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# Theology and Religion MRes

The MRes degree is a research programme with some provision for taught modules. It offers a wide range of possibilities for study and supervision in the study of Christianity, the Bible and Christian thought, including, for example, Pentecostal, Evangelical, Queer and Intercultural theologies; biblical hermeneutics; philosophy of religion and philosophical theology; contemporary systematic theology; and literary, cultural or historical approaches to Hebrew Bible or New Testament studies.

**Study here and find out why the University of Birmingham has been awarded The Times and The Sunday Times University of the Year 2013-14 (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx)**

## Course fact file

**Type of Course:** Combined research and taught

**Study Options:** Full time, part time

**Duration:** 1 year full-time; 2 years part-time

**Start date:** September 2014

## Related courses

**Evangelical and Charismatic Studies MA/Diploma/Certificate (/postgraduate/courses/taught/thr/evangelical-charismatic-studies.aspx)**

**Religion and Culture MRes (/postgraduate/courses/combined/thr/religion-culture.aspx)**

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**School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion (/schools/ptr/index.aspx)**

## Details

The Theology and Religion MRes is a research degree that includes taught components; it may be followed as an end in itself, but also provides an excellent foundation for subsequent doctoral research.

The programme comprises four components; a compulsory Research Methodology module; two optional modules from among the wide range available in the Department of Theology and Religion; and a 20,000-word thesis on a topic of your choice.

Your thesis can focus on any aspect of the study of Christian thought and theology or Biblical Studies that interests you, but among the Department's strengths are themes such as contextual and intercultural theologies and approaches to biblical interpretation; contemporary and philosophical theology; Evangelical/Charismatic, queer, liberationist and Asian theologies; and historical, cultural and literary approaches to the Bible.

## Why study this course

The MRes is an excellent transition into research for applicants who already have a Theology or Religious Studies background and are exploring the possibility of future doctoral studies, a research or other academic career, or simply want to explore in detail a topic that they find particularly fascinating.

Moreover, the University of Birmingham is an excellent centre for the study of religion and culture. It has built up good relationships and partnerships with Birmingham's many different communities, and such a rich cultural mix means that it provides an ideal setting to study the relations between Religion and Culture. The city is recognised as one of the most multicultural cities in Europe, with representation from most religious traditions.

## Fees and funding

We charge an annual tuition fee. Fees for 2014/15 are currently as follows:

- Home / EU £3,996 full-time; £1,998 part-time

- Overseas: £12,565 full-time; £6,282.50 part-time

Learn more about **fees and funding (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/dr/tuition.aspx)** .

### Scholarships and studentships

Scholarships to cover fees and/or maintenance costs may be available. To discover whether you are eligible for any award across the University, and to start your funding application, please visit the University's **Postgraduate Funding Database (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/funding/FundingFilter.aspx)** .

International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government.

University of Birmingham graduates - including those due to graduate in summer 2014 - may be entitled to a fee reduction through the **College of Arts and Law Alumni Bursary scheme (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/calgs/scholarships/alumni-bursary.aspx)** .

## Entry requirements

Normally a 2:1 degree in a relevant discipline is required for entry

Learn more about **entry requirements (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/index.aspx)**

### International students

#### Academic requirements

We accept a range of qualifications, our **country pages (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx)** show you what qualifications we accept from your country.

#### English language requirements

You can satisfy our English language requirements in two ways:

- by holding an **English language qualification (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/index.aspx)** to the right level
- by taking and successfully completing one of our **English courses for international students (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx)**

## How to apply

When clicking on the Apply Now button you will be directed to an application specifically designed for the programme you wish to apply for where you will create an account with the University application system and submit your application and supporting documents online. Further information regarding how to apply online can be found on the **How to apply pages (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx)**

**Apply now (https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/CAL118.htm)**

## Learning and teaching

As well as the taught modules you take on this programme, the department has a busy programme of research seminars, conferences and workshops which you can attend, so you'll be able to gain insight from a range of academics and peers from across the department.

You will also become part of, and contribute to, the vibrant international community of the College of Arts and Law Graduate School, which offers dedicated research resources and a supportive working environment. Our team of academic and operational staff are on hand to offer support and advice to all postgraduate students within the College.

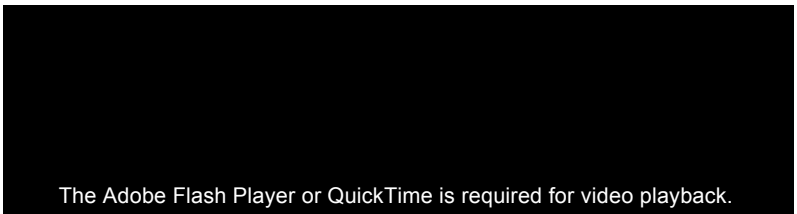
### Related staff

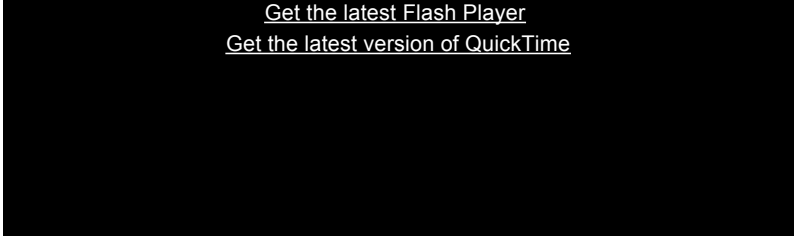
**Dr Andrew Davies (/staff/profiles/tr/davies-andrew.aspx)**

## Employability

The University of Birmingham has been ranked 8th in the UK and 60th in the world for post-qualification employability in the latest global survey of universities commissioned by the International Herald Tribune.

Your degree will provide excellent preparation for employment and this will be further enhanced by the employability skills training offered through the College of Arts and Law Graduate School.






Our Theology graduates develop a range of skills including, critical and analytical ability, and the expertise to write clearly and concisely and to tight deadlines, which be used in a variety of occupations. A snapshot of graduate destinations over a five-year period has identified a variety of career paths, from careers in churches of various denominations to working as teachers in schools.

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