

Theology & religion @ UK unis - quick facts

Top 20*

1 Cambridge	A*AA	11 Leeds	ABB
2 Durham	AAB	12 Glasgow	AAB
3 Oxford	AAA	13 St Andrews	AAA
4 Bristol	AAB	14 SOAS, London	AAB
5 Exeter	AAB	15 Aberdeen	BBB
6 Lancaster	ABB	16 Manchester	ABB
7 Birmingham	ABB	17 KCL	AAB
8 Sheffield	ABB	18 Liverpool Hope	BBC
9 Nottingham	ABB	19 Roehampton	AAB
10 Edinburgh	ABB	20 Cardiff	BBB

* Complete University Guide April 2020

Must haves

Most universities do not require specific A Level subjects, although they often prefer essay-based humanities or social science subjects. You do not need to have studied RS or theology at A Level.

Other degrees to consider

Philosophy, history, anthropology, law, sociology or a combination of any of these with theology.

Example course modules

Theology is a broad subject encompassing everything from the analysis of ancient religious texts to the discussion of contemporary global politics. You will study the way different religions (Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism etc.) have shaped the world and today's society. In addition to the study of different faiths, modules might examine religious history; the political and social dimensions of religion (from gender and sexuality to warfare and social ethics); humanism; atheism; the philosophy of religion and ethics; death, ritual and belief; an exploration of the interface between science and theology; imaging God; myth and meaning; emotion, religion and identity; theology, nature & the environment; religion and film; the postmodern God.

Contact hours per week: 9, on average. (Average all subjects 14.)

Career prospects

Following a theology degree, you could enter a directly-related career and become a chaplain or teacher/lecturer in the subject. However, the knowledge and skills gained from your degree could open up a wide range of options including work in the civil service, government agencies, NGOs, charities, social services, religious organisations but also more broadly in financial and legal firms, marketing and advertising, PR and media companies. Your knowledge of global issues, society, humanity and your communication and analysis skills will make you attractive to many and varied employers.

Average starting salary: £18,000