduate Market in 2018, High Fliers Research

A LIVING CLASSROOM

VIBRANT, MULTI-FAITH MANCHESTER IS ON YOUR DOORSTEP

FLEXIBLE

APPLY TO SPEND ONE SEMESTER STUDYING ABROAD DURING THE SECOND YEAR OF YOUR DEGREE

STUDY AN IMPRESSIVE RANGE AND VARIETY OF COURSE UNITS, INCLUDING MANY INTERDISCIPLINARY OPTIONS

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EXCLUSIVE ACCESS

TO SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OF THE JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY, HOME TO THE EARLIEST PORTION OF NEW TESTAMENT WRITING EVER FOUND

THE BEST THING ABOUT MY COURSE IS THE TOTAL FREEDOM WITHIN THE RELIGIONS AND THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT. I REALLY ENJOY THE BREADTH OF SUBJECT AREAS I CAN STUDY.

ALICE POULTER
THEOLOGICAL STUDIES IN PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS BA

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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 millennia 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 Islamic studies to religious environmental ethics. Studying in one of the most religiously-diverse and dynamic cities in the UK, you’ll have the opportunity to engage with living religious traditions in a contemporary context.

The BA in Religions and Theology offers the opportunity to examine Hindu and Buddhist world views, Islam, Judaism, Christianity and other less lesser-known traditions. You’ll consider religious history, social theory, the theology of ancient, medieval and modern believers, philosophy, ethics, politics and sacred texts, including studying these texts in the original languages.

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.

I’ve really enjoyed the modules on South Asian and Indian religions – it’s interesting to learn about something other than what’s taught at school. These modules made me reconsider how I view and categorise religion, especially within South Asian countries, which I’ve found particularly interesting.

Alice Poulter
Theological Studies in Philosophy and Ethics BA
Religions and Theology BA (3 Years)
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Religion and Anthropology BA (3 Years)

OUR COURSES

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

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RELIIGIONS 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.

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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.

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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.
- Explore themes such as ritual, myth, sacred space and iconography as critical features of human societies, both past and present.

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.

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How you’ll learn

• Lectures
• Seminars
• Guided independent reading
• Problem based learning
• Oral presentations
• Portfolio preparation
• Field trips

Choose from an extensive menu of course units relating to Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Sikhism. You’ll be exposed to traditional and innovative teaching and learning methods, with the opportunity to conduct research among Manchester’s various multi-faith communities.

A number of units also offer ‘outward facing’ assessment, in which students work with mentors to produce resources that can be used outside of an academic context, such as blogs and guides.

How you’ll be assessed

Assessment includes:

• Written coursework (e.g. essays, literature reviews and a 12,000 word dissertation)
• Examinations
• E-learning activities
• Group projects/presentations

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FLEXIBLE HONOURS

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.

To find out more visit www.manchester.ac.uk/flexiblehonours

* Please note that all Flexible Honours subject combinations are subject to academic approval, availability and timetabling constraints.
WHERE CAN YOUR DEGREE TAKE YOU?
A degree from The University of Manchester will open doors to a wide range of careers.

Studying Religions and Theology at The University of Manchester helps to develop versatile and transferable skills:
- Presentation skills
- Critical thinking and analysis
- Judgement
- Interpretation
- Time management
- Cultural sensitivity
- Team working skills
- Empathy
- Imaginative insight
- Independence of mind

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

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

Postgraduate Study

A popular route for our students is master’s 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.

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

WHERE CAN YOUR DEGREE TAKE YOU?

A degree from The University of Manchester is sure to give me a good start for my career. My course has been invaluable in giving me the opportunity to figure out what I enjoy and what I want to do in the future. I came to university not knowing where that would take me and I believe I’ll graduate with a plan and renewed motivation for success.

Radina Dobreva
Undergraduate Student
School of Arts, Languages and Cultures
LOOK TO THE STARS

To help you find your unique path to personal and professional success, you’ll need opportunities to develop and grow. At Manchester, we call this process Stellify: to change, or be changed, into a star. Here, you’ll find a whole host of transformational academic and extracurricular activities to help you do more and be more – and you could even prove your abilities to potential employers by gaining a prestigious award.

Learn without boundaries
Enjoy interdisciplinary, international and entrepreneurial study options outside your course.

Understand the issues that matter
Become ethically, socially and politically informed on some of humanity’s most pressing global issues.

Make a difference
Contribute to and learn from local and global communities through volunteering.

Step up and lead
Gain confidence and experience by assisting and inspiring your peers.

Create your future
Explore countless opportunities for professional career development.

As a committee member of the Women’s Theatre Society and a Student Representative for my course, I’ve been able to meet people I wouldn’t have otherwise, enhance my communication skills, and effect change on campus.

Edda Vallen, BA English Literature

To learn more about Stellify visit
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Study abroad is an excellent opportunity for you to see the world, experience new cultures and study at one of our partner institutions overseas. Most of our undergraduate courses allow you to spend time – usually a semester – at one of our partner institutions outside the UK. Study abroad periods are available either in Year 2 of a three-year course, or in Year 3 of a four-year course.

Find out more about what it’s like to study abroad through our social channels, including our blog, Manchester on the Road, written by students currently studying abroad.

www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/studyabroad

www.manchesterontheroad.wordpress.com

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www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands

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www.manchester.ac.uk/university

LEARNING RESOURCES
If you’re looking for a prestigious institution with a global reputation, but at the same time want to leave in an affordable dynamic city then The University of Manchester is the perfect place for you.

Francesca Casaburi
Undergraduate Student
School of Arts, Languages and Cultures
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

For the most up-to-date course information

This publication was printed in June 2018 for the purposes of the 2019 intake. It has therefore been printed in advance of course starting dates. For this reason, course information (in relation to course content, module availability etc.) may be amended prior to you applying for a place on a course of study.

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 by searching for the relevant course at: www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses

Please call or email us for help and advice regarding your decision. Admissions team contacts can be found on the reverse of this brochure.

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