

THEOLOGY

The BA in Theology at Queen's gives students the opportunity to explore theological thinking from a variety of perspectives within the discipline of Theology and Religious Studies. It also offers an important context for understanding how religion affects and shapes society, and how it informs and draws upon insights from other disciplines. Our modules in Theology cover the four core areas of Biblical Studies, Systematics, Church History and Practical Theology and students also take, according to their particular area of interest, courses from Anthropology, English, History and Philosophy. Our teaching and assessment methods range from traditional lecture and seminar-based work, to field-trips and placement activities. Our programme is diverse and inclusive, and we welcome all students who wish to develop breadth of vision and understanding of the place and role of Theology and Religion, in both the past and the present.

COURSE CONTENT

Stage 1

Compulsory [100 CATS]

- Religion, Faith and Society: Perspectives on belief
- Beyond Paradise: an introduction to the Pentateuch
- Early Church History
- Introduction to Jesus and the Gospels
- Introduction to Practical Theology

20 CATS to be taken from a range of modules from the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, a sample of which is given below:

- Introduction to Biblical Texts
- Introduction to Biblical Languages
- Introduction to Logic
- Philosophy and the Good Life
- Sounds of the City

Stage 2

80 CATS to be taken from the following:

- Old Testament Historical Books
- Biblical Theology
- Letters of Paul
- The Revelation of John in Western Interpretation and Imagination
- The Christian Doctrinal Tradition
- In Search of the Good Life: Ethics from Plato to Postmodernity
- C.S. Lewis: Christian author and apologist
- Study of World Religions
- Christianity in Ireland since the Reformation
- Church History Project: Boyne Valley Fieldtrip
- Youth Ministry 1

- The Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care

40 CATS to be taken from a range of modules from the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, a sample of which is given below:

- Modern Political Thought
- Moral Theories
- Knowledge and Reality
- Scholastic Ethics
- Introduction to Critical and Cultural Theory
- History of Philosophy
- Mind and Language
- Introduction to the Philosophy of Science
- Apocalypse! The history and anthropology of the end of the world

Stage 3

80 CATS to be taken from the following:

- Old Testament Prophetic Texts
- Thinking and Singing: an introduction to the wisdom and lyrical books of the Old Testament
- John
- The Epistle to the Hebrews
- Romans
- Western Christian Spirituality
- Trends in Modern Theology
- Current Issues in Philosophical Theology
- Christianity in the Sixteenth Century
- Church History Fieldtrip to World War I Battlefields
- Missiology
- The Church, Ministries and Society 3
- Youth Ministry 2
- Reconciliation Studies 1
- Dissertation
- Research Project
- Double Dissertation

BA Honours

Theology 3 yrs (V610)

See also: Divinity

Entrance Requirements

A-level:

BBB

All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study Theology.

Those returning to education after a break will be considered individually on their own merits.

For students whose first language is not English

An IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each test component or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs

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- Philosophy for Children
- Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Applied Ethics
- Philosophy of Law
- Philosophical Theology
- Scholastic Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Science
- In Gods We Trust: the new science of religion
- Women's Writing 1660-1820
- Sociology of Religion
- Rise of Christianity 2: the Conversion of the Roman Empire
- Modernity in Missions: overseas Christian expansion, 1858-1980s

WHY QUEEN'S?

Global Opportunities

You will have the opportunity to take part in field trips to Belgium or Italy as well as elsewhere in the UK and Ireland. Erasmus exchanges (typically one semester long) are available in Budapest (Hungary) and Kampen (the Netherlands) or you may avail of the Study USA programme.

Internationally Renowned Experts

By its very nature, and of necessity, Theology is authentically rooted in and focused on its immediate community setting: accordingly, all College staff are experienced and active practitioners in the Irish and British contexts. In addition, some enjoy international recognition and exposure, or have practised/taught or published, in Europe, North America or the developing world.

Student Experience

Theology students gave a 93 per cent overall satisfaction rate for their degree in the most recent National Student Survey results 2017, ranked joint 7th in the UK.

Prizes and Awards

Top-performing students are awarded a scholarship by the Institute of Theology.

CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

Gaining your degree from Queen's Institute of Theology will put you in a strong position among UK Theology graduates. The excellent standards of our education are recognised by employers who value the quality of our programmes and recognise the skills of our graduates.

Close Links with Employers

Theology at Queen's liaises closely with employers to offer guest lectures and on-site visits, amongst other activities. Theology students also take part in tailored employability and skills workshops, developed with the Student Guidance Centre.

Skills to Enhance Employability

The analytical and communication skills that are essential to theology are also recognised as important attributes for careers in many other areas, so there are job opportunities in many fields for successful graduates. Holders of a Theology degree will have demonstrated through their studies a capacity for assessing problems, exploring solutions and presenting the results of their work in a variety of media.

Employment after the Course

- Social and community workers
- Teachers (primary and secondary)
- Civil servants
- Lawyers
- Journalists and media commentators
- Business, finance and related associated professionals
- Sales and customer services

Graduate employers include DEL, PCI, Lloyds Banking Group, Housing Executive, Health and Social Care Trust.

"I have really appreciated the opportunity to study the Bible in the original languages. It is so rewarding to engage with a second-century manuscript in class and be able to draw understanding from it."

Nathan Wallace, BA Theology

In the Guardian University Guide 2018, Theology at Queen's was ranked in the top 20 UK universities for Theology and Religion.



Entrance requirements

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