RELIGION
BA (Hons)
WHY STUDY RELIGION?

Understanding religion in different contexts and developing the transferable skills of critical thinking, communication, research and analysis, make Religion graduates an invaluable resource for today’s employers.

COURSE DETAILS

At Stirling we are committed to approaching ‘religion’ in a critical manner, in two broad senses:

Firstly: We question the fundamental category of ‘religion’. It is sometimes assumed to be a ‘thing’ that simply exists, and this is where, in part, the idea that we can study ‘religions’ as entities in any society or context comes from. This, of course, implies that what ‘religion’ actually is stands as common knowledge and applies to all contexts. But where does religion begin, end or move into other areas? This is just one of the intellectually challenging questions we ask during this course.

Secondly: Rather than setting ‘religion’ up as something to blame or defend, we look at it from a critical standpoint – but one that is open to difference. People sometimes use the term ‘religious’ to promote or belittle. At Stirling, reflection on what people call ‘religious’ or ‘secular’ experiences is the starting point for a journey of exploration within a world of bewildering virtual interconnectivity that will challenge rigid prejudices and flimsy stereotypes. It will change the way you think and feel about your world for ever!

Please note that Religion is studied as a Combined degree. You will take Religion plus two other subjects in Year 1.

WHY CHOOSE STIRLING?

The Religion course is delivered by a dedicated research team committed to widening interests through teaching, academic research and other forms of knowledge exchange, including a web presence maintained in collaboration with Ekklesia, an independent, not-for-profit think-tank:

Academic staff in Religion regularly publish books and academic papers and are involved in a range of academic-related projects and networks, such as The International Society of Religion, Literature, and Culture (isrlc.org) and Chinese scholars and artists at Renmin University in Beijing.
“The content of the curriculum is always engaging, and moreover, provides a diverse range of critical material that is both intellectually stimulating and pertinent to the course. It is no exaggeration when I say that studying Critical Religion at Stirling has very much influenced and changed the way I think, specifically in how I engage with information and new material.”

Emma McCabe
BA (Hons) Religion and English

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
As a graduate of a Stirling Religion degree you will have honed a toolkit of transferable skills that today’s employers find invaluable, including the ability to:

• communicate fluently and effectively
• think critically and imaginatively
• research efficiently
• balance competing commitments
• engage in collegial work
• meet deadlines and work without the need for close supervision
• develop knowledge and understanding of specific and competing ways of seeing the world and its possibilities
• develop a keen awareness of constantly balancing sets of very different values
• understand distinctive and traditional differences, establishing workable and effective practices or solutions in business, political advocacy, the arts and beyond.

Graduates have gone on to work in: the civil service, social work, hospital and prison management, banking and insurance, music production, commerce including commercial research, the police, armed services, publishing and the media, as well as the perhaps more traditional career pathway of teaching and academic research.

RELIGION
COMBINED DEGREE ONLY
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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
FOUR-YEAR HONOURS
SQA Highers:
ABBB – one sitting
AABB – two sittings
GCE A-levels:
BBB
IB Diploma:
32
BTEC (Level 3):
DDM

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
Scottish HNC/HND:
Minimum entry: Bs in graded unit.
Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
General entry requirements apply. Please visit:
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PART TIME AND STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS AVAILABLE
**TYPICAL TIMETABLE** This is illustrative of a typical timetable.

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**SEMESTER 1-4 OPTIONAL MODULES** (subject to change)
Optional modules include topics from: Politics, Philosophy, Social Science, Aquaculture, Sports Studies, Film & Media, History, Law, French, Spanish, Education, Computer Science, Study Skills, Business Studies

**SEMESTER 5-7 OPTIONAL MODULES** (subject to change)
Religion and Gender, Anthropology or Religion, Religion and Philosophy: Modern, World traditions of knowledge transmission

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