# V8K107: Religion and Society

**Postgraduate Taught MA 2020**

## Essentials

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Course Summary

Description
This course looks at religion from anthropological and sociological perspectives. Durham has particular strengths in the study of Mormonism, death, dying and disposal, religion and emotion, religion/faith and globalisation, religion and politics, contemporary evangelicalism and post-evangelicalism, and religion and generational change. It also boasts the Centre for Death and Life Studies (www.dur.ac.uk/cdals/) and the Project for Spirituality, Theology and Health (www.dur.ac.uk/spirituality.health/).

Course Structure

- Social Scientific Methods in the Study of Religion - core module
- Three optional modules
- Dissertation.

Core Modules

- Social Scientific Methods in the Study of Religion
- Dissertation.

Optional Modules

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

- Ritual, Symbolism and Belief in the Anthropology of Religion
- Theology, Ethics and Medicine
- Literature and Religion
- Christian Northumbria 600-750
- Ecclesiology and Ethnography
- Religion in the Neo-Liberal Age.

Plus up to 1 choice from:

- Advanced Hebrew Texts
- Advanced Aramaic
- Middle Egyptian
- The Bible and Hermeneutics
- The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha and the New Testament
- Paul and his Interpreters
- Gospels and Canon
- Patristic Exegesis
- Patristic Ecclesiology
- England's Religious Revolution 1640-1660
- Liturgy and Sacramentality
- Classic Texts in Christian Theology
- Conceiving Change in Contemporary Catholicism
- Christian Gender
- Principles of Theological Ethics
- Catholic Social Thought
- Doctrine of Creation
- 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 three principal exceptions to this rule are as follows:

- Graduates of anthropology, sociology, psychology and other related programmes
- 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/).

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