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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 | | 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

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| 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 |

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| 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 | | 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 |

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 |

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| 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 |

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:
- have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Philosophy and Theology (VV56) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and
 - 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
 - secure an international placement abroad/year abroad opportunity, agreed with the Departmental Exchange Co-ordinator; and
 - 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 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 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).