

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2022~23

Undergraduate Certificate in Theological Studies

About the course

The Certificate will introduce you to the study of Theology as a subject discipline, bringing together cognate strands of theology, especially biblical studies, historical and systematic theology, practical theology and religious studies. The course is designed to equip you for further study in Theology, including possible progression to the BTh or Diploma (depending on your results in the Certificate).

You will take six papers from a range of introductory options. Assessment is by essay, project or written examination. The papers cover:

- Introductions to the Old and New Testaments
- Christian Doctrine, Spirituality, Ministry and Worship
- The Study of Religion.

You may also study:

- History of the Church
- Contemporary Mission and Culture
- Relationships between Christian Faith and Philosophy and Science
- Elementary Biblical Hebrew or Greek.

Our aim is that by the end of the course, you will have acquired a sound, accurate knowledge and understanding of the beliefs, practices, texts and history of the Christian tradition. The course will include study of the Bible and of the development of Christian doctrine in its historical context and in the thought of modern theologians, and through reflection on contemporary church and religious practice. You will be able to make connections between faith and modern intellectual developments within their cultural contexts, and, where appropriate, to reflect on your own professional practice.

How you will study

The course is taught by two of the permanent private halls of the University of Oxford (Wycliffe Hall and Regent's Park College), in conjunction with the Department for Continuing Education. The Halls are committed to shared delivery of the course, with all options available to all students, regardless of their collegiate affiliation, and of the affiliation of teaching staff. Individual halls may offer additional teaching to their students, typically in small group tutorials.

Most teaching events are usually held in-person, but may be moved online, rescheduled or revised if necessary e.g. as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Teaching: there are normally 20 contact hours for each of the papers you take (for languages it may be more). Some of the teaching will be shared across all the students, and some will be delivered by the individual hall.

Private study: in addition to the contact hours, you can expect to commit around 200 hours of private study for each paper. This may include background reading, preparation for seminars and classes and work on assignments.

Assessment: The method of assessment varies between the papers: some are assessed by essay, project or portfolio of work, others by written examinations. A few offer a choice of method of assessment. There will be an opportunity to submit assignments three times during the year, and one option to sit the written exams each year (which will usually take place in Trinity Term – the Oxford summer term).

Attendance: Students are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of classes and other sessions as specified in the course handbook.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out in this course page. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. The safety of students, staff and visitors is paramount and major changes to delivery or services may have to be made in circumstances of a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency. In addition, in certain circumstances, for example due to visa difficulties or because the health needs of students cannot be met, it may be necessary to make adjustments to course requirements for international study.

You can find full information under “Changes to Courses” (sections 37 to 49) in the [Terms and Conditions](https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/mnt/attachments/cont-ed-matriculated-terms-and-conditions-for-2022-3.pdf) for this course (<https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/mnt/attachments/cont-ed-matriculated-terms-and-conditions-for-2022-3.pdf>).

Expected length of course

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

Annual fees for entry in 2022~23

Fee Status	Course Fee
Full-time	
Home (UK/Republic of Ireland/ Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£9,250
Overseas	£27,840
Part-time	
Home (UK/Republic of Ireland/ Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£4,625
Overseas	£13,920

Course fees are payable each year, for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay course fees). For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. For details, please see our [guidance on likely increases to fees and charges](#).

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also do not cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

Information for applicants from the EU, EEA and Switzerland

On 11 May 2021 the UK Council for International Student Affairs published [new regulations and guidance](#) to be used in assessing the fee status of students commencing courses in August 2021 and later. We will be using this guidance to carry out fee status assessments for students commencing courses in 2022/23, including students from the EU, EEA and Switzerland.

If you are an EU national and do not live in the UK then you are likely to be charged Overseas fees. Students with settled and pre-settled status in the UK and some other categories of students who work in the UK can qualify for Home fee status as long as they meet the residence criteria.

Additional Costs

Living Costs 2022~23

Full-time students: Your living costs will vary significantly dependent on your lifestyle. These are estimated to be between £1,215 and £1,755 per month in 2022-23. Each year of an undergraduate course usually consists of three terms of eight weeks each but you may need to be in Oxford for longer. As a guide you may wish to budget over a nine-month period to ensure you also have sufficient funds during the holidays to meet essential costs.

Students pay for accommodation and food, although this is often heavily subsidised. Permanent Private Halls (PPH) provide a variety of accommodation and meal options. Costs vary between halls, and are likely to increase annually.

Part-time students: The living costs above are based on single, full-time students living in Oxford. While it may be the case that, as a part-time student, you will not be based in Oxford during your studies, you will still need to cover your cost of living on a full-time basis. If this applies to you, you should calculate your living costs to be sure that you have sufficient funding to meet these costs for the duration of your course. In particular, part-time students who are not based in Oxford will need to calculate travel and accommodation costs carefully. Please note that living costs outside Oxford may be different from those shown above.

Full information, including for students with dependents, is available at:

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs>

Other costs

You will need to allow for costs related to your studies, such as textbooks, stationery, printing and photocopying, course-related equipment and materials.

If you require a visa to study at Oxford, please see the Student Visa page for information about health costs.

Living costs for future years

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2022~23, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

Document accessibility

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