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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 one module to the value of 20 credits from List A:

List A:		**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

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in two modules to the value of 40 credits from List B:

List B:		**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

5. In place of one 20 credit module from either List A or List B, candidates may choose to undertake an appropriate language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study, subject to timetabling-compatibility and to approval by the Centre.

Level 2 (Diploma)

6. 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

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in one module to the value of 20 credits from either List C1 or List C2:

List C1: Level 2 Optional Modules in Theology & Religion		**Credit value**
The Thought of St Bonaventure	THEO2591	20
Decolonising the Bible	THEO2641	20
Biblical Hebrew	THEO2651	20
War and Faith in Great Britain and the United States	THEO2701	20
Reading the New Testament in Greek	THEO2271	20

List C2: Level 2 Optional Modules in Theology & Religion		
Sacred India: Land, Politics & Identity	THEO2501	20
Catholic Theology in the Modern World	THEO2491	20
Literature and Theology of the Old Testament	THEO2011	20

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in one module to the value of 20 credits from List D1, List D2 or List D3:

List D1: Level 2 Optional Modules in Philosophy (Two Term)		Credit value
Philosophy of Mind	PHIL2011	20
Philosophy of Science	PHIL2151	20
History, Science and Medicine	PHIL2191	20

List D2: Level 2 Optional Modules in Philosophy (Michaelmas Term)		Credit value
Political Philosophy	PHIL2081	20
The Philosophy of Economics and Politics: Theory, Methods and Values	PHIL2171	20
Feminist Philosophy	PHIL2201	20

List D3: Level 2 Optional Modules in Philosophy (Epiphany Term)		Credit value
Fundamentals of Logics	PHIL2181	20
Moral Theory	PHIL2041	20

9. Candidates must study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from the Exploration modules offered by the department of Theology and Religion and/or by other departments in the Faculty of Arts of Humanities. One of these must be taken from List E (Michaelmas Term modules), and the other one from List F (Epiphany Term modules):

List E: Michaelmas Exploration Modules		Credit value
Art and Archaeology of the Greek Islands	CLAS20C1	20
Lives of the Ancient Poets	CLAS2A11	20
Ancient Political Thought and Action	CLAS2761	20
The Super-Conducting Super Collider: The Politics of Science in Twentieth-Century America	HIST20K1	20
The Beat Goes On: Drum Magazine, Urban Life and Print Culture	HIST21Q1	20
Modern China's Transformations	HIST2201	20
Elders, Despots, Modernisers: Reimagining the State in Northeast Africa	HIST2541	20
World Literatures	MLAC2021	20
Designing for Digital Culture	VISU2061	20
Studies in the History of Opera	MUSI2651	20
The Music of India	MUSI2771	20
Music and Science	MUSI2731	20
Early Modern Mavericks	PHIL2031	20
Epistemology	PHIL2211	20
Themes and Theories in the Study of Religion	THEO2931	20
Reading Biblical Texts	THEO2921	20
The Holy Spirit in Christian Theology and the Life of the Church	THEO2711	20

List F: Epiphany Exploration Modules		Credit value
Digital Humanities and the Ancient World	CLAS20E1	20
Religion in the Greek World	CLAS2991	20

The History of Modern Ukraine from Borderland to Bloodland, 1850s to 2000s	HIST21M1	20
Photographic Histories	HIST20R1	20
Rice, Race, Religion and Revolt in Colonial Myanmar	HIST20T1	20
China, the West and the Rest: Exchanges, Ideology and Practice in Late Imperial China	HIST2641	20
The #MeToo Movement in Global Contexts	MLAC2031	20
Global Cinematic Constellations	VISU2071	20
Defining Music in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries	MUSI2691	20
Studies in Popular Music	MUSI2671	20
Music and Place	MUSI2791	20
Language, Logic and Reality	PHIL2021	20
World Philosophies	PHIL2221	20
Religion in the Modern World	THEO2911	20
Theology and Comedy	THEO2681	20
Themes in the History of Modern Christianity	THEO2901	20

10. In place of an Exploration module in either List E (Michaelmas Term) or List F (Epiphany Term), candidates may choose to undertake an appropriate language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study, subject to timetabling-compatibility and to approval by the Centre. If candidates choose a CFLS module in this way, then they will take 50 credits in one term and 70 credits in the other. This is because they are replacing a single-term module with one that runs throughout both Michaelmas and Epiphany terms.

11. In 2026/27, candidates taking an Epiphany-term module listed in paragraph 8 above cannot replace a Michaelmas-term Exploration module (List E) with a CFLS module. Candidates taking a Michaelmas-term module listed in paragraph 8 above cannot replace an Epiphany-term Exploration module (List F) with a CFLS module. This is to ensure that no student takes more than 70 credits of modules in a single term (in line with the Core Regulations.)

Level 3 (Degree)

12. Candidates must study and be assessed in one module to the value of 40 credits from List G:

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

13. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in two modules to the value of 40 credits from List H:

List H: Level 3 Optional Modules in Theology & Religion		**Credit value**
Advanced Greek Texts	THEO3051	20
Religious Diversity in African Contexts	THEO3661	20
The Reformation and its Legacy	THEO3761	20
Special Subject: Study of a Christian Theologian	THEO3971	20
Thomas Aquinas: Background, Context and Legacy	THEO3691	20
Comparing Gospels	THEO3961	20
Intermediate Hebrew	THEO3951	20
Christian Tradition and the Practice of Politics	THEO3581	20
Theology, Nature, Environment	THEO3731	20
Religion and Film	THEO3441	20
Issues in Old Testament Study	THEO3291	20

14. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in two modules to the value of 40 credits from List I:

List I: Level 3 Optional Modules in Philosophy		**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
Philosophy Climate Change and the Environment (Epiphany Term)	PHIL3241	20

15. In place of any Level 3 optional module, candidates may undertake an appropriate credit-bearing language module offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study, subject to timetabling-compatibility and to approval by the Centre.

Assessment, progression and award

16. 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)

17. 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).

18. 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).

19. 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.

20. 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).

21. 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)

22. 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.

23. 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 and Religion 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).

24. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Theology and Religion 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).