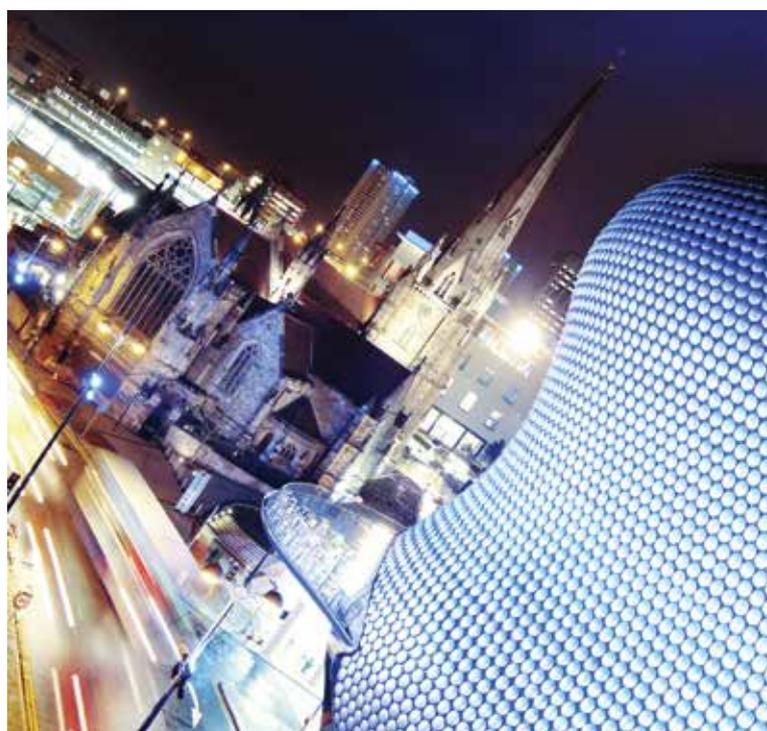




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AND RELIGION

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WHY STUDY THEOLOGY AND RELIGION AT BIRMINGHAM?

- Theology and Religion is an extremely relevant and contemporary subject to study at degree level. Religion, faith and spirituality make a huge difference in the world, even in the most secular of societies. Our students gain deep insight into key issues and challenges facing our world today and are prepared to make a difference of their own.
- Birmingham is one of the largest and most interdisciplinary departments of theology and religious studies in the country, located in one of the youngest and most diverse cities in Europe. We take our learning from the classroom out into the real world to explore our city in its diversity.
- We have specialist expertise in the study of many of the ideas, movements and traditions that are shaping the 21st century, such as feminism and gender studies, cultural studies, science and religion, ecotheology, radicalisation, global ethics, the philosophy of religion and the study of the Holocaust.
- We focus our degree programmes with employability in mind; the compulsory second-year placement module within BA Theology and Religion will make an important contribution to your personal and professional development. This placement module is optional for BA Philosophy, Religion and Ethics, BA Politics, Religion and Philosophy, and BA History and Theology students.
- Theology at Birmingham has been placed within the Top 10 in the *Complete University Guide 2020*. Furthermore, the Department of Theology and Religion is ranked in the Top 30 for Theology, Divinity and Religious Studies in the *QS World University Rankings 2019*.

'Philosophy, Religion and Ethics allows you to develop personal interests and provides a great opportunity to learn about current global issues, focused around religion.'

ROHAN, BA Philosophy, Religion and Ethics



OUR PROGRAMMES

BA Theology and Religion

This innovative and wide-ranging programme explores in detail significant worldwide religious traditions, with opportunities to place these in dialogue with spiritual, atheistic and secular global perspectives. Diverse and focused, the course offers plenty of choice and opportunity for specialisation in the second and third years.

An appreciation of religious origins and sacred texts is complemented by an understanding of contemporary religion and belief. You will use a variety of approaches to theology and religious studies – of which sociological, anthropological, literary and historical are just a few – to explore and interpret a diverse range of religions.

Modules for BA Theology and Religion include 'Lived Religions in Birmingham and Beyond', 'The Bible and Global Challenges', 'Auschwitz in History and Memory', 'Power, Identity and Society', 'Islamic Ethics', 'Christmas and Ethical Consuming.'

BA Philosophy, Religion and Ethics

What is the meaning and goal of life? How do different religions, cultures and philosophies understand the human predicament? Are there shared human values? These are just a few of the questions that you might encounter as part of BA Philosophy, Religion and Ethics.

This programme allows you to address issues and questions that occur at the borderlands between Philosophy and Theology/Religion, thus developing your interest in, and enthusiasm for, critical issues.

Modules for BA Philosophy, Religion and Ethics include 'The Human Condition', 'Truth, Deception and Ethics in Film', 'Philosopher's Toolkit', 'Sex, Ethics and Philosophy', 'Philosophy of Religion, and 'Fantastic Beasts.' We also offer a wide range of other module choices in Philosophy, Theology, Religion, and Ethics more broadly.

BA Politics, Religion and Philosophy

This degree programme brings together the three elements of Politics, Religion and Philosophy to allow you to explore significant dimensions of public and private life: political thinking, contemporary issues in religion and critical philosophical enquiry.

While you will be free to develop specific and separate interests and skills in these three areas, the overall programme will also nurture a critical discussion between the disciplines and address some of the most important issues of our time.

Modules for BA Politics, Religion and Philosophy include 'Religion in the Public Sphere', 'Modern Political Thought', 'Politics in the Name of God', 'Political Philosophy' and 'The Ethics and Politics of Climate Change'. We also offer a wide range of other module choices from within Politics, Religion and Philosophy more broadly.

STUDY ABROAD

You can apply to study abroad for a year in an approved university around the world. If you achieve an average grade of 2.1 or above in your first year then you will be invited to apply for a Year Abroad in your second year. If your application is successful, you will go abroad in your third year and return to us for your final year. Find out more at birmingham.ac.uk/yearabroad.

If you are studying BA Theology and Religion, you can also apply to spend the second semester of your second year in one of our carefully selected partner universities with strong academic ties to the University. If your application is successful, during your time abroad you will be able to study modules in Theology, Religion and related subjects, including topics specific to the place of study. It is possible to attend universities where all the modules offered will be taught in English.

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
BA Theology and Religion	V600	ABB
BA Philosophy, Religion and Ethics	VV56	ABB
BA Politics, Religion and Philosophy	8L37	AAB
BA History and Theology	VV16	ABB



'There are so many thought-provoking modules which are on offer, with all major religions covered. It's tantalisingly difficult to narrow down your choice!'

NABILA, BA Theology and Religion



Joint Honours

In addition to our Single Honours programmes, there is also the opportunity to study Theology as part of a Joint Honours programme with History.

In your first year, study is split equally between the two disciplines. In subsequent years our Joint Honours programmes offer a flexible approach which allows you to tailor your course to suit your developing strengths and interests. In the second year you might stay with the equal weighting, or you might select to take more modules in one of your disciplines, effectively changing to a major/minor weighting. In the final year you have the option to maintain your second-year weighting, switch your major discipline to your other discipline or revert to an equal weighting between your two subjects.

Careers and employability

An appreciation for different perspectives is fundamental in any workplace. Our degrees give you the opportunity to think, reflect, listen, debate and develop a range of skills that are greatly valued by employers when you graduate. We also offer a placement module in the second year of study, which is compulsory for BA Theology and Religion and optional for our other courses. Our graduates have developed careers in a range of industries, from teaching, law and journalism, to marketing, social policy and charity administration. Some will also go on to undertake further study and research in pursuit of higher degrees.

'Spread across three disciplines, the course is unique in the diversity it provides students.'

HEATHER, BA Politics, Religion and Philosophy

NEXT STEPS

How to apply
Apply through UCAS.

Offer-holder Visit Days
Following the application process, offer-holders will be invited to an Offer-holder Visit Day and are strongly encouraged to take this opportunity to visit the Department and meet staff and students with whom they would be studying.



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Full details on all courses with year-by-year breakdown can be found at:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/tr

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.

Please note the information in this brochure is correct at time of publication but may be subject to change (June 2019).

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