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BA PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY (VV56)

BA PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY (With Year Abroad) (V5V6)

BA PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY (With Placement) (V5V7)

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

Level 1 (Certificate)

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

		Credit value
The Philosophical Traditions	PHIL1091	20
Introduction to Christian Theology	THEO1191	20
Introduction to the Bible: Texts, History and Culture	THEO1931	20

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List A:

List A:		**Credit value**
Ethics and Values	PHIL1011	20
Knowledge and Reality	PHIL1021	20
Reading Philosophy	PHIL1041	20
Being Human: An Introduction to Post-Kantian Philosophy	PHIL1101	20
Science, Medicine and Society	PHIL1111	20

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List B:

List B:		**Credit value**
Worldview, Faith and Identity	THEO1131	20
Introduction to the History of Christianity	THEO1171	20
New Testament Greek	THEO1161	20
Islam Observed: Ethnographic Accounts of Muslim Practice	THEO1951	20
Sources of The Self	LIBA1011	20

Level 2 (Diploma)

5. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 40 credits:

		Credit value
Philosophy of Religion	PHIL2091	20
Atheism, Belief and the Edge of Reason	THEO2361	20

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits by choosing EITHER 20 credits from List C1 and 20 credits from List C2 OR 40 credits from List C3:

List C1 Michaelmas		**Credit value**
Language Logic and Reality	PHIL2021	20
The Philosophy of Economics and Politics: Theory, Methods and Values	PHIL2171	20
Feminist Philosophy	PHIL2201	20
World Philosophies	PHIL2221	20

List C2 Epiphany		Credit value
Fundamentals of Logics	PHIL2181	20
Early Modern Mavericks	PHIL2031	20
Moral Theory	PHIL2041	20
Political Philosophy	PHIL2081	20
Philosophy of Science	PHIL2151	20
Epistemology	PHIL2211	20

List C3 (Year-long)		Credit value
Philosophy of Mind	PHIL2011	20
History, Science and Medicine	PHIL2191	20
One credit-bearing language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study		20

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits by choosing EITHER 20 credits from List D1 and 20 credits from List D2 OR 40 credits from List D3:

List D1 (Michaelmas)		Credit value
Catholic Theology in the Modern World	THEO2491	20
Theology and Comedy	THEO2681	20
War and Faith in Great Britain and the United States, c. 1690-1990	THEO2701	20

List D2 (Epiphany)		Credit value
Decolonising the Bible	THEO2641	20
Holy Spirit in Christian Theology and the Life of the Church	THEO2711	20

List D3 (Year-long):		Credit value
New Testament Theology	THEO2051	20
Syriac	THEO2061	20
Death, Ritual, and Belief	THEO2231	20
Reading the New Testament in Greek	THEO2271	20
Topics in Christian Ethics	THEO2381	20
Early Christian Doctrine	THEO2391	20
The Thought of St Bonaventure	THEO2591	20
Biblical Hebrew	THEO2651	20
One credit-bearing language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study, if not taken in List C3 above.		

Level 3 (Degree)

8. Candidates must study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List E:

List E:		Credit value
Philosophy Long Dissertation ~	PHIL3112	40
Theology Dissertation ~	THEO3232	40

9. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List F:

List F:		Credit value
Kant's Critical Philosophy and Other Revolutions	PHIL3011	20
Philosophical Issues in Contemporary Science	PHIL3021	20
Aesthetics	PHIL3031	20
Twentieth-Century European Philosophy	PHIL3051	20
Issues in Contemporary Ethics	PHIL3131	20
Metaphysics	PHIL3171	20
History and Philosophy of Psychiatry	PHIL3181	20
Ethics in Business Practice	PHIL3191	20
Formal and Philosophical Logic	PHIL3201	20
Biomedical Ethics, Past and Present	PHIL3211	20

Philosophy Climate Change and the Environment (Michaelmas Term)	PHIL3221	20
One credit-bearing language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study		20

10. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List G:

List G:		**Credit value**
Advanced Greek Texts	THEO3051	20
Issues in Old Testament Studies	THEO3291	20
Religion and Film	THEO3441	20
Christian Fundamentalism and the Modern World	THEO3501	20
The Theology of Thomas Aquinas	THEO3691	20
Theology through Literature, Music and the Arts	THEO3781	20
Making Christians in the Early Church	THEO3911	20
Queer Theology	THEO3921	20
Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding	THEO3941	20
The Cross of Christ	THEO3791	20
One credit-bearing language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study, if not taken from List F above		20

Assessment, progression and award

11. Candidates must select at least 80 credits, but no more than 140 credits, from modules offered by each Board of Studies over Level 2 and Level 3. This must include at least 40 credits from each Board of Studies in each Level, and at least 100 credits from both Boards of Studies in each level.

12. Modules marked ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.

Year 3 (Year abroad)

13. Students admitted to the BA Philosophy and Theology (VV56) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Philosophy and Theology (with Year Abroad) programme (V5V6).

14. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Philosophy and Theology (with Year Abroad) (V5V6) must:

    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Philosophy and Theology (VV56) 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 & Religion to be admitted to the BA Philosophy and Theology (with Year Abroad) (V5V6) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and

    c. secure an international placement abroad/year abroad opportunity, agreed with the Departmental Exchange Co-ordinator; and

    d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Philosophy and Theology (VV56) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy and Theology (VV56).

15. Students undertaking the BA Philosophy and Theology (with Year Abroad) (V5V6) 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 Theology and Religion and/or Philosophy.

16. 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 Philosophy and Theology (with Year Abroad) (V5V6).

17. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Theology & Religion deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy and Theology (with Year Abroad) (V5V6). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Philosophy and Theology (with Year

Abroad) (V5V6) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy and Theology (VV56) programme.

Year 3 (Placement)

18. Students admitted to the BA Philosophy and Theology (VV56) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Philosophy and Theology (with Placement Year) programme (V5V7). Students taking the BA Philosophy and Theology (with Placement Year) (V5V7) 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 Philosophy and Theology (with Placement Year) (V5V7). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Philosophy and Theology (VV56) programme.

19. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Philosophy and Theology (with Placement Year) (V5V7) must:

    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Philosophy and Theology (VV56) 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 Philosophy and Theology (with Placement) (V5V7) 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 Philosophy and Theology (VV56) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Philosophy and Theology (VV56).

20. 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 Philosophy and Theology (with Placement Year) (V5V7). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Philosophy and Theology (with Placement Year) (V5V7) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Philosophy and Theology programme (VV56).