

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for undergraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes](#).

## **BA RELIGION, SOCIETY AND CULTURE (V617)**

## **BA RELIGION, SOCIETY AND CULTURE (With Year Abroad) (V618)**

## **BA RELIGION, SOCIETY AND CULTURE (With Placement) (V619)**

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in full-time and part-time modes of study.

### **Level 1 (Certificate)**

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 60 credits:

|  |                          | <b>Credit value</b> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Worldview, Faith and Identity                            | <a href="#">THEO1131</a> | 20                  |
| Introduction to the History of Christianity              | <a href="#">THEO1171</a> | 20                  |
| Islam Observed: Ethnographic Accounts of Muslim Practice | <a href="#">THEO1951</a> | 20                  |

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List A:

| <b>List A:</b>                                       |                          | <b>Credit value</b> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| People and Cultures                                  | <a href="#">ANTH1061</a> | 20                  |
| Societies in Transition                              | <a href="#">SOCI1312</a> | 40                  |
| Classical Sociological Theory                        | <a href="#">SOCI1331</a> | 20                  |
| Biblical Hebrew                                      | <a href="#">THEO1151</a> | 20                  |
| New Testament Greek                                  | <a href="#">THEO1161</a> | 20                  |
| Introduction to Christian Theology                   | <a href="#">THEO1191</a> | 20                  |
| God and Evil   | <a href="#">THEO1901</a> | 20                  |
| Reading Biblical Texts                               | <a href="#">THEO1911</a> | 20                  |
| God and the Good: Philosophy of Religion and Ethics* | <a href="#">THEO1921</a> | 20                  |
| Introduction to Biblical Studies                     | <a href="#">THEO1931</a> | 20                  |

Beyond the modules named in this list, and subject to having credit available, candidates may also study and be assessed in Level 1 modules offered by other Boards of Studies to the value of 20 credits (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).

### **Level 2 (Diploma)**

4. In accordance with the core regulations, candidates may take no more than 30 credits of Level 1 modules during Level 2.
5. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List B:

| <b>List B:</b>   |                          | <b>Credit value</b> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Death, Ritual and Belief                                 | <a href="#">THEO2231</a> | 20                  |
| Science and Theology: Exploring the Interface            | <a href="#">THEO2291</a> | 20                  |
| Religion in Contemporary Britain*                        | <a href="#">THEO2321</a> | 20                  |
| Atheism, Belief and the Edge of Reason                   | <a href="#">THEO2361</a> | 20                  |
| Myth and Meaning: The Structural Analysis of Mythology   | <a href="#">THEO2451</a> | 20                  |
| Research Project and Colloquium in Theology and Religion | <a href="#">THEO2461</a> | 20                  |
| God and the Universe of Faiths*                          | <a href="#">THEO2471</a> | 20                  |
| Sacred India: Land, Politics and Identity*               | <a href="#">THEO2501</a> | 20                  |
| Sects, Prophets and Gurus*                               | <a href="#">THEO2531</a> | 20                  |
| Faith, Identity and Power in Latin America               | <a href="#">THEO2571</a> | 20                  |
| Emotion, Religion and Identity*                          | <a href="#">THEO2601</a> | 20                  |
| Jews and Judaism in the Contemporary World               | <a href="#">THEO2631</a> | 20                  |

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List C:

| <b>List C:</b>  |                          | <b>Credit value</b> |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Self, Identity and Society  | <a href="#">SOCI2111</a> | 20                  |
| Modern and Contemporary Sociological Theory                               | <a href="#">SOCI2261</a> | 20                  |
| Literature and Theology of the Old Testament                              | <a href="#">THEO2011</a> | 20                  |
| New Testament Theology  | <a href="#">THEO2051</a> | 20                  |
| Syriac  | <a href="#">THEO2061</a> | 20                  |
| Hebrew Prose Texts  | <a href="#">THEO2171</a> | 20                  |
| Creation and New Creation: Imaging God                                    | <a href="#">THEO2241</a> | 20                  |
| Reading the New Testament in Greek  | <a href="#">THEO2271</a> | 20                  |
| Topics in Christian Ethics  | <a href="#">THEO2381</a> | 20                  |
| Early Christian Doctrine: Trinity and Christology                         | <a href="#">THEO2391</a> | 20                  |
| Christ and the Human Mystery: Imaging God                                 | <a href="#">THEO2401</a> | 20                  |
| Catholic Theology in the Modern World *                                   | <a href="#">THEO2491</a> | 20                  |
| The Reformation and its Legacy*   | <a href="#">THEO2511</a> | 20                  |
| Medieval Theology and Spirituality  | <a href="#">THEO2521</a> | 20                  |
| Jewish Religion in Antiquity: Belief Systems, Ethics, Political Conflicts | <a href="#">THEO2541</a> | 20                  |
| Create, Image, Enact: Christian Theology and the Arts                     | <a href="#">THEO2551</a> | 20                  |
| Augustine of Hippo*   | <a href="#">THEO2561</a> | 20                  |
| The Thought of St Bonaventure*  | <a href="#">THEO2591</a> | 20                  |
| Issues in Old Testament Studies*  | <a href="#">THEO2611</a> | 20                  |
| Theology and Culture in Atlantic History                                  | <a href="#">THEO2621</a> | 20                  |

Modules to the value of 20 credits from List A for which candidates have not previously registered  
 Modules from List B for which candidates have not previously registered  
 Beyond the modules named in this list, candidates may also study and be assessed in modules offered by other Boards of Studies up to the value of 40 credits (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).

### **Year 3 (Year abroad)**

7. Students admitted to the BA Religion, Society and Culture (V617) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Year Abroad) programme (V618).
8. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Year Abroad) (V618) must:
  - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Religion, Society and Culture (V617) and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours or Ordinary programme; and
  - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Theology and Religion to be admitted to the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Year Abroad) (V618) and have their application approved by the Department's International Placements Coordinator; and
  - c. secure an international placement abroad/year abroad opportunity, agreed with the Department Exchange Co-ordinator; and
  - d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Religion, Society and Culture (V617) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Religion, Society and Culture (V617).
9. Students undertaking the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Year Abroad) (V618) will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. During this year, at least half of the modules taken at the host university must be in the study of religion.
10. During the year abroad students will be assessed at module level by the host University. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Year Abroad) (V618).
11. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Theology and Religion deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Year Abroad) (V618). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Year Abroad) (V618) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Religion, Society and Culture (V617) programme.

### Year 3 (Placement)

12. Students admitted to the BA Religion, Society and Culture (V617) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Placement) programme (V619). Students taking the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Placement) (V619) will undertake an approved placement in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.
- Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine whether the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Placement) (V619). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Religion, Society and Culture (V617) programme.
13. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Placement) (V619) must:
- have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Religion, Society and Culture (V617) and progressed to Level 2 of the Honours or Ordinary programme; and
  - during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Theology to be admitted to the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Placement) (V619) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and
  - secure a placement / year abroad opportunity comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Officer; and
  - successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Religion, Society and Culture (V617) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Religion, Society and Culture (V617).
14. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Theology deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Placement Year) (V619). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Placement Year) (V619) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Religion, Society and Culture programme (V617).

### Level 3 (Degree)

15. In accordance with the core regulations, candidates may take no more than 30 credits of Level 2 modules during Level 3. Appropriate credit-bearing language modules from the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study may be taken during Level 3, but only if the combined total of language modules and Level 2 modules taken does not exceed 30 credits.
16. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following module to the value of 40 credits:

|              |                          | <b>Credit value</b> |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Dissertation | <a href="#">THEO3232</a> | 40                  |

17. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List D.

| <b>List D:</b>                                   |                          | <b>Credit value</b> |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Religion and Film                                | <a href="#">THEO3441</a> | 20                  |
| Emotion and Identity in Religion*                | <a href="#">THEO3461</a> | 20                  |
| Christian Fundamentalism and the Modern World    | <a href="#">THEO3501</a> | 20                  |
| The Postmodern God*                              | <a href="#">THEO3511</a> | 20                  |
| Christian Tradition and the Practice of Politics | <a href="#">THEO3581</a> | 20                  |
| Jesus Christ in the Twentieth Century*           | <a href="#">THEO3611</a> | 20                  |
| Religious Diversity in African Contexts          | <a href="#">THEO3661</a> | 20                  |
| Religion, Media and Popular Culture*             | <a href="#">THEO3701</a> | 20                  |
| The Globalisation of Christianity                | <a href="#">THEO3721</a> | 20                  |

18. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List E.

| <b>List E:</b>    |                          | <b>Credit value</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Aramaic*          | <a href="#">THEO3031</a> | 20                  |
| Biblical Theology | <a href="#">THEO3041</a> | 20                  |

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|--|--------------------------|----|
| Advanced Greek Texts   | <a href="#">THEO3051</a> | 20 |
| Issues in Old Testament Studies  | <a href="#">THEO3291</a> | 20 |
| The New Testament and Christian Ethics   | <a href="#">THEO3341</a> | 20 |
| The First Urban Churches*  | <a href="#">THEO3391</a> | 20 |
| The Apostle Peter and Petrine Literature inside and outside the New Testament (English)*                       | <a href="#">THEO3521</a> | 20 |
| The Apostle Peter and Petrine Literature inside and outside the New Testament (with Greek)*                    | <a href="#">THEO3531</a> | 20 |
| John and the Archheretics: The Gospel of John, the Letters of John and the Origins of Gnosticism (in Greek)*   | <a href="#">THEO3591</a> | 20 |
| John and the Archheretics: The Gospel of John, the Letters of John and the Origins of Gnosticism (in English)* | <a href="#">THEO3601</a> | 20 |
| Reading Greek Sources about the Historical Jesus*  | <a href="#">THEO3621</a> | 20 |
| The Historical Jesus*  | <a href="#">THEO3631</a> | 20 |
| Thomas Aquinas: Background, Context and Legacy   | <a href="#">THEO3691</a> | 20 |
| Picturing Biblical Texts*  | <a href="#">THEO3711</a> | 20 |
| Theology, Nature, Environment  | <a href="#">THEO3731</a> | 20 |
| Faith and the Experience of War: Byzantium and Eastern Orthodoxy   | <a href="#">THEO3741</a> | 20 |
| Medieval Theology and Spirituality   | <a href="#">THEO3751</a> | 20 |
| The Reformation and Its Legacy*  | <a href="#">THEO3761</a> | 20 |
| Competing Gospels: Jesus inside and outside the Canon  | <a href="#">THEO3771</a> | 20 |
| Performative Theology  | <a href="#">THEO3781</a> | 20 |
| The Cross of Christ  | <a href="#">THEO3791</a> | 20 |
| The Thought of St Bonaventure*   | <a href="#">THEO3801</a> | 20 |
| Tractarians and Modernists – Catholic Retrievals*  | <a href="#">THEO3811</a> | 20 |
| Sacred India*  | <a href="#">THEO3821</a> | 20 |

Modules from List D for which candidates have not previously registered

Modules to the value of 20 credits from lists B and C above for which candidates have not previously registered

Modules offered by other Boards of Studies up to the value of 20 credits (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).

### Assessment, progression and award

19. Modules marked \* are not available in 2021/2022.
20. Beyond the modules named in this document, students may take up to a maximum of 40 credits from other Boards of Studies over Level 2 and Level 3 together.