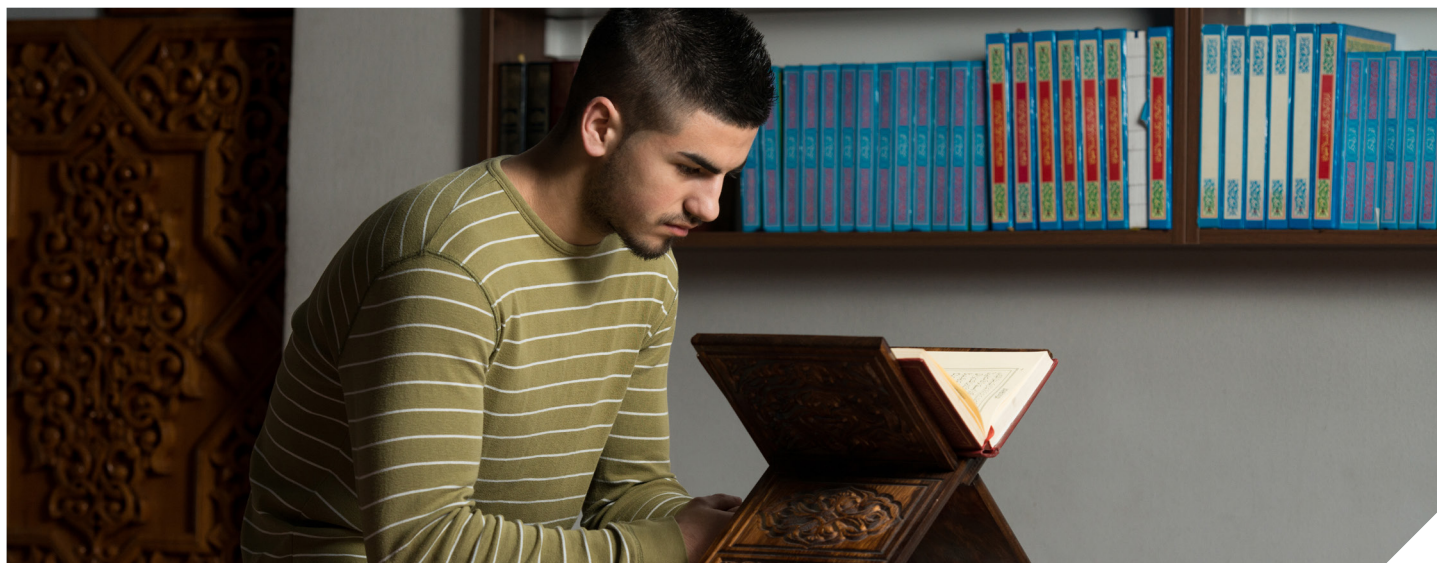


Religious Studies BA (Hons)*

UCAS Code: RES1 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027



Course Overview

The Religious Studies degree offers a profound exploration of spirituality, wisdom, and mysticism across major traditions, including Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism, while also focusing on lived experiences and the search for meaning. This Religious Studies course goes beyond traditional perspectives, examining contemporary spiritual identities and urgent issues such as radicalisation, ecology, gender, suffering, and interfaith dialogue.

You will study sacred spaces and their relevance in today's world, exploring how beliefs shape our treatment of the planet and all life forms. In a diverse and media-saturated society, the Religious Studies degree challenges you to critically engage with Western and non-Western perspectives, asking thought-provoking questions about secularism, scientism, and global citizenship.

Liverpool provides a vibrant backdrop for your studies, with its rich and changing religious traditions. Through visits to places of worship and explorations of local cultural expressions—including art, music, and football—you will investigate how people form meaning, identity, and community in the modern world.

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 2026/2027 are £9,535 for full-time undergraduate courses.

On top of your tuition fees, you also need around £250 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: www.hope.ac.uk/halls

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.



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Religious Studies Curriculum

Year One

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

- Spirituality and Religious Experience
- African and Indic Religions
- Sacred Texts in Abrahamic Religions
- Sacred Space and Time (Sacred Spaces, pilgrimage, the environment, death and the afterlife)
- Introducing Worldviews
- Challenging Eurocentrism
- Modernity and Post-Modernity: The Secular and the Post-Secular
- Globalisation, Decolonization and 'Global Ethics'
- The World in One City: Liverpool and Its Peoples.

Year Two

In the second year you on the one hand take a closer focus on the human dimension of theology, religion and spirituality, and on the other, the global dimension of the course becomes even more prominent:

- Challenging Traditions and Authority
- Mysticism & Religious Experience
- Religious Ethics and Spirituality

- Religious Philosophies (aspects of Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and others)
- God, Christ and Humanity
- Islamic Law and Society
- Religion and Disability
- Ecology, Hope and Conflict
- The World in One City: Istanbul as a Case Study.

Year Three

The third year allows for an in-depth study some of the most important issues at play today:

- Religious Fundamentalisms, including American Fundamentalisms, Radical Islam, radical Jewish religious Zionism, Russian nationalism and Orthodoxy
- Judaism in the Shadow of the Shoah
- Post/Modern Theology and the Darkness of God
- The Soul and the Absolute, including Advaita Vedanta, Kabbalah, Zen, among others
- Religion, Conflict and Reconciliation
- Interpreting the Bible for Our Times
- The World in One City: Jerusalem as a Case Study

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, where all students are taught together, seminars, which are smaller groups, and tutorials, which typically have no more than 10 students in the first year. You also have the opportunity to have one-to-one meetings with your tutor on a regular basis.

In your first year there are approximately 12 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 10 teaching hours in your second and third years. On top of teaching hours, you are also expected to spend a number of hours studying independently each week, as well as group study to prepare for any group assessments you may have.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Throughout your three years of study, you will have a number of assessments, including essays, vivas (oral exams), textual analyses, written exams, fieldwork reports, case studies and portfolios. In your final year, you will complete a dissertation on a research topic of your choice.

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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