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 The Bible is probably the best known collection of texts in the Western world, and yet there's still so much we don't know about the cultures lying behind these texts. My research focuses on the cultures giving rise to the Hebrew Bible, in particular, the religious realities of these cultures – what people believed about the gods and other divine beings and how they expressed their beliefs through rituals, myths and social practice, and this feeds directly into my undergraduate teaching. 

Professor Francesca Stavrakopoulou, Professor in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Religion



THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

4th in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018*,
The Guardian University Guide 2018 and *The Complete University Guide 2019*

Top 50 in the QS World University Subject Rankings 2018

2nd in the UK for world-leading and internationally excellent research¹

Varied programme including biblical studies, Judaism and Christianity, philosophy of religion, ethics, science and religion, theology and art

Opportunities to take a work placement, field trips or study abroad

Theology and Religion is one of the most challenging and stimulating subjects you can study.

Theology is a major force and religion is a major factor that shapes the world we live in. All religions raise ethical and philosophical questions that are among the most fundamental we face as human beings: Is there a meaning and purpose to human existence? Is there a God or gods? How should we understand good and evil? How do we decide what's right or wrong in relation to war and peace, birth and death, sex, and the environment? Can we better understand the tensions in Eastern Europe, the Middle East or Northern Ireland if we first understand the religious traditions that often separate communities from one another?

By studying Theology and Religion at Exeter you will wrestle with these questions in depth, through a disciplined and rigorous framework. You will engage with the political, cultural and social issues that affect our lives and develop a wide range of skills that will stretch your intellectual abilities to the full. You will work as a historian, anthropologist, literary critic and philosopher, gaining all the essential skills you need to be fully equipped for a number of future careers.

Our department is welcoming and supportive, with a lively and dynamic team of theology, religion, history, ethics, philosophy of religion, biblical studies and anthropology scholars. We pride ourselves on the quality of our undergraduate programmes. Our staff are at the forefront of innovative research and our research feeds directly into your undergraduate studies, ensuring you are taught cutting-edge ideas that are relevant to contemporary society.

Our research interests and teaching expertise span a wide range of subject areas, with particular research strengths, that include: biblical studies, the reception of Christian and Jewish traditions, disability studies, religion in the public sphere, sex and gender, and religious art and architecture.

Our degrees offer a stimulating and rewarding combination of topics and approaches. You will receive a solid grounding in the core subjects that are fundamental to the study of theology and religion, and explore more specialised areas through optional modules. These include familiar topics such as the relationship between science and religion or feminist theology, and less familiar ideas like the built environment or depictions of heaven and hell throughout the ages.

Our teaching focuses both on historic traditions and our own contemporary world. You will be taught by academics who are active in research and enthusiastic about their subject, so that you encounter the latest thinking and innovative approaches to their disciplines.

You don't need to have studied any religion before taking a Theology and Religion degree. What's more important is an open mind and a willingness to engage creatively with the course. We encourage our students to treat sources critically, learning to explore issues such as interpretation and translation, and the uses of religious texts, objects and practices in sacred and secular settings.

Theology and Religion is not one single subject, but a cluster of disciplines which use a variety of research tools and methods. It includes areas such as history, literary criticism, language study, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, and art history. So if you have enjoyed studying several subjects at school, this programme might be the one for you! You will learn how to express your own opinions in high-quality writing using scholarly texts critically. You will develop your ability to discuss controversial subjects with sensitivity and to reflect in detail on how faith and belief shape events in today's world.

www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/theology

¹ Research Excellence Framework 2014 based on the percentage of research categorised as 4* or 3*.

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

HOW YOUR DEGREE IS STRUCTURED

Your degree is divided into compulsory and optional modules, giving you the flexibility to structure your studies according to your specific interests. Individual modules are worth 15 or 30 credits each, and full-time undergraduates will take 120 credits in each year. In addition to compulsory modules, you can choose from an extensive range of options. For up-to-date details of all our programmes and modules, please visit www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/theology

SINGLE HONOURS

BA Theology and Religion (EXETER)

V615 3 yrs
 with Study Abroad V616 4 yrs
 with Employment Experience V613 4 yrs
 with Employment Experience Abroad V614 4 yrs
 AAB-BBB | IB: 34-30 | BTEC: DDD-DDM

- Undertake in-depth study of a wide range of Christian and Jewish theological thoughts and critical questions
- Study the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament – their contexts, development, meanings and reception – including the option to study biblical texts in the original languages
- Take modules in Arab and Islamic Studies, Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology, Politics, History or Classics and Ancient History, which offer modules related to theology, religion, ethics, philosophy, sexuality, atonement, criminal justice, science and religion, disability, art and architecture, blasphemy, morality and ethics, incarnation, religion in film, life and death, and the study of religions
- Enhance your studies by undertaking field trips, a work placement, or studying abroad

Year 1 In your first year, you will study primarily to gain a solid grounding in the broad areas of study essential to Theology and Religion. You can also choose from a range of optional modules to begin your exploration into more specific areas.

Year 2 In the second year you will choose your own modules from a wide range which vary from year-to-year. These reflect the expertise of lecturers in the department, who are world-leading experts in their fields, and allow you to engage with research at the cutting edge of the discipline.

Final Year In your final year you will continue to customise your degree to suit you. The only compulsory module in the third year is the dissertation, which many students find the most rewarding part of their degree. It gives you the chance to carry out independent research in an area of most interest to you.

BA COMBINED HONOURS

BA Classical Studies and Theology (EXETER)

QV85 3 yrs
with Study Abroad QV86 4 yrs
with Employment Experience QV87 4 yrs
with Employment Experience Abroad QV89 4 yrs
AAB-ABB | IB: 34-32 | BTEC: DDD-DDM
Please see www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/classics

- Learn about the literary, historical, religious, cultural, political, philosophical and ethical issues debated in the ancient world – issues which continue to impact the world today
- Study core modules drawn from Greek/Roman philosophy or Greek/Roman religion, biblical studies and the history and doctrine of Christianity
- Explore topics in both disciplines, including ancient religions, sexuality, politics, literature, art, philosophy and ethics
- For Classical Studies, texts are usually taught in translation, so there is no requirement to study Latin or Greek language modules unless you choose to do so. The same is true of biblical studies for Theology, although there is an option to learn New Testament Greek and Biblical Hebrew

BA Philosophy and Theology (EXETER)

VV56 3 yrs
with Study Abroad VV5P 4 yrs
AAB-ABB | IB: 34-32 | BTEC: DDD-DDM
Please see www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/philosophy

- Develop a reflective understanding of some pervasive and problematic features of the world and ourselves
- Acquire a solid grounding in the main themes and methods of Philosophy and Theology, equipping you with the critical and analytical skills necessary to engage with the key questions, debates and methods of both disciplines
- Study modules exploring classical epistemology, metaphysics and moral philosophy, with the philosophy of religion, Christian ethics, science, ethics, art and beauty, the mind-body relationship and doctrine
- Learn all the subjects essential to a good understanding of the discipline of Theology and Religion, from biblical studies and church history to modern theology, philosophy and ethics

FLEXIBLE COMBINED HONOURS

Theology and Religion at Streatham may also be studied under our innovative Flexible Combined Honours scheme.

- Combine two subjects where there is currently no existing Combined Honours degree at the University. These subjects can fall across departments, creating a cross-college degree such as Theology and Psychology
- Study three subject areas if compulsory modules allow
- Take modules from a variety of departments by studying one of our thematic pathways

Further information and the full list of available subjects can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/flexible



Before coming to Exeter, I spent a year studying Theology at a different university, where I found I didn't really fit in. When I decided to leave and study somewhere else instead, Exeter was the obvious choice for me. The Theology department here is renowned for its research inspired teaching, its inclusive atmosphere and diverse modules that reflect recent developments in the field.

Chrissie, studying BA Theology with Ancient History

MODULES

KEY C = Compulsory
● = Optional
C* = Choose from a selection of compulsory modules

Please note that availability of all modules is subject to timetabling constraints and that not all modules are available every year. The modules detailed below are just examples of those offered recently and does not include a full list of optional modules. For a full list and details of the individual modules (including compulsory and optional modules in other subjects for Combined Honours programmes), please check the undergraduate section of our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/theology

Year 1 Modules

Module Name	Theology and Religion	Classical Studies and Theology	Philosophy and Theology
The Bible: Past and Present	C		●
Christian Origins: From Jesus to the Early Church	C	C	C*
Elements in New Testament Greek	●	●	●
Evidence and Argument I			C
God, Humanity and the Cosmos: An Introduction to the Debate Between Science and Religion	●	●	●
Greek and Roman Drama OR Greek and Roman Narrative		C	
Introducing Biblical Hebrew	●	●	●
Introducing Christian Theologies	C	●	●
Introduction to Philosophical Analysis			C
Judaisms in Transition: Crises and Innovations	C	●	●
Knowledge and Reality I			C
Knowledge and Reality 2			C
Philosophy of Religion and Christian Ethics	C	●	C*
Religion in the Modern World	C	●	C*

Year 2 and Final Year Modules

Module Name	Theology and Religion	Classical Studies and Theology	Philosophy and Theology
Art in Syria and the Holy Land at the Time of the Crusades	●	●	●
Blasphemy and the Abrahamic Faiths	●	●	●
Dead Sea Scrolls	●	●	●
'Deviant Bodies': Disability Studies and the New Testament	●	●	●
Earliest Christian Communities	●	●	●
Encountering the Historical Jesus	●	●	●
Encounters Between Religions	●	●	●
Encounters in Philosophy and Theology	●	●	●
Evolution, God and Gaia	●	●	●
Heaven and Hell Throughout the Ages	●	●	●
Incarnation: Topics in Philosophical Theology	●	●	●
Jewish Religious Responses to the Holocaust	●	●	●
Legends of the Fall	●	●	●
Life and Death in Israel and Judah	●	●	●
Postcolonial Theology	●	●	●
Reading Augustine through the Confessions	●	●	●
Scribes, Apostles and Sages: Early Jewish Biblical Exegesis	●	●	●
Theology and Business Ethics	●	●	●
Theology and Criminal Justice	●	●	●
Dissertation	C	C	C
Greek and Roman Drama OR Greek and Roman Narrative		C	

YEAR I

The Bible: Past and Present

This module introduces and examines the Bible not only as a library of ancient books reflective of the interests and ideologies of their authors and original contexts, but also as a material object, icon and persistent influence (for good and ill) in contemporary cultures. You will gain methodological skills of interpreting biblical texts through engagement with key cultural themes (ancient and modern), including religion, identity, politics, place and displacement, and body and gender.

Christian Origins: From Jesus to the Early Church

This module gives you an introduction to the emergence of Christianity, in its diverse and varied forms, through the first six centuries of its existence. It gives you a sense of the context in which these developments took place, the historical sources at our disposal, the debates and divisions that occurred, and the diversity of modern scholarly approaches and perspectives.

Elements in New Testament Greek

This module gives you the chance to learn New Testament Greek from scratch. You will become equipped to read biblical texts in their original language, as well as gain an insight into the interpretative difficulties facing translators and interpreters of biblical texts. From this introductory module you can then progress to study the language of the New Testament texts.

God, Humanity and the Cosmos: An Introduction to the Debate Between Science and Religion

You will be introduced to science as an academic discipline and how the subject subsequently developed. You will then consider how theology operates, and uncover how both theology and science relate to one another. This will enable you to examine some of the classic debates: Richard Dawkins against divine design, the problem of providence and miracle versus the problem of evil, the alleged fine-tuning of the universe, and the problem of its ultimate end.

Greek and Roman Drama

This module examines a wide range of plays, both tragic and comic, including works by authors as varied as Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Menander, Aristophanes, Terence and Plautus. You will think about such matters as the connection between drama and society, the role of ritual and religion, the nature of the tragic and comic genres, and the psychological and emotional impact of drama on its audience. All these texts are studied in English.

Greek and Roman Narrative

This module explores Greek and Roman epic poems within their literary cultural and social contexts: the Homeric epics *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, and selections from Apollonius' Hellenistic work the *Argonautica*, and Roman 'epic' including *Catullus 64*, Virgil's *Aeneid* and Ovid's experimental *Metamorphoses*.

Introducing Biblical Hebrew

Following Kahn's *Routledge Introductory Course in Biblical Hebrew*, you will acquire a good working knowledge of the basic elements of Biblical Hebrew. This will enable you to translate short passages from Hebrew into English (with an appropriate glossary and the aid of a dictionary) and to translate short sentences from English into Hebrew.

Introducing Christian Theologies

This module covers some primary concepts associated with the study of theology in the Eastern and Western Christian traditions. You will be introduced to the major sources of Christian theology, scripture, tradition, reason and experience, and the ways in which these have been understood to interrelate.

Judaisms in Transition: Crises and Innovations

This core module focuses on the changes in Jewish thought that have developed out of historical crises. The case studies considered span antiquity to the present day and highlight the evolution in Jewish identities and tradition. They may include examples such as the destruction of the first and second temples, the rise of Christianity and Islam, the Enlightenment and the rise of Hasidism and Zionism.

Philosophy of Religion and Christian Ethics

Engage with some of the key questions raised by religious belief and by Christian teachings about how to live one's life. You will begin by focusing on philosophical issues such as the nature of religion, and whether religious faith can be rational. In the second part, you will consider Christian moral teaching and its relation to fundamental Christian doctrines.

Religion in the Modern World

Develop an informed and critical approach to religion in the modern world; including the meaning of 'secularism' and 'post-secularism', challenges to the freedom of religion, whether the state should be neutral regarding religion, and other points of contact between religion and politics. When addressing the meaning of 'religion', you will engage with key texts, and from this theoretical basis, you will consider more contemporary social questions about religion in Western societies today.

YEAR 2 AND FINAL YEAR

Art in Syria and the Holy Land at the Time of the Crusades

This module examines the art-historical and architectural impact of the Crusades on Syria and the Holy Land (modern Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine and Jordan). It will concentrate primarily on the earlier Crusades and explore the beliefs and material culture brought from The West by the Crusaders, as well as study the native art and culture of the region. The module will explore to what extent these traditions remained separate and whether the two sides left a lasting impact on each other. It also seeks to contextualise the history of Christian-Muslim conflict within an historical framework.

Blasphemy and the Abrahamic Faiths

This module focuses on the evolving concept of blasphemy as articulated in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Explore how notions of blasphemy have historically interacted with understandings of sacredness, and enabled religious communities to establish boundaries of acceptable speech and action. You will also focus on the changing relationship between blasphemy and law, with consideration given to whether governments should legislate against the religiously offensive.

Dead Sea Scrolls

This optional module introduces and analyses the Dead Sea Scrolls, in English, discussing the various genres found within them, such as Rewritten Bible, Apocalypse, Communal Texts, Liturgy, Magic and Pesharim, with attention to authorship, context and significance for the origins of Judaism and Christianity.

'Deviant Bodies': Disability Studies and the New Testament

An introduction to the themes and methodologies of disability studies through close readings of specific New Testament texts. By considering the contribution of these readings to the historical understanding of those perceived as 'disabled' to incorporate sensory, physical and mental impairments, this module will inform your thinking on the potential for freeing disabled communities from current attitudes to disability.

Earliest Christian Communities

This module is suitable for students who are interested to learn about various social aspects of the earliest Christian communities and the perspectives on these topics developed in contemporary scholarship. These will include the membership, meeting places, and rituals of the early Christian communities, their patterns of leadership, and the processes of institutionalisation.

Encountering the Historical Jesus

This module introduces you to a variety of historical methods used within the 'Quests for the Historical Jesus', to help you develop a plausible picture of Jesus' life, aims and the movement he led. Beginning with an analysis of the state of the 'quest' for the historical Jesus, we will then critically examine some of the key New Testament narratives and theological interpretations of the life and teachings of this mysterious Galilean.

Encounters Between Religions

Christians have, since earliest Christianity, encountered other religions and in many cases entered into dialogue with them – sometimes with acrimony and violence, other times constructively, clarifying Christian teachings and leading to a cross-fertilisation between different religious traditions. This module draws on a variety of disciplines to examine the history of interreligious encounters and the differing theologies of religion, and the contemporary turn towards a sympathetic comparative theology that aligns different traditions theologically while drawing on the practices of interreligious dialogue. Emphasis will be placed on the changing role of comparative theologies in the post-secular public sphere.

Encounters in Philosophy and Theology

Christian theology has always had a close relationship with philosophy. Theologians have used philosophical ideas and arguments to articulate religious doctrines, and philosophers have addressed religious ideas in their work. The relationship has not always been a happy one, however, with theologians sometimes condemning philosophy as impious, and philosophers sometimes denigrating religion as irrational. In this module you will study some of the key periods in history when Christian theology has interacted especially closely with major philosophical movements of the day. The emphasis throughout is on both the history of these encounters and the ideas and arguments that they spawned.

Evolution, God and Gaia

You will be introduced to evolutionary theory since the early 19th Century and the challenges posed for Christian theology. In particular you will look at the development of evolution theory of intelligent design from the early debate pre-Darwin, through the contributions of Charles Darwin and beyond. You will consider it alongside the Gaia Hypothesis, that the Earth is a self-regulating complex evolving system able to maintain a stable, constant condition of properties to sustain life. You will explore in detail arguments relating to the suffering of non-human creatures, and the character and behaviour of human beings. You will use these theories to debate the implications for environmental ethics.

Heaven and Hell Throughout the Ages	You will trace the development of Christian doctrines of heaven and hell from the period of the Early Church to the present day. Assess the social and political factors affecting belief in or the denial of hell, examine concepts such as purgatory and the role of the Devil, and engage with debates about war, the Holocaust, universal salvation, and evangelical views of hell.	Reading Augustine through the Confessions	The module engages with one of the most influential works in western literature. You will investigate the following questions: to what extent is it an 'autobiography'? How do Augustine's reflections on his life relate to his conceptions of memory, time, desire and God? How should Augustine's encounters with his mother, lovers, friends and teachers be interpreted? What can be learned about his aims in writing? How has the text been read? You will approach the text from literary, historical, theological and philosophical methods of interpretation.
Incarnation: Topics in Philosophical Theology	This module explores some of the questions surrounding the doctrine of incarnation – that God has become a human being. You will be introduced to the theological and philosophical problems associated with the doctrine of incarnation, and examine in detail the many different solutions proposed by ancient, medieval and modern theologians. The main emphasis is on critical philosophical engagement with these ideas, but you will also study their historical context.	Scribes, Apostles and Sages: Early Jewish Biblical Exegesis	This module introduces you to various collections of Jewish scriptures and writings from the Bible to the Talmud. Taking a combined chronological and thematic approach to the different sources to discuss examples of Jewish biblical interpretations, you will identify elements of change and continuity between each stage. You will examine themes such as scribal activity, fallen angels and apostasy (rejection of personal religious beliefs). Sources include books of the Old and New Testaments, the Talmud, Dead Sea Scrolls and Midrash.
Jewish Religious Responses to the Holocaust	This module will focus on the diverse ways in which Jewish religious thought has engaged with the Holocaust. Alongside considering the reactions of those caught up in the events of the 1930s–40s, attention will be given to some of the radical assessments of the Holocaust's implications for Judaism that developed from the 1960s onwards.	Theology and Business Ethics	This module aims to answer an important question: What does Christian social thought (ancient and present-day) mean for our economic life in the 21st century? You will review a number of significant texts in Christian tradition and bring the insights of their authors into conversation about economics and business today. There will also be the opportunity to visit St Paul's Institute, London, and host a local Study Day, at which (where possible) we engage with business people who profess their Christian beliefs.
Legends of the Fall	This module will examine the treatment of the 'Fall of Humankind' in English literature. At its core will be the reading and discussion of Milton's <i>Paradise Lost</i> . Other works and genres of literature (lyric poetry, short story, novella, children's stories) will be read in conjunction with Milton's epic poem by such authors as G M Hopkins, Donald Barthelme, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and C S Lewis. Key themes will include dualism and the origin of evil, free will and predetermination, innocence and adulthood (especially in relation to sexuality), the function of angels and demons, paradise and hell.	Theology and Criminal Justice	Learn about the connections between religion and concepts of criminal justice, investigating the many lines of contemporary debate on this topic. Explore the implications of Christian principles, such as justification, for our understanding of the treatments of offenders, and the ethics of the current policies for dealing with them. You will look at Christian attitudes of forgiveness alongside restorative justice and reconciliation, and also have a field trip to a local prison.
Life and Death in Israel and Judah	Explore ancient Israelite concepts of life, death and post-mortem existence, and examine their associated religious rituals within various socio-historical contexts. You will assess and critically evaluate presentations of matters of life and death in the Hebrew Bible, and trace echoes of ancient beliefs and rituals within later concepts of life, death and post-mortem existence.	Dissertation	This module provides an opportunity to carry out independent research in a sustained way on a chosen topic. The dissertation is written in your final year, and will allow you to put to use the skills you have acquired in the first two years of the programme, by thinking at length about a question that is of particular interest to you.
Postcolonial Theology	This module will explore postcolonial theologies and show their areas of tension and accord with feminist and liberation theologies. It will also show how Christianity's historical relationship with empire has shaped recent and contemporary understandings of non-western traditions and interpretative frameworks.		

LEARNING AND TEACHING

INNOVATIVE LEARNING

Most of your work will be done in group and self-directed study: reading or viewing module material, writing essays or preparing material for seminar presentations. We encourage you to present your work because it involves you actively in the teaching and learning process and develops important transferable skills, such as good verbal and visual communication, and effective interaction with other people. You will also develop a range of professional skills, such as time management and team working, plus valuable critical, analytical and communication skills.

Our approach to Theology and Religion is interdisciplinary; the broad areas studied relate to politics, social sciences, the arts, literary studies and more. We are actively engaged in introducing new methods of learning and teaching, including increasing use of interactive computer-based approaches to learning, through our virtual learning environment where you can access detailed information about modules, learning outcomes and interact through activities such as discussion forums.

Each year we arrange various guest lectures and study days led by visiting speakers, including the series of Prideaux Lectures hosted every other year. Past lecturers have included:

- Tom Wright Sarah Coakley
- Nicholas Lash Robin Gill
- James Dunn John Rogerson
- Marcella Althaus-Reid
- Christopher Rowland

As well as traditional lectures, seminars and small-group tutorials, you will be encouraged to use your initiative by organising study groups, taking advantage of online and traditional learning resources and managing your own workload and time. You will also be expected to attend other activities such as workshops and film screenings.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Depending on your programme you may take up to 30 credits in another subject (subject to academic approval and timetabling), for instance a language or business module, to develop career-related skills or widen your intellectual horizons.

Our well established Foreign Language Centre provides you with the excellent opportunity to study a language as part of your degree. If you achieve at least 60 credits in a language via our Foreign Language Centre you may be able to have the words 'with proficiency in' and the language added to your degree title which will help expand your career options and give you an edge over the competition in your chosen field. Further details about the FLC can be found at www.exeter.ac.uk/flc

RESEARCH INSPIRED TEACHING

You will be taught by internationally respected staff who are leading researchers in their specialisms. Your lecturers will be contributing to the latest developments in their field and their teaching will be highly relevant to contemporary issues. We have a rigorous research culture spanning a wide range of subject areas with particular strengths in theology, ethics, social contexts and public issues.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

All students have access to a personal tutor who is available for advice and support throughout your studies. There are also a number of services on campus where you can get advice and information, including the Students' Guild Advice Unit. You can find further information about all the services in the University's undergraduate prospectus or online at www.exeter.ac.uk/undergraduate

STUDY ABROAD*

Studying at Exeter offers you the exciting possibility of spending up to one year abroad. You could learn a new language and experience different cultures, become more self-confident and widen your circle of friends. You could also get the chance to specialise in areas that are not available at Exeter, and when it comes to a career, your skills and knowledge of another country will prove valuable to many employers. You may apply directly for the 'with Study Abroad' programmes or transfer from another programme once you are at Exeter. Full details of these schemes and of our partner institutions can be found on our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/studyabroad

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE IN THE UK OR ABROAD

Spending up to a year carrying out a graduate-level work placement or placements as part of your degree programme is a valuable opportunity. This unlocks a world of experience, allowing you to develop essential employability and interpersonal skills that relate to your degree and future career. You will take full responsibility for finding and organising your placement (either in the UK or abroad), with preparation, support and approval from the University. This is a great way to demonstrate to employers your adaptability, cultural awareness, independence and resourcefulness.

DIGITAL HUMANITIES LAB

As Digital Humanities is increasingly important in all areas of humanities research, we have invested £1.2 million in a state-of-the-art lab and research space for the examination and preservation of important historical, literary and visual artefacts. The Digital Humanities lab allows you to use cutting edge equipment to find out more about our cultural heritage and creative past and share your discoveries with your peers. In the space, you will have the opportunity to curate digital exhibitions, carry out 2D and 3D digitisation, create professional quality video/audio recordings, and participate in exciting research projects that utilise data in innovative new ways.

STUDENT COMMUNITY

Our students are a close-knit community and are actively involved with the department and the University. They have even established their own society which organises social events, as well as intramural sport teams.

BEST STUDENT-STAFF LIAISON COMMITTEE IN 2017-18

Our Student-Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC) gives students the opportunity to voice their opinions about studying with us and to comment on a wide range of academic issues and possible developments. Each year the Students' Guild VP Education Awards formally recognise the outstanding commitment shown by students who represent and seek to enhance the academic experience of their cohort. At the 2017 VP Education Awards, Theology and Religion were the most shortlisted subject for their dedication to academic experience and were also awarded 'SSLC of the Year'.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed in a variety of ways but primarily through exams and coursework. Coursework includes essays, a dissertation and presentation work. The ratio of formal exams to coursework is on average 40:60 (depending on your choice of modules).

CALCULATING YOUR FINAL MARK

Your first year doesn't count towards your final degree classification, but you do have to pass it to progress. The assessments in the second year, year abroad (if applicable) and final year will contribute to your final degree classification. For full details of the assessment criteria for each module, check the undergraduate section of our website at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/theology

* To be eligible for our 'with Study Abroad' programmes you need to attain an average of 60 per cent or more in your first year.

YOUR SUCCESSFUL CAREER

RECENT GRADUATES ARE NOW WORKING FOR[▲]:

- NHS
- St Monica Trust
- Diocese of Exeter
- Parliament
- Eight Saints Cluster
- SPCK
- Ernst and Young
- Killik & Co

CAREERS SERVICES

We have a dedicated, award-winning Careers Service, ensuring you have access to careers advisors, mentors and the tools you need to succeed in finding employment in your chosen field on graduation. We offer the Exeter Award and the Exeter Leaders Award which include employability-related workshops, skills events, volunteering and employment which will contribute to your career decision making skills and success in the employment market. Our graduates compete very successfully in the employment market, with many employers targeting the University when recruiting new graduates. For further information about our Careers Service please visit: www.exeter.ac.uk/careers

FURTHER STUDY

A degree in Theology and Religion will put you in an excellent position to pursue postgraduate study after you have graduated. Our recent graduates have since enrolled on courses such as:

- MA Social Work
- MA Theology
- Graduate Diploma in Law
- MTS (Master of Theology Studies) in Religion, Literature and Culture

RECENT GRADUATES ARE NOW WORKING AS[▲]:

- Church Ministry Assistant
- Youth and Worship Worker
- Assistant Curator
- RE and History Teacher
- Civil Servant
- Insurance Broker

[▲] This information has been taken from the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) Surveys 2014/15 and 2015/16. Please note that, due to data protection, the job titles and organisations are listed independently and do not necessarily correspond.



When I think about all the modules I've taken and essays I've written over the past four years, I'm amazed at the range of areas of study that I've been able to access, explore and engage with. Furthermore, this range doesn't compromise quality – the teaching and research available to us is truly outstanding.

Anna, studying BA Theology and Religion with Study Abroad



I applied to Exeter primarily because of the location and because it was a campus university. I'd lived in London most of my life and I wanted somewhere that was much quieter but still had a buzz of activity. Exeter provided me with that and much more. The location is not only beautiful and very close to the seaside but the university itself is astounding. People in the Theology and Religion department are friendly and welcoming and pretty much know your name by the end of the first day. The teaching at the University has also been phenomenal and you can tell that the lecturers are very invested and interested in their subjects.



Ebun, BA Theology graduate

KEY INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

	UCAS CODE	TYPICAL OFFER
BA Single Honours Theology and Religion	V615	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30; BTEC: DDD-DDM
Theology and Religion with Study Abroad [^] / with Employment Experience/ with Employment Experience Abroad	V616/ V613/ V614	AAB-BBB; IB: 34-30; BTEC: DDD-DDM
BA Combined Honours		
Classical Studies and Theology	QV85	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32; BTEC: DDD-DDM
Classical Studies and Theology with Study Abroad [^] / with Employment Experience/ with Employment Experience Abroad	QV86/ QV87/ QV89	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32; BTEC: DDD-DDM
Philosophy and Theology	VV56	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32; BTEC: DDD-DDM
Philosophy and Theology with Study Abroad [^]	VV5P	AAB-ABB; IB: 34-32; BTEC: DDD-DDM
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For up-to-date details regarding entry requirements and programme specifics, please see our Theology and Religion pages at www.exeter.ac.uk/ug/theology

We strongly advise that you check the website before attending an Open Day or making your application. Some programmes require prior study of specific subjects and may also have minimum grade requirements at GCSE or equivalent, particularly in English Language and/or Mathematics.

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Charles, studying BA Theology and Religion

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