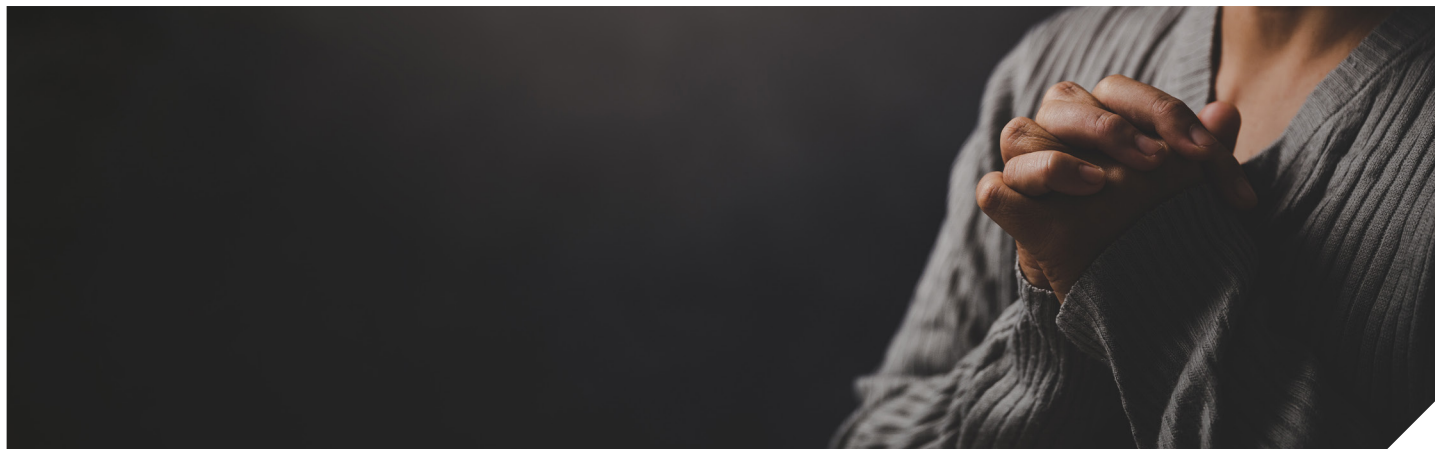


Religion, Theology and Spirituality BA (Hons)*

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

Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2025/2026

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

This course leads you into a profound exploration of spirituality, wisdom, and mysticism across major religious traditions like Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism. But, unlike traditional Theology and Religious studies courses, we pay special attention to religious experience and spirituality: the human quest for meaning and purpose. So, you will delve into contemporary religious experiences, exploring today's 'spiritual but not religious' identity. You will tackle ethical and theological questions concerning the beginning and end of life, sexuality, gender, evil, suffering, and contemporary issues like radicalisation, ecology, violence, inter-religious dialogue, secularisation, post-secularism, health, wellbeing, and near-death experiences.

Visiting historical sacred spaces adds a tangible element to your studies, as you explore why these places still captivate people amidst modern challenges like technology and climate crisis. You will examine how our beliefs about our place in the universe impact how we treat our planet and all life forms.

By studying Religion, Theology, and Spirituality, you will gain insights into ancient wisdom, rituals, and sacred texts that influence millions today. Plus, you'll actively participate in critical debates about human existence in a world facing numerous crises.

Entry Requirements

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

**Subject to validation*

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2025/2026 are £9,535 for full-time undergraduate courses.

On top of your tuition fees, you also need around £150 to purchase key textbooks throughout your Degree.

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:

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Religion, Theology and Spirituality Curriculum

Year One

The first year lays the foundations for your studies by introducing you to some of the key ideas of the course:

- Theories of Religion
- African Indigenous Religion
- Religious and Mystical Experience
- Introduction to Spirituality
- Introduction to Sacred Texts (Bible, Quran, Hindu Scriptures)
- Imagery, symbol and Ritual (inter-religious)
- Introduction to Christian Traditions
- Introduction to Judaism and Islam
- Art, literature, film and music.

Year Two

In the second year you take a closer focus on the human dimension of theology, religion and spirituality:

- Religious Ethics and Spirituality
- The Human the divine; understanding the person of Jesus Christ
- Sacred space and time (pilgrimage - different traditions)

- Religion and Health (including disability, Islamic psychology)
- Reformation and Enlightenment
- Islamic Law and Society
- Gender, sexuality and spirituality
- Death and the afterlife
- Environment and spirituality.

Year Three

The third year takes you into some of the most important issues at play today in this field:

- The darkness of God
- Contemporary Eastern Theology
- Judaism in the Shadow of the Shoah
- Islamic Political Philosophy
- Fundamentalism, politics and secularism
- Virtual Religion and spirituality
- Research Project

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, where all students are taught together, and smaller groups of seminars and tutorials.

Year 1

3 x 1- hour lectures; 2 x 1- hour seminars; 1 x 1-hour small group tutorial per week.

Year 2

2 x 1- hour lectures; 2 x 1- hour seminars; 1 x 1-hour small group tutorial per week.

Year 3

2 x 1- hour lectures; 2 x 1- hour seminars per week, plus regular research supervision (some in small groups, some one-to-one).

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

You will have a number of assessments throughout your studies, including essays, presentations, vivas, exams (in your 2nd and 3rd years) and textual analyses.



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