Faculty of Divinity

Theology and Religious Studies

An excellent foundation for your career or further studies

Top of the Guardian University Guide 2014 League Table for Religious Studies and Theology
Theology and Religious Studies graduates are highly employable, offering multidisciplinary and inter-disciplinary skills, and detailed knowledge of diverse world views and issues.

As a student you will develop a range of transferable skills highly valued by employers. This means that graduates go on to an extremely broad range of jobs and options in further education. Some graduates make direct use of the course content. We live in increasingly multi-cultural and multi-religious societies. This means that an understanding of the ways that different religious communities can work together and how organisations can have a successful relationship with clients from these backgrounds is very attractive to employers. The Theology and Religious Studies degree also covers elements from other valuable disciplines such as history, languages, philosophy, anthropology, politics and literature, meaning that you leave university with a grounding in a broad range of subjects. In an increasingly global economy, the skills of vision, creativity and religious sensitivity, which are developed through the study of Theology and Religious Studies, will be at a premium.

“I'm not sure [what I want to do] at this stage but the time management skills and work ethic that I've gained and the ability to gather and analyse difficult evidence will be invaluable.”

Agnes, first year student
Other graduates apply the transferable skills that they have developed here to gain employment in or to study another area. Through studying Theology and Religious Studies you can:

- Absorb and retain complex information and identify key issues
- Sift and select relevant information and think logically
- Express ideas clearly through essay writing and discussion
- Tackle new languages from scratch
- Use imagination and creativity
- Develop a critical approach to contemporary issues
- Develop a disciplined approach to problem solving
- Develop investigative, analytical and critical evaluation skills
- Understand and take a sensitive approach to different cultures and beliefs
- Show a real curiosity in people and world cultures

Our course inspires a significant proportion of students to undertake options in further education after three years of study. Over the last five years we have had an average of 39% of our graduates going on to study masters and research degrees in Theology and Religious Studies or related disciplines, or undertake training to follow a career in teaching or law.

Theology and Religious Studies graduates from the University of Cambridge are particularly employable. Over the last five years we have had consistently high levels of occupation for our graduates, with an average of 93% entering employment or going on to further education within six months of graduating. Our degree helps you develop transferable skills and understanding which means there are endless possibilities, whichever path you choose.
Examples of what our recent graduates have gone on to do:

- London Borough Of Islington, **Social Worker**
- The Health Quality Service, **Account Manager Mental Health**
- South Downs Health NHS Trust, **Clinical Psychologist**
- UBS Warburg (Banking), **HRA Supervisor**
- Children's Express, **Journalist**
- St Georges Church, **Pastoral Assistant**
- Kingsbury High School (Brent LEA), **Teacher of Religious Education**
- Eversheds, **Trainee Solicitor**
- First Base Walsall, **Trainee Youth Worker**
- Bede House Association, **Assistant Domestic Violence Caseworker**
- Transport for London, **Graduate Trainee**
- The Methodist Church, **Probationer Minister**
- EON, **Corporate Management Graduate Trainee**
- House of Parliament, **Entry Researcher**
- Market Endeavour, **Business Development Manager**
- Crown Prosecution Service, **Case Progression Officer**
- Oak Hall Expeditions, **Winter Team Assistant Co-ordinator**

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