

Our degree programmes

Single honours

Four-year undergraduate degree programme	MA (Hons) Religious Studies V627
	MA (Hons) Theology QVV6
	BD (Hons) Divinity V600

Joint honours

Four-year undergraduate degree programme	MA (Hons) Religious Studies & English Literature VQ63
	MA (Hons) Religious Studies & Scottish Literature V6Q3
	MA (Hons) Divinity and Classics VQ68
	MA (Hons) Philosophy and Theology VV56

Bachelor of Divinity (General and Honours)

Three or four-year undergraduate degree programme. Graduate entry option available.	BD Divinity (General) Three years
	BD (Hons) Divinity Four years
	MDiv Divinity (Graduate Entry) Three years

The Careers Service

The University's Career Service looks to enhance your university experience from the moment you arrive, not just in your final year.

In an increasingly competitive employment environment, we support you to gain experience that will enhance your personal development and employability, alongside your academic studies. We also offer many opportunities to gain the skills and experience that will ensure you are well prepared to achieve a satisfying and rewarding future.






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Open to
the world

Why study Theology and Religious Studies at Edinburgh

Top 20 We are ranked 16th in the world for the study of Theology, Divinity and Religious Studies (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023).

6TH
Edinburgh is ranked the sixth best student city in Europe and 10th in the world.*

12TH
Our graduates are ranked 12th in Europe for employability. §



* QS Best Student Cities 2023, § QS World University Rankings 2022



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
School of Divinity

Studying at the School of Divinity



The School of Divinity is one of the largest centres for the teaching and research of theology and religious studies in the UK. We offer degree programmes across a number of related fields and seek to develop an understanding of the main

phenomena of religion, such as belief systems, rituals, mythology, iconography, practices and ethics and the integral part they play in human culture. The world needs people who are good at thinking about religion as globally, nationally and locally religion makes a difference to the world, it affects politics, society, families, education, culture and economics.

Theology investigates the Judaeo-Christian tradition with the opportunity to concentrate on areas such as Biblical Studies, Theology and Ethics and the History of Christianity in a Global Context. Religious Studies explores different religious traditions, including Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and new religious practices. Our degrees provide opportunities for interdisciplinary study in language, philosophy, cultural studies, history, social ethics, sociology, psychology, science and geopolitics. Studying at Edinburgh, with world class academics, will allow you to investigate religion at a time when its influence and importance have never been greater.

Professor Jeremy Carrette
Head of School

Graduate profile

Ellie Williams

Manager at PwC, MA (Hons) Philosophy and Theology

“I graduated from New College in 2013 and now work as a Management Consultant with PwC.

University provided me with essential foundations for the workplace by enabling me to learn how to adapt my communication style, challenge ideas and construct arguments. It provided a safe environment for me to experience working with different cultures and beliefs, where people didn't always think like I did. I draw on all these skills nearly every day in my job”

Why Choose Theology and Religious Studies at Edinburgh?

We are ranked 16th in the world for the study of theology, divinity and religious studies (QS World University Rankings, 2023).

Our friendly and approachable teaching staff consist of internationally respected scholars in a wide range of specialisms.

You will join a vibrant, tight-knit community of around 450 students and 40 staff, based in one of Edinburgh's iconic buildings – New College.

Small class sizes and an inspiring teaching community will ensure you will get the most out of your degree programme.

You don't need qualifications in religious studies to take up the study of religion. Our students come from backgrounds in arts, humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

Facilities at New College

As a School of Divinity student you will be based in the iconic New College building, known for its vibrant, tight-knit, student community and first-class student support. The School offers a socialising hall with term time café and an onsite library which is one of the largest religion and theology libraries in the UK.

In addition to the facilities at New College, you will also benefit from the University Main Library, which has more than 1.8 million printed brochures and 24 hour access, and the opportunity to use some of the best university sports and gym facilities in the UK.



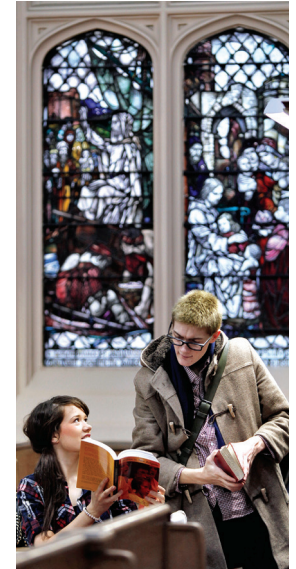
The benefits of a four year degree programme

As a Scottish university, Edinburgh offers a flexible four-year honours degree programme*.

In Years 1 and 2, you can study subjects outside your key discipline, before specialising in Years 3 and 4. This allows you to develop a breadth as well as a depth of knowledge, expanding your academic range and enhancing your student experience.

Your final 'honours' Years 3 and 4 allow you to focus on your subject in depth, and the fourth year dissertation – comprising a piece of original research – represents the culmination of your degree and the demonstration of your abilities as an independent scholar.

* *The above does not apply to the Bachelor of Divinity (general) degree or the Master of Divinity degree, which are three-year degree programmes.*



Studying a joint degree programme from the School of Divinity

Joint degree programmes are a great way to study two subjects at the same time, and Edinburgh offers several joint degree programmes with religious studies, theology and divinity.