

Religion, Theology and Spirituality BA (Hons)*

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

Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Liverpool, with its two iconic cathedrals, the oldest mosque in England, and a long history shaped by faith and cultural diversity, is the ideal setting for the Religion, Theology and Spirituality degree. This city is home to vibrant religious communities and a thriving cultural scene, making it the perfect backdrop to explore the wisdom, mysticism, and practices of Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism, alongside contemporary spiritual identities that go beyond traditional faiths.

The Religion, Theology and Spirituality course at Liverpool Hope offers the opportunity to study ancient wisdom, rituals, and sacred texts while critically engaging with pressing modern debates. You will examine profound ethical and theological questions around life, death, gender, sexuality, evil, suffering, ecology, violence, radicalisation, interfaith dialogue, secularisation, and spirituality in today's world.

Through visits to places of worship and explorations of cultural expressions such as art, music, and even football, the Religion, Theology and Spirituality degree allows you to understand how communities create meaning, hope, and identity. The course also equips you with critical skills for careers where understanding diverse beliefs and navigating ethical challenges are key, including education, politics, community work, and the civil service.

Entry Requirements

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

**Subject to approval*

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2026/2027 are £9,790 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:

Introducing Religions (30 credits)

In this module, you will explore what religion means and how it is studied through a comparative approach. You will look at questions raised by and about different religions, and how they continue to shape cultures, politics and societies today.

Being Human: Spirituality and the Sacred (30 credits)

This module introduces the study of spirituality, including the growing identity of those who describe themselves as 'spiritual but not religious'. You will explore key themes and practices across different religious traditions, such as prayer and meditation, art and literature, spiritual struggle and new scientific approaches to spirituality.

Year Two

In the second year, you will build on what you have studied so far, going deeper into vital issues.

Religion, Ethics, and Society (30 credits)

This module explores 'Religious Ethics and Spirituality', asking whether religious traditions are ethical from a secular perspective, whether religion is centred on ethical living, and what role spirituality plays.

Religion in an Age of Enlightenment (15 credits)

In this module, you will explore how Christianity has shaped the modern world, as well as the ways it has come into tension with Modernity. You will examine the flourishing of the Renaissance, the upheavals of the Reformation, and the challenges the Enlightenment, the 'age of reason', posed for religion.

Indic Religions (15 credits)

In this module, you will explore the relationship between religion and philosophy in Buddhist and Hindu contexts, and how these traditions continue to shape the civilisations of the Far East. You will also examine contemporary approaches to studying the religious wisdom found in these traditions.

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
- Religion, Reconciliation and Conflict
- 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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