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For full-time study you must apply through the
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THEOLOGY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Theology & Religious Studies encompasses the study of religion, beliefs, the Bible and theology – not as worlds apart, but as they relate to politics, history, literature, philosophy, art and culture as well as personal belief and practice.

We offer two programmes, MA and BD, which differ in how the first two years of study are organised. Students who wish to specialise in Christianity, or who are training for the ministry, often take the BD.

MA
You will explore the role of religion in the rich textual, cultural, artistic and philosophical heritage of humankind, and the influence of religion in politics, conflict and social attitudes. You can choose from a variety of subjects across the sub-disciplines of theology and religious studies. The programme can be structured to introduce you to a variety of religions or to focus on the Christian tradition. You will also study other subjects in years 1 and 2.

Year 1
You will take at least two of these four courses and you may take Greek or Hebrew:
- Creation to apocalypse offers a whirlwind tour through the Bible, exploring stories that have influenced literature, music and the arts, politics and popular culture.
- The God question explores big questions of faith, life and death, and how Christians through the ages have been challenged by and responded to them.
- The search for meaning: Judaism, Christianity & Islam considers the origins of the monotheistic religions, how their scriptures and doctrines developed and their influence in the world today in spheres such as gender and politics.
- The search for meaning: understanding Asian traditions explores how Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Daoism make sense of life, the universe and everything. How appropriate are western assumptions about religion, God and faith when seeking to understand eastern worldviews and practices?

Entry requirements
Our programme webpages advertise the most up-to-date detail on our entry requirements for 2021-22 entry at glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate. Due to the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on grades certified in 2020, we are currently assessing the flexibility that we can offer in the consideration of academic entry requirements. We will publish any changes on our webpages.

MA (Hons) (V621): Four years
BD (Hons) (V600): Four years

Year 2
You will take at least two of these four courses, and a language if you wish:
- Christian traditions & transformations explores the history of the church, focusing on how Christianity has related to political structures, how this shapes theology.
- Texts & cultures of the Bible introduces you to some of the many different ways that the Christian Scriptures have been interpreted: how do political context, gender or ideology influence readings of the Bible?
- Religion, culture & controversy investigates the role of religion in cultural conflicts, for instance in Jerusalem.
- Mysticism & spirituality probes religious experience and how it can be talked about.

BD
If you are hoping to work in pastoral ministry, a caring profession or a voluntary organisation, the BD could be suitable for you. It combines academic study with practical application and placements, and offers the opportunity for in-depth reflection on your experience in a supportive and challenging environment.

Year 1
Introductory courses in the Bible and theology & religious studies introduce you to some of the basic concerns of those practising religion today and give you tools for analysis and critical thinking.
You will also explore worship and liturgy, considering how theology is “put to work” in the practice of the church. You may choose to study a biblical language: Hebrew or Greek.

Year 2
You will take further courses in the Bible, history and theology. You will also study ethics and reflect on pastoral practice and explore some of the issues that confront believers as they seek to reconcile their faith with the challenges presented by contemporary technological, social and environmental change.

MA and BD
Years 3 and 4
After successful completion of years 1 and 2, you will be admitted to Honours. You can choose from courses including:
- Media Bible
- Bible, literature & culture
- Theology through creative writing
- Genesis
- Wisdom literature
- Tanakh texts
- New Testament theology
- New Testament texts
- New Testament topics
- Women in the Bible
- Doctrine of God
- Jesus Christ since 1900
- Issues in contemporary Catholicism
- Existentialism
- Studies in the early church & patristics

Why choose Glasgow?
Our students reported 100% overall satisfaction in the NSS 2016, 2018 and 2019.

Career prospects
Career openings include all jobs where employers are looking for graduate skills. Former students have gone into business and journalism, and have worked in the charity and voluntary sectors. Recent graduates have become lawyers, teachers, social workers, bankers, civil servants, youth workers, or work in NGOs, the NHS or the churches.

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