



# DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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## Theology and Religion at Birmingham

The Department of Theology and Religion offers a variety of forward-thinking postgraduate programmes. The knowledge and expertise of our academic staff provides variety and depth of study and encourages multidisciplinary research and postgraduate study across the fields of theology and religion.

The University of Birmingham was ranked 26th in the world for Theology, Divinity and Religious Studies by the 2019 QS World Rankings, and Times Higher Education ranked the Department of Theology and Religion second in the country for its performance in the latest Research Excellence Framework exercise.

Our MA programme in Theology and Religion is highly flexible, allowing you to choose from a wide variety of modules, while our MA in Religion, Politics and Society provides you with a unique opportunity to explore major themes around religion in the contemporary world. Our MA Islamic Studies opens a variety of avenues to develop knowledge and skills in Islamic Studies in historical and/or contemporary contexts.

The lively postgraduate community within the department also offers excellent routes in to research of Theology and Religion through our PhD, MA by Research, MRes and Practical Theology Doctorate programmes.

The Department is home to a number of important research groups and projects. Our academic staff have particular specialisms in modern and contemporary Islam, Biblical Studies, Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies and Practical Theology.

## Programmes

- Holocaust and Genocide MA/Diploma/Certificate
- Islamic Studies MA
- Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies MA/Diploma/Certificate by Distance Learning
- Philosophy of Religion and Ethics MA/Diploma (On-Campus or by Distance Learning)
- Religion, Politics and Society MA/Diploma/Certificate
- Theology and Religion MA
- Sikh Studies MRes
- Theology and Religion MRes
- Practical Theology Doctorate (DPT)
- Theology and Religion PhD/MA by Research (On-Campus or by Distance Learning)

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OF OUR THEOLOGY  
AND RELIGION  
POSTGRADUATES WERE  
IN WORK OR FURTHER  
EDUCATION WITHIN  
SIX MONTHS OF  
GRADUATING

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## STUDENT PROFILE

'I chose Birmingham for my postgraduate studies mainly because of the reputation of the University and the Department. I had already undertaken my undergraduate studies at Birmingham and actually loved the University. I loved my experience and the support of the department was great and I couldn't have picked a better place to come back and do my postgraduate studies.'

'My favourite thing about being a postgraduate I think, is getting to study something that I really enjoy. I think it makes the whole experience so much better.'

'I think I enjoy most the diversity of module choices because I'm in the Department of Theology and Religion so I get to choose modules from there, but I also get to choose modules from the Philosophy and Politics departments. It means I get a broad range of disciplines to study which is really interesting and they all intertwined.'

**SHANNON OATES,**  
MA Religion, Politics and Society



### Your career prospects

Birmingham's Theology and Religion graduates develop a broad range of transferable skills including familiarity with research methods; the ability to manage large quantities of information from diverse sources; the ability to organise information in a logical and coherent manner; the expertise to write clearly and concisely and to tight deadlines; critical and analytical ability; the capacity for argument, debate and speculation; and the ability to base conclusions on statistical research.

### Scholarships

Each year, the College of Arts and Law offers a number of funding opportunities for Theology and Religion students. For more information, please visit [www.birmingham.ac.uk/calffunding](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/calffunding)

### Your learning

The Department of combines internationally established strength in teaching and research, with initiatives in new fields of study.

The Department has a busy programme of research seminars, conferences and workshops that you can attend, so you'll be able to gain insight from a range of academics and peers from across the Department.

We enjoy extensive formal and informal links with a wide range of academic and religious institutions across five continents. This, coupled with our large international community of postgraduates, means you'll be studying in a diverse, yet well-connected environment.

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This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be discontinued and new ones offered in their place.

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