# V6K022: Theology and Religion

Postgraduate Taught GDip 2020

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Course Summary

Description

This course is intended for those who hold a bachelor's degree in another discipline, but who wish to acquire a knowledge of Theology and Religion at a level which would permit them to undertake further study in the subject.

There are five or six optional modules to choose from, with no core modules on the course. The range of optional modules available varies from year to year.

Optional Modules

Optional modules in previous years have included 2 choices from:

- Landscapes of Worship in Contemporary South Asia
- Literature and Theology of the Old Testament
- New Testament Theology
- Topics in Christian Ethics
- Death, Ritual and Belief
- The Reformation and its Legacy
- Christian Theology: Essential Questions I
- Christian Theology: Essential Questions II
- God, Freedom and the Soul
- Philosophy and the Christian Tradition
- One further 20 credit module offered by the Department of Theology & Religion at Levels 1 or 2.

Plus 3 or 4 choices from:

- Aramaic
- Biblical Theology
- Advanced Greek Texts
- New Testament Ethics
- Issues in Old Testament Studies
- The First Urban Churches
- Religion and Film
- Emotion and Identity in Religion
- The Sociology of Conservative Protestantism
- The Postmodern God
- 1 Peter and the Petrine Tradition (English)
- 1 Peter and the Petrine Tradition (with Greek)
- Christian Tradition and the Practice of Politics
- The Letters of John and the origins of Gnosticism (English)
- The Letters of John and the origins of Gnosticism (Greek)
- The Historical Jesus
- Reading Greek Sources about the Historical Jesus
- Jesus Christ in the Twentieth Century
- Faith and the Experience of War in the Christian World
- Religions in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Thomas Aquinas: Background, context and Legacy
- Religion, Media and Popular Culture
- Graduate Diploma Dissertation (counts as 2 choices)
Admissions Process

Subject requirements, level and grade

The standard entry requirement is a BA (Honours) degree (UK 2:1 or equivalent, for example, a GPA of 3.7 on a scale of 4.0 scale), but applicants from non-traditional backgrounds or with other qualifications may be considered subject to interview and a review of written work.

The diploma is an ideal course to take if you are wanting to transition from another discipline to theology and religion, which you might wish to pursue at MA level. It is also ideal if you have already studied theology and religion to first degree level in another country, and wish to become familiar with the critical approach to these subjects that is typical in British public universities.

The University will contact the referees named in your application directly. Please ensure that your referees are able to provide a reference in a timely fashion. If you are also applying for a Durham MA bursary, please ensure that your referees understand that their references will be used both for admission and for a very competitive funding process.

English Language requirements

Please check requirements for your subject and level of study (www.durham.ac.uk/learningandteaching.handbook/1/3/3/).

How to apply

www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply
Fees and Funding

Full Time Fees

| Home Student | £5,380.00 per year |

Part Time Fees

| Home Student | £3,000.00 per year |

The tuition fees shown are for one complete academic year of study, are set according to the academic year of entry, and remain the same throughout the duration of the programme for that cohort (unless otherwise stated).

Please also check costs for colleges and accommodation (www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/).

Scholarships and funding

www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance
Career Opportunities

Department of Theology and Religion

A significant number of our graduates find employment in academic institutions (universities and seminaries) around the world. For some examples of academic careers in Theology launched at Durham, please click here (www.durham.ac.uk/theology.religion/postgrad/why.durham/academic.careers).

Others go into teaching, church ministry, the caring professions, and many other professional fields.

For further information on career options and employability, including the results of the Destination of Leavers survey, student and employer testimonials and details of work experience and study abroad opportunities, please click here (www.durham.ac.uk/theology.religion/postgraduate/employability).
Open days and visits

Pre-application open day
www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit

Overseas Visit Schedule
www.durham.ac.uk/international/office/meetus

Postgraduate Visits
PGVI or
www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/visit/
Department Information

Department of Theology and Religion

Overview

The Department of Theology and Religion has established an international reputation as one of the leading research departments in its field, and we are equally proud of our high-quality teaching and our commitment to our students. Our postgraduate students benefit from regular research seminars and conferences and colloquia that place Durham at the centre of international scholarship. Also available for postgraduates is a professional development and training programme, which includes opportunities to work as a teaching or research assistant. Our home, Abbey House (pictured), is next door to Durham Cathedral, and is a beautiful and inspiring place to pursue research in theology and religion.

Ranking

Ranked 1st in the UK for Internationally Excellent and World-Leading research and joint 1st for both impact and research environment in REF 2014.

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/theology.religion