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We support a diverse range of interests and approaches including philosophy, ethics, culture and history.

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Ranked in the **top 12** for theology and religious studies in the UK.


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Our teaching encompasses the world’s major religions, including Christianity, Judaism and Islam, and promotes **intercultural understanding**.

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Home to two cutting-edge research centres: the Centre for Bible, Ethics and Theology and the Centre of Theology and Philosophy.

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Explore the role of religion in the development of human civilisation.

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Join one of the leading theological departments in the UK for research and teaching.


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Experience religion around the world and gain valuable life skills by studying abroad.

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Experience myriad student faith communities through the multifaith Oasis, which brings together students of many religions, including Sikh, Catholic, Baha’i, Pentecostal, Jewish and Muslim.

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Stand out to potential employers by developing skills in our Work Placement module.
Studying theology and religious studies at Nottingham

Religion is among the most powerful, profound, divisive and enduring aspects of human life. Theology and religious studies are concerned with the ideas through which religion is communicated: how they are developed, what they mean, whether they align with modern morality, and how they may be reformulated.

You will have the opportunity to study the subject in its broadest sense, by combining historical, literary and theological approaches to the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and Qur’an with philosophical, sociological and comparative approaches to religious traditions.

Academic excellence
We offer a challenging and exciting range of areas for undergraduate study and our teaching staff are at the frontier of their specialist fields. We endeavour to give our students a real sense of what is going on in current research and the importance of theology and religious studies for our contemporary world. Along the way, we equip you with a broad range of skills that are applicable far beyond the classroom.

At a glance
- Be part of a lively community of discussion and creativity focused on establishing the future agenda for intercultural and multicultural understanding
- Engage with traditional and foundational aspects of theology alongside research-led teaching on religion in the contemporary world
- 96% of our students said that teaching staff have made the subject interesting*


Theology and student life
Studying theology and religion at Nottingham is about more than just your course. There is a wide range of activities and opportunities to enhance your university experience. Amongst the broad range of societies at the Students’ Union, the thriving student-run Theology Society arranges socials, talks, debates, sporting events and a host of other activities throughout the year.

Faith in Nottingham
Nottingham is home to a wide range of faiths and there are numerous opportunities to explore different beliefs and get involved in the religious life of the city. The University chaplaincy service has strong connections to all local faith communities and can offer support and information about networking opportunities. See nottingham.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Student support
When you begin your studies, you will be assigned a personal tutor, with whom you can discuss academic and personal matters. There is a genuinely collaborative atmosphere amongst our students and lecturers, including a Student Voice Forum which meets regularly for student representatives to contribute to the running of the department. Through our peer mentor scheme, second and third-year students support first-year students in the process of settling in to university study and life.

Think Digital
The Digital Transformations Hub enables students to use specialist software and equipment for their digital research or project work, and gain valuable work experience in areas such as archiving and marketing. See nottingham.ac.uk/artsdigitalhub

nottingham.ac.uk/theology
Single honours degrees
In your three years at Nottingham you will take a combination of core and optional modules. Most of these will be from the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, but you also have the option of choosing modules offered by other departments. Alternatively, you might wish to continue studying a language learned at school or college, or begin an entirely new language. A full list of optional modules will be available at registration each year.

Joint honours degrees
A joint honours degree is split between your two subjects. The theology part of your degree is normally made up of 60 credits each year, although there is some flexibility in the distribution of modules. Each year, your course will consist of core and optional modules in both degree subjects.

Dissertation
In year three, you will write a dissertation on a topic that particularly interests you. Joint honours students have the option of writing a dissertation in either of their subjects. Some students carry out further work on a topic introduced in a module they have studied previously, while others write on a new topic agreed after discussion with tutors.

The dissertation provides experience of the self-motivation and discipline required to carry out a relatively large project. If there is something you have always wanted to research and write about, it might end up being your dissertation topic in your final year at Nottingham.

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* BA courses with a Foundation Year
Applicants who are not eligible for direct entry to undergraduate study may be able to apply for a four-year BA course with a Foundation Year. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/arts/foundation

English language requirements
IELTS 7.0 (no less than 6.0 in any element). For details of other English language tests and qualifications we accept, please see nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

Academic English preparation
If minimum language requirements are not met, English preparatory courses are available. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/cele

Module credits
Almost all undergraduate degree programmes at the University require you to take modules totalling 60 credits in each semester. Each module is usually worth 10 or 20 credits. Year one is a qualifying year, which means your final degree classification will be determined by the work completed in years two and three.

People often don’t realise that Theology and Religious Studies is one of the most interdisciplinary degrees you can take. Our students learn to research, analyse, and effectively communicate using approaches that are surprisingly varied – historical, ethical, theological, sociological, cultural, and literary. We also pride ourselves in offering skills in ancient languages in a way that is both fun and highly successful! When students emerge from our degrees, they are not only ready for numerous career paths, but also for informed, ethical, culturally savvy citizenship.

Sara Parks,
Assistant Professor in New Testament Studies

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BA Biblical Studies and Theology

This course allows you to explore a variety of historical and contemporary approaches to biblical studies. You will examine biblical texts in their original languages and contexts, and discuss their traditions of interpretation, along with the impact of the Bible on modern culture, philosophy, and politics.

You will develop your own understanding of central theological questions:
- What is the Bible?
- How was it formed?
- Why does it remain such an influential book?
- What is meant by a ‘literal interpretation’ of the Bible?
- What did the various religious texts mean to their original audiences?
- What is the relationship between the Bible and theology?
- In what ways are the Bible and theology important in the 21st century?

Year one
Year one will provide you with a grounding in biblical studies and Christian theology through study of the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, and the ideas of key theologians within their historical context. You will develop key ideas and study skills through core modules taught in small seminar groups. You will also choose 40 credits of modules from a wide range of options. You will have the opportunity, if desired, to study Hebrew and/or Greek at beginners’ level. This is strongly recommended for students who plan to continue to postgraduate study.

Year two
In addition to a core module, you will be given the flexibility to choose from a wide range of specialised and optional modules, developing ideas from year one and exploring new ground. You may also choose to begin a second biblical language or progress to the intermediate level in the biblical language you studied in year one. The optional Work Placement involves a part-time professional placement, supported by teaching that develops key professional skills.

Year three
In year three, you will take the core dissertation module. Beyond this you can tailor your degree to the areas that most interest you.

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I chose Nottingham as it is one of the few top universities offering a course with a particular emphasis on biblical studies. At the open day I was impressed not only by the course, but by the passion and approachability of the lecturers and the real sense of community here.

John Nelson, BA Biblical Studies and Theology

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Modules may change, for example due to curriculum developments. The above list is a sample of typical modules that we offer, not a definitive list. The most up-to-date information can be found on our website at nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/theology.
BA Religion, Culture and Ethics

Religious studies is an essential tool for making sense of today’s diverse and complex world. This unique course allows you to study the relationship of culture to religion and ethics, and examine the function of art, literature and music in this context. You will also study the wider influence of religious cultures on contemporary society.

Year one
Core modules in year one will introduce you to a wide range of key issues relating to religion, culture and ethics. You will study central elements of Christian philosophical and theological thought and their impact, as well as introductory modules in Islam and Judaism. Optional modules encompass biblical studies, including the option to begin learning a biblical language. You may also select optional modules offered by other departments, for instance philosophy, or begin studying a modern language at the Language Centre.

Year two
You will take three core modules in year two. Optional modules in religion, culture and ethics will allow you to develop your interests in those areas studied in year one and you may also choose to take optional modules from other departments.

Year three
In year three you will produce a dissertation on a topic of your choice. Beyond this, you can choose to specialise, by focusing on an area of study that most interests you, or continue with a broader range of studies.

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BA Theology and Religious Studies

Theology and religious studies is a remarkably varied discipline. You will be introduced to a wide range of subjects, including textual and biblical studies, philosophy, history, religious tradition, systematic theology, and even psychology.

Year one
The core modules in year one are designed to provide you with a grounding in theology and religious studies in the areas of biblical studies, Christian theology, Islam, Judaism, philosophy of religion and ethics, and religious history. You will also have the opportunity to learn Greek or Hebrew or take other optional modules, either in theology and religious studies or from other departments.

Year two
You will study one core module, Abraham’s Children: Religion, Culture, and Identity, which combines textual study with practical skills development. Alongside this, optional modules will allow you to develop your interests in areas studied in year one and you may also choose to take optional modules from other departments.

Year three
In addition to the core dissertation module where you will explore a topic in more depth, there is a wide range of choices allowing you to tailor your degree to your particular interests within theology and religious studies.

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Our courses

Theology department is fantastic, friendly and so much fun to be a part of. Everybody, from undergraduates to the postgraduate students and staff, cares for and gets to know one another – we are a family!

Ellena Hill, BA Theology and Religious Studies

It has been great to look at the historic faiths and study their origins and changes over time. If you are interested in the question of why religion is so prominent in culture and society today, then this is the course for you.

Franklyn Ogosi, BA Theology and Religious Studies

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BA Philosophy and Theology

This course combines analytic philosophy with the main areas of theological thought.

You will gain a good grounding in the sources and contemporary context for theological reflection by studying the biblical writings together with key thinkers, ideas, events and movements that shaped the course of religious thought. You will also develop an understanding of the central ideas and movements in analytic philosophy, while acquiring important skills in clear thinking, argument and communication.

Year one
In philosophy, you will study a series of core modules covering central philosophical problems. You will also be able to choose from a broad range of optional modules. In theology, you will gain a strong foundation in key theological sub-disciplines, studying a range of modules which concern critical study of the Bible, the historical development of Christian thought, modern Christian ideas, Islam and Judaism.

Year two
In philosophy, optional modules allow you to develop and broaden your philosophical skills and knowledge. Topics typically cover Asian philosophy, ethics, freedom, meaning, social issues, the mind, the nature of reality, and understanding science. In theology, you will take a core module in The Philosophy of Religion, Atheism and Nihilism. Through optional theology and religious studies modules, you may choose to study areas such as Church history, literature and religion, Islam, Jesus, Judaism, the biblical texts, media and religion, and science and theology.

The optional Work Placement module gives you the opportunity to develop key professional skills through a six-week work placement.

Year three
Year three philosophy modules include criminal law, ethics, logic, metaphysics and philosophy of science. In theology, there are a wide range of options, and you may concentrate on philosophical approaches to religion, as well as taking modules in biblical studies, religion and culture, religious studies, and theological ideas. You may also opt to write a dissertation on a subject of your choice.

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The department is a great learning atmosphere full of friendly professionals. The eclectic research of the department can bring you into contact with literature, history, archaeology, art history and continental philosophy – there really is something for everyone on this course.

Jack Murphy,
BA Philosophy and Theology
BA Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

Drawing on the combined expertise of our theology and philosophy departments, this course is of the utmost relevance to the contemporary world.

The political and social importance of religion in today's society cannot be overestimated. The world faces profound questions of human identity and ethics, which philosophy and theology tackle in many different ways.

Year one
Core modules in year one will introduce you to a wide range of issues in philosophy, religion and ethics from a variety of philosophical and theological perspectives. Through your selection of optional modules, you may choose to focus either on philosophy or theology and religious studies, or combine the two.

Year two
You will take three core modules, as well as options chosen from those on offer in the Department of Philosophy, and the Department of Theology and Religious Studies. You may choose to develop your interests in areas studied in year one or to study something new.

The optional Work Placement module involves part-time professional placement (one day a week for six weeks, or equivalent), supported by teaching that develops key professional skills.

Year three
In year three, you will have the flexibility to focus on either philosophy or theology and religious studies, with a wide range of modules on offer in both departments. Alternatively, you may choose to give equal weighting to both subject areas.

You will also have the option of writing a dissertation, developing your interest in a particular subject through independent research.

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Optional philosophy modules
- Applied Ethics
- Gender, Justice, and Society
- History of Philosophy: Ancient to Modern
- Metaphysics, Science, and Language
- Philosophy and the Contemporary World
- Philosophy of Religion

Optional theology and religious studies modules
- Building the Christian Church
- Interpreting the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
- Interpreting the New Testament
- Reading, Writing, Speaking and Religion
- The Bible in Music, Art and Literature
- **Core theology and religious studies modules**
- Arabic Studies
- Women and Gender in the New Testament
- Islamic Ethics of War and Peace
- Jewish Theology and Philosophy: From Philo to Levinas
- Prophets and Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible
- Religion and European Culture
- Religion, Media, and Ethics
- The Eucharist: an Historical Approach
- Women and Gender in the New Testament

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- The Eucharist: an Historical Approach
- Women and Gender in the New Testament

Modules may change, for example due to curriculum developments. The above list is a sample of typical modules that we offer, not a definitive list. The most up-to-date information can be found on our website at nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/theology
Engaging study, incredible results

Established over 70 years ago, the Department of Theology and Religious Studies has research expertise across a wide range of areas. Teaching and assessment are varied to help you excel in your subject area and acquire a range of professional skills.

Teaching and learning
In year one, you can expect about 12–14 hours of lectures and seminars each week. Year one is designed to stimulate your curiosity, teach basic skills, and ground you in your subject. As well as scheduled lectures and seminars, your tutors and professors have frequent drop-in hours. Students opting to write a dissertation receive one-to-one supervision.

How will I be assessed?
Assessment is based on a combination of essays, informal writing, presentations and exams, and varies from one module to another. Assessments can be undertaken both during and at the end of each semester.

Your final degree classification
Year one is a qualifying year; it is assessed and you must pass the year to progress to year two, but your mark in year one will not be calculated into your final degree classification. Year two counts for 33% of your final grade, and year three counts for 67%.

Study abroad
We have one of the biggest and most diverse study abroad programmes in the UK, with 200 partners in 40 countries worldwide.

Experience the world, gain valuable life skills, and enhance your CV by studying abroad. Our Study Abroad programme gives you the chance to travel and experience different cultures while working towards your degree from the University of Nottingham.

Study at a partner institution
The University of Nottingham’s range of travel schemes, available to undergraduate students, mean that you can choose to study at one of our partner institutions around the world.

The opportunities vary from six-week summer schools to one semester. There is a range of practical support and advice available both before and during your stay.

Destinations are subject to yearly change, but past opportunities for Theology and Religious Studies students have included studying in Australia, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and Switzerland.

For more information about the Study Abroad programme, see nottingham.ac.uk/studyabroad

Support for language learning
As well as a team of dedicated language tutors, the University of Nottingham’s Language Centre provides a wide range of language learning resources for self-study. See nottingham.ac.uk/language-centre

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Outstanding careers support

A theology and religious studies degree prepares you for a wide range of employment and postgraduate study opportunities.

£20,000 was the average starting salary for recent graduates with the highest being £32,000*

95% of undergraduates from the School of Humanities secured work or further study within six months of graduation*

Transferable skills
As a theology and religious studies graduate you will develop the ability to:

- analyse texts carefully – often including those in foreign languages
- discuss issues in a logical and critically constructive manner
- present ideas clearly
- understand and interact with people from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds

Recent graduate destinations include:

- banking and finance
- church ministry and teaching in primary, secondary, and higher education
- creative and cultural arts
- journalism, advertising and communications
- law, public policy, strategy and consulting
- psychology and counselling

Amplify your potential
Whether you already have a career plan or need some inspiration, your Careers and Employability Service is here to help.

We will help you explore your options, so you feel confident making choices about what you want to achieve. Our team will support you as you build your CV, search for jobs, prepare applications, practise your interview technique, and much more.

Get the Advantage
The career-enhancing Nottingham Advantage Award recognises and rewards your extracurricular activities. With a choice of over 200 modules, you can hone the key skills employers are looking for. From developing your leadership skills and learning a language to public speaking and volunteering, you will leave university with demonstrable experience that sets you apart from other graduates. For further information, visit nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

Postgraduate study
Following your undergraduate degree, you might consider staying with us for postgraduate study. We have a lively and diverse postgraduate community, comprised of students from Nottingham and other universities. The very best often go on to PhD research. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy

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As a lawyer, I work with texts. Studying theology taught me to pay very close attention to difficult texts, to unpack them, analyse them, and use them in forming arguments. I quite regularly read things at university that radically altered the way I looked at the world which has helped me find solutions to difficult legal problems.

Tim Lees, BA Theology and Religious Studies, now working as a Senior Associate at Clifford Chance LLP

* Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates who were available for work 2016/17. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.
How to apply

All applications for full-time undergraduate study at Nottingham, including applications by international students, must be made through UCAS.

You can apply online at ucas.com and will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivated and make the best possible use of the opportunities that our courses offer you. We would also like to hear about any skills you have gained through extracurricular activities.

Minimum entry requirements
Unless otherwise stated in individual course profiles, all UK applicants should have GCSE English grade 4 (C) as a minimum.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level and International Baccalaureate entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications. For more details, visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Flexible admissions policy
In recognition of our applicants’ varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. Some courses may make a slightly lower offer. For more information about this policy, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature applicants, who are defined as being 21 years and older. You should apply through UCAS. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/mature

International applicants
The University provides a range of information and advice for international applicants. If you are unable to attend an open day, we can meet you in your country at one of our overseas events or arrange an individual visit to the University. For further information please visit nottingham.ac.uk/international

Deferred entry
Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

If you wish to declare a disability, please ensure that you have ticked the appropriate box on your UCAS application form. Disclosure of this information will not affect your application.

In 2020/21 the University will provide a generous bursary scheme to support lower-income students* For more details see: nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

* To eligible home fee status students.
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