# V8K207: Biblical Studies

**Postgraduate Taught MA 2020**

## Essentials

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<td><strong>Degree</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Mode of study</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Location</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Department(s) Website</strong></td>
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Course Summary

Description

This course focuses on the context and interpretation of biblical and pseudepigraphal texts, along with the study of biblical languages. Durham has a long tradition of outstanding biblical scholarship, providing a wide range of distinctive approaches to biblical studies, including historical, critical and theological.

Course Structure

- Paul and His Interpreters - core module*
- Three optional modules
- Dissertation.

Core Modules

- Paul and His Interpreters*
- Dissertation

*Core module may be subject to change

Optional Modules

Optional Modules in previous years have included 2-3 choices from:

- Beginners’ New Testament Greek
- Biblical Hebrew
- Advanced Hebrew Texts
- Advanced Aramaic
- Middle Egyptian
- The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha and the New Testament
- Gospels and Canon

Plus up to 1 choice from:

- Paul and his Interpreters
- Patristic Exegesis
- Patristic Ecclesiology
- Christian Northumbria 600-750
- Anglican Theology in Context
- Classic Texts in Christian Theology
- Liturgy and Sacramentality
- Conceiving Change in Contemporary Catholicism
- Twentieth-Century Catholic Theology
- Christian Gender
- Principles of Theological Ethics
- Theology, Ethics and Medicine
- Social Scientific Methods in the Study of Religion
- Ritual, Symbolism and Belief in the Anthropology of Religion
- Literature and Religion
- Catholic Social Thought
- Ecclesiology and Ethnography
- Doctrine of Creation
- Religion in the Neo-Liberal Age
- The Thought of Thomas Aquinas in Context
- Selected modules from the MA in Theology and Ministry course
- Level 3 undergraduate module, or any Level 1–2 language module offered by the Department of Theology and Religion, taken in conjunction with the designated Extended Study in Theology & Religion module
- 30 credits from another Board of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University’s Centre for Foreign Language Study).
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 4.0 scale) in Theology, Religious Studies or a related discipline.

The two principal exceptions to this rule are as follows:

- Graduates of other disciplines who have studied at undergraduate or equivalent level in one or more of the areas in which they hope to work, through their first degrees, through training for the ministry of the churches, and so on
- Students from overseas universities who have successfully reached a point in their theological studies comparable with completion of a British BA at the standard noted above - for example, on the German model, passing the Zwischenprüfung or Kolloquium and two semesters at the Hauptseminar level.

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

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## Part Time Fees

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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/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/postgraduate/accommodation/costs/)).

## Scholarships and funding

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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 2014.

Website

www.durham.ac.uk/theology.religion