

## Course Information Sheet for entry in 2017-18

### PGDip in Theology and Religion

#### About the course

The Postgraduate Diploma in Theology and Religion is provided as an alternative qualification for those wishing to pursue graduate study in theology and religions but whose first degree is not in theology or religious studies.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Theology and Religion offers an intensive period of study in Christian theology, with the option to explore other world religions. You may complete the course either in nine months as a full-time student or in twenty-one months as a part-time student.

You choose three papers which are typically taught through a series of eight tutorials supported by lectures and classes; a fourth paper can be chosen if you wish to extend your studies. These papers are chosen from the syllabus for the faculty's BA in Theology and Religion, although some papers are excluded from this selection. For example, you might choose to study an aspect of the New Testament, Old Testament, the nature of religion or modern doctrine, and other options include:

- the history of Christianity
- Christian ethics
- Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism
- the philosophy of religion.

If studying part-time, you will study two papers in your first year of study, and the third (and fourth, if this option is chosen) in your second year of study. Whether you are a full-time or part-time student you are assessed at the end of the course. You may either sit timed written examinations or choose to write two short essays or one long essay in place of a written examination in one of your chosen papers. The essay subjects will be approved by the faculty and your tutor for that paper.

Please note that a new curriculum is being introduced in 2017-18 and that while applications for entry onto the part-time course in 2017-18 are permitted, part-time students entering in 2017-18 should be aware that the list of papers available to them will be revised towards the end of their first year and that other papers will be made available for their second year.

The course is mainly taught by tutorials, for which you customarily prepare written work for discussion with the tutor. In addition, you attend relevant classes and lectures as advertised for the BA in Theology and Religion, and a series of seminars, normally twice per term, specifically organised for Postgraduate Diploma students. Teaching usually takes place up to week four of Trinity term.

Although as a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology and Religion student you attend undergraduate lectures and classes, you are full members of the graduate community, and are encouraged to draw on all the graduate resources of the faculty and the university. Please note that there is no graduation ceremony for the PGDip.

#### Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver each course in accordance with the descriptions set out above. 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. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions.



### Expected length of course

9 months (full time) or 21 months (part-time)

### Annual fees for entry in 2017-2018

#### Full-time study

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£6,745	£3,021	£9,766
Overseas	£19,335	£3,021	£22,356

#### Part-time study

Fee Status	Tuition fee	College fee	Total annual fees
Home/EU (including islands)	£3,375	£1,511	£4,886
Overseas	£9,670	£1,511	£11,181

The fees shown above are the annual tuition and college fees for this course for entry in the stated academic year; for courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Tuition and college 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 tuition and college fees).

### Additional cost information

#### Full-time study

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Please note that, depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

#### Part-time study

Please note that this course requires that you attend in Oxford for teaching, and you may incur additional travel and accommodation expenses for this. Further, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

## Living costs

**In addition to your fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.**

The likely living costs for 2017-18 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

	Likely living costs for 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months		Likely living costs for 12 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
<b>Food</b>	£250	£350	£2,250	£3,150	£3,000	£4,000
<b>Accommodation</b>	£538	£619	£4,844	£5,569	£6,459	£7,425
<b>Personal items</b>	£115	£255	£1,035	£2,295	£1,380	£3,060
<b>Social activities</b>	£40	£119	£358	£1,073	£477	£1,431
<b>Study costs</b>	£38	£83	£338	£743	£451	£991
<b>Other</b>	£22	£45	£196	£407	£261	£543
<b>Total</b>	£1,002	£1,471	£9,021	£13,237	£12,028	£17,649

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2017-18, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 2% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at [www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs).

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