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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:

		Credit value
Worldview, Faith and Identity	THEO1131	20
Introduction to the History of Christianity	THEO1171	20
Islam Observed: Ethnographic Accounts of Muslim Practice	THEO1951	20

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

List A:		Credit value
People and Cultures	ANTH1061	20
Societies in Transition	SOCI1312	40
Classical Sociological Theory	SOCI1331	20
Biblical Hebrew	THEO1151	20
New Testament Greek	THEO1161	20
Introduction to Christian Theology	THEO1191	20
God and Evil*	THEO1901	20
God and the Good: Philosophy of Religion and Ethics	THEO1921	20
Introduction to the Bible: Texts, History and Culture	THEO1931	20
Sources of The Self	LIBA1011	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. Candidates shall study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List B:

List B:		Credit value
Death, Ritual and Belief	THEO2231	20
Science and Theology: Exploring the Interface*	THEO2291	20
Religion in Contemporary Britain*	THEO2321	20
Atheism, Belief and the Edge of Reason	THEO2361	20
Myth and Meaning: The Structural Analysis of Mythology*	THEO2451	20
Research Project and Colloquium in Theology and Religion	THEO2461	20
Sacred India: Land, Politics and Identity*	THEO2501	20
Sects, Prophets and Gurus*	THEO2531	20
Faith, Identity and Power in Latin America*	THEO2571	20
Emotion, Religion and Identity*	THEO2601	20

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

List C:		Credit value
Self, Identity and Society	SOCI2111	20
Modern and Contemporary Sociological Theory (pre-req SOCI1331)	SOCI2261	20

Literature and Theology of the Old Testament	THEO2011	20
New Testament Theology	THEO2051	20
Syriac	THEO2061	20
Hebrew Prose Texts	THEO2171	20
Creation and New Creation: Imaging God	THEO2241	20
Reading the New Testament in Greek	THEO2271	20
Topics in Christian Ethics	THEO2381	20
Early Christian Doctrine: Trinity and Christology	THEO2391	20
Christ and the Human Mystery: Imaging God*	THEO2401	20
Catholic Theology in the Modern World	THEO2491	20
Sacred India: Land, Politics and Identity*	THEO2501	20
The Reformation and its Legacy*	THEO2511	20
Medieval Theology and Spirituality	THEO2521	20
Jewish Religion in Antiquity: Belief Systems, Ethics, Political Conflicts	THEO2541	20
Create, Image, Enact: Christian Theology and the Arts*	THEO2551	20
Augustine of Hippo*	THEO2561	20
The Thought of St Bonaventure*	THEO2591	20
Decolonising the Bible	THEO2641	20
Biblical Hebrew*	THEO2651	20
Religious Diversity in European Society	THEO2661	20
The Historical Jesus*	THEO2671	20
Theology and Comedy	THEO2681	20
Geez (Old Ethiopian)*	THEO2691	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)

6. 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).
7. 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 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).
8. 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.
9. 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).
10. 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)

11. 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.
12. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Religion, Society and Culture (with Placement) (V619) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Religion, Society and Culture (V617) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and
 - b. 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
 - c. 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
 - 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).
13. 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)

14. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following module to the value of 40 credits:

	Credit value
Dissertation	THEO3232 40

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

List D:	Credit value
Religion and Film	THEO3441 20
Emotion and Identity in Religion*	THEO3461 20
Christian Fundamentalism and the Modern World*	THEO3501 20
The Postmodern God*	THEO3511 20
Christian Tradition and the Practice of Politics*	THEO3581 20
Religious Diversity in African Contexts	THEO3661 20
Religion, Media and Popular Culture*	THEO3701 20
The Globalisation of Christianity*	THEO3721 20

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

List E:	Credit value
Aramaic*	THEO3031 20
Advanced Greek Texts	THEO3051 20
Issues in Old Testament Studies	THEO3291 20
The New Testament and Christian Ethics*	THEO3341 20

John and the Archheretics: The Gospel of John, the Letters of John and the Origins of Gnosticism (in Greek)*	THEO3591	20
Religious Diversity in African Contexts	THEO3661	20
Thomas Aquinas: Background, Context and Legacy*	THEO3691	20
Picturing Biblical Texts*	THEO3711	20
Theology, Nature, Environment	THEO3731	20
Faith and the Experience of War: Byzantium and Eastern Orthodoxy	THEO3741	20
Medieval Theology and Spirituality	THEO3751	20
The Reformation and Its Legacy*	THEO3761	20
Competing Gospels: Jesus inside and outside the Canon	THEO3771	20
Performative Theology	THEO3781	20
The Cross of Christ*	THEO3791	20
The Thought of St Bonaventure*	THEO3801	20
Tractarians and Modernists – Catholic Retrievals*	THEO3811	20
Sacred India*	THEO3821	20
Making Christians in the Early Church	THEO3911	20
Queer Theology	THEO3921	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

17. Modules marked * are not available in 2023/2024
18. 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.