

Theology

UCAS Code: Combined Honours only (please see website for details)

Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2024/2025

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Across 2,000 years, the Christian tradition has provoked an immense wealth of theological ideas, has adapted itself to many cultural forms and has shaped human minds and events. This degree offers you the opportunity to study Christianity from a number of perspectives – historical, doctrinal, pastoral and contextual – so that you will acquire expertise in finding your way through this complex and rich field of study.

The degree includes the academic study of the Christian Bible and embodies our commitment to take faith seriously whilst at the same time to be intellectually stretching, stimulating and challenging. The teaching staff represent a broad range of Christian traditions, who are all published experts in their own particular fields of expertise. Our library collections in theology and religion are superb, amounting to well over 100,000 volumes in total, and we are investing significantly in enhancing this even further, particularly with electronic resources.

By exploring the textual, historical, political and philosophical aspects of theology, our provision in this area, provides you with a holistic and in-depth appreciation of the subject.

Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2024/2025 are £9,250 for full-time undergraduate courses.

On top of tuition fees, you also need to consider additional costs such as books and field trips. Your books will cost approximately £100 per year and, whilst compulsory field trips are covered by your tuition fees, optional international field trips you would need to cover the cost of yourself. Costs vary depending on the location; you will be given plenty of notice about actual cost.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university. Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: www.hope.ac.uk/halls



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Theology Curriculum

Year One

Introducing Theology

We begin by introducing you to the exciting subject of theology and discuss its scope and importance.

Who is Jesus?

Jesus is obviously the central figure of the Christian faith but what have and do Christians believe about him?

Introduction to the Bible

In this course we first introduce broader issues of canon and interpretation, and then provide an overview of the contents of the Christian Bible.

Christian Initiation

This unit involves a detailed study of the rituals and theology of Baptism, Confirmation and admittance to Holy Communion in the period up to 1453.

Mediaeval Spirituality

This was high point of the spirituality of penitence and its accompanying spirituality including relics, pilgrimage and indulgences.

Year Two

Reformation Theology and Responses

We focus on central Catholic and Protestant actors, who through their thought and actions created an enduring reality of division experienced and engaged differently.

New Testament Epistolary Literature

In this unit we study select New Testament letters, including 1 Thessalonians, Romans, Galatians, Hebrews, and James.

Theology in an Age of Enlightenment

Exploring the rise of modernity and the dynamic emergence of the Enlightenment, we consider theological responses to important challenges facing Christianity.

Biblical Perspectives on Marriage, Divorce, and Sexuality

In this unit we examine biblical perspectives on marriage, divorce and sexuality, including same-sex relations.

Ethics and Evil

Here we will engage with some of the deepest of questions: Is God really good? Is God in control of our world? Is evil the price for freedom?

Religion and Conflict in Old (and New) England

This unit uses contemporary material to look at how the Reformation in England generated centuries of heated dispute in England and in its American colonies.

Year Three

Post/Modern Theology and the Darkness of God

Here students are encouraged to develop their own theological thinking concerning how ideas about 'God' might be (re-)interpreted in both the shadow of conflict and the light of new horizons.

Christian Spirituality

The course examines religious experience as experienced through contemporary religious movements, with a particular focus on the spirituality of land and sacred spaces.

Theological Trends in Eastern Christianity in the Twentieth Century and Beyond

This course surveys major theological trends in Eastern Christianity from the beginning of the 20th century until now.

Theology and Disability Studies

In this unit we introduce different discourses and models of disability, and then probe theological assumptions and structures, as well as authoritative writings, from the perspective of disability.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, seminars and tutorials. There will also be the opportunity to meet your tutor on a one-to-one basis each week.

For the Theology part of your degree, you will have approximately 6 teaching hours in your first year of study, which reduces to approximately 5 teaching hours in your second and third years. On top of teaching hours, will you also need to spend a number of hours studying independently each week, as well as group work to prepare for any group assessments you may have.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

During your degree, you will have a number of assessments, including an initial short exercise, so that you receive feedback early in your studies, presentations, essays, portfolios and exams. In your final year, you will complete an independent research project or dissertation, using skills you have developed over the first two years of study.

You will receive your feedback via the University's Virtual Online Learning Environment (Moodle), and you are also welcome to discuss the feedback with your tutors.



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