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BA THEOLOGY AND RELIGION (V614)

BA THEOLOGY AND RELIGION (With Year Abroad) (V615)

BA THEOLOGY AND RELIGION (With Placement Year) (V620)

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

Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 100 credits:

		Credit value
Worldview, Faith and Identity	THEO1131	20
Introduction to the History of Christianity	THEO1171	20
Introduction to Christian Theology	THEO1191	20
Introduction to the Bible: Texts, History and Culture	THEO1931	20
Research Workshop in Theology and Religion	THEO1961	20

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

List A:		**Credit value**
New Testament Greek	THEO1161	20
Islam Observed: Ethnographic Accounts of Muslim Practice	THEO1951	20
Sources of The Self	LIBA1011	20
Level 1 open modules offered by other Boards of Studies up to the value of 20 credits (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).		

Level 2 (Diploma)

4. Candidates must study and be assessed in the following module to the value of 20 credits:

		Credit value
Research Project and Colloquium in Theology and Religion	THEO2461	20

5. Candidates must study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits by choosing one 20 credit module from each of lists List B1 and B2 below:

List B1 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 B2 Epiphany:		**Credit value**
Decolonising the Bible	THEO2641	20
Holy Spirit in Christian Theology and the Life of the Church	THEO2711	20

6. Candidates must study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List C:

List C:		**Credit value**
New Testament Theology	THEO2051	20
Syriac	THEO2061	20
Death, Ritual and Belief	THEO2231	20
Reading the New Testament in Greek	THEO2271	20
Atheism, Belief and the Edge of Reason	THEO2361	20
Topics in Christian Ethics	THEO2381	20

Early Christian Doctrine: Trinity and Christology	THEO2391	20
The Though of St Bonaventure	THEO2591	20
Level 2 open modules offered by other Boards of Studies up to the value of 40 credits (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules to the value of 20 credits offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).		

Level 3 (Degree)

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

		Credit value
Dissertation ~	THEO3232	40

8. Candidates must study and be assessed in modules to the value of 80 credits from List D:

List D:		**Credit value**
Advanced Greek Texts	THEO3051	20
Issues in Old Testament Studies	THEO3291	20
Intermediate Hebrew	THEO3951	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
The Cross of Christ	THEO3791	20
Making Christians in the Early Church	THEO3911	20
Queer Theology	THEO3921	20
Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding	THEO3941	20
Level 3 open modules offered by other Boards of Studies up to the value of 40 credits (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules to the value of 20 credits offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study)		

Assessment, progression and award

9. Students may take up to a maximum of 40 credits from other Boards of Studies over Level 2 and Level 3 together.
10. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.
11. Exceptionally for academic year 2025/26 only, candidates may, with the written permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies, take 20 credits of programme-specific Level 1 modules during Level 2 study (subject to timetable compatibility).
12. Exceptionally for academic year 2025/26 only, candidates may, with the written permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies, take 20 credits of programme-specific Level 2 modules during Level 3 study (subject to timetable compatibility).

Year 3 (Year abroad)

13. Students admitted to the BA Theology and Religion (V614) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Theology and Religion (with Year Abroad) programme (V615).
14. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Theology and Religion (with Year Abroad) (V615) must:
    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Theology and Religion (V614) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and
    b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Department of Theology and Religion to be admitted to the BA Theology and Religion (with Year Abroad) (V615) 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 Department Exchange Co-ordinator; and
    d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Theology and Religion (V614) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Theology and Religion (V614).

15. Students undertaking the BA Theology and Religion (with Year Abroad) (V615) 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.

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 Theology and Religion (with Year Abroad) (V615).

17. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Theology and Religion deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BA Theology and Religion (with Year Abroad) (V615). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Theology and Religion (with Year Abroad) (V615) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Theology and Religion (V614) programme.

Year 3 (Placement)

18. Students admitted to the BA Theology and Religion (V614) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Theology and Religion (with Placement Year) programme (V620). Students taking the BA Theology and Religion (with Placement Year) (V620) 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 Theology and Religion (with Placement Year) (V620). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Theology and Religion (V614) programme.

19. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Theology and Religion (with Placement Year) (V620) must:

    a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Theology and Religion (V614) 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 Theology and Religion (with Placement) (V620) 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 Theology and Religion (V614) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Theology and Religion (V614).

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 Theology and Religion (with Placement Year) (V620). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Theology and Religion (with Placement Year) (V620) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Theology and Religion programme (V614).