This new and innovative degree links political science, sociological, and anthropological perspectives to illuminate religion’s role in domestic and global contexts, and, conversely, explores how contemporary religious expressions shape and are shaped by cultural, social and political trends. This is a pioneering programme, the first of its kind in the UK.

**Key benefits**

- King’s is home to a large, vibrant Department of Theology & Religious Studies, with special expertise in Islam, Judaism, Christianity and Buddhism and a variety of contemporary religious movements.
- The Department is ranked joint third in the UK for world-leading and internationally excellent research.
- Our teaching makes the most of London’s rich religious culture, incorporating many places of worship and the collections of the British Museum.
- King’s central location offers easy access to numerous libraries across London.
- Students develop key transferable skills which can lead to a variety of different careers.

**Course details**

The course explores the complex relationships between religion, politics and society around the world. It offers an innovative approach to the study of politics and society, linking them with sociological and anthropological perspectives to provide a new understanding of one of the central problems of our time: the role of religion in society and domestic, international and transnational politics, and how religion is in turn shaped by global and local cultural, social, and political trends.

Each course has a distinctive core, with a unique pattern of modules (some year-long modules, some over a single term). In your first year there will be some required modules to develop your basic subject knowledge. The range of choice increases substantially in the second and third years, to allow you to follow your developing interests and strengths.

King’s College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore modules may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.
Teaching
We strongly believe that teaching and research should be closely related. All our teaching staff are research-active, many enjoying international reputations as leaders in their fields. Our commitment to original research means that we can introduce students to new discoveries in a diverse range of fields being explored by our staff.

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Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Assessment
Methods of assessment vary between modules, but typically involve some coursework (usually an essay) and a written examination, although a few modules are assessed in only one of these methods.

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Regulating body
King’s College London is regulated by the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

Course structure
Courses are divided into modules. Each year you will normally take modules totaling 120 credits.

Year 1
Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:
- Study Skills (15 credits)
- Introduction to the Sociology of Religion (15 credits)
- Introduction to the Anthropology of Religion (15 credits)
- Introduction to Religion & Politics (15 credits)

You are also required to take two modules from the following list:
- Introduction to Islam (15 credits)
- Introduction to Jewish Thought & Practice (15 credits)
- Introduction to Buddhism (15 credits)

Optional modules
You are also required to take a further 30 credits from a wide range of optional modules that may typically include:
- Elements of Ethics (15 credits)
- Introductory New Testament Greek with Texts (30 credits)
- Philosophical Texts in Historical Contexts (15 credits)
- Thinking about Evil (15 credits)
- Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion (15 credits)
- Introduction to Modern Christianity (15 credits)
- Introduction to Early Christianity (15 credits)

Year 2
Required modules
You are required to take modules totalling 45 credits from the following modules:
- Religion in Different Social & Geo-Political Contexts: Anthropological Perspectives (15 credits)
- Religion & Politics in International & Transnational Contexts (15 credits)
- Modern Islam I: History & Politics (15 credits)
- Religious Differences: Jewish, Christian & other Perspectives (15 credits)
Optional modules
You are also required to take modules totalling 75 credits from a range of optional modules which may typically include:

- An Introduction to the Doctrine of the Person of Christ (15 credits)
- Intermediate Greek with Texts (15 credits)
- Paul in Context (15 credits)
- Religion, Culture & Society in Reformation Europe (15 credits)
- Ritual in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (15 credits)
- Salvation & the City: Christian Faith & the Arts (15 credits)
- Applied Ethics (15 credits)
- Philosophy & Film (15 credits)
- Religion in Different Social & Geopolitical Contexts - Anthropological Perspectives (15 credits)
- New Testament Greek & Exegesis A (15 credits)
- The Bible in Modern Imagination (15 credits)
- Theological Themes of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (15 credits)
- ‘What is Christianity?’: Patristic Perspectives (15 credits)
- Between Revolutions: British Christianity 1689-1860 (15 credits)
- Faith & Enlightenment: Philosophies of Religion from Anselm to Kant (15 credits)
- Buddhist Ethics (15 credits)
- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (30 credits)

Full-time students have the opportunity to study abroad at one of our partner universities around the world in your second year. Our current partner universities include:

- University of Helsinki
- National University of Singapore
- University of Toronto (semester one or full year only)
- University of North Carolina
- Süleyman Demirel University
- University of Sydney
- George Washington University
- University of Helsinki
- National University of Singapore
- University of Toronto (semester one or full year only)
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- University of Sydney
- George Washington University

Year 3

Required modules
You are required to take 30 credits from the following list, which may typically include:

- Anthropological Approaches to Religious Innovation & Questions of Being (15 credits)
- Religion, Politics & Global Media (15 credits)
- New Religious Movements in Global Perspective (15 credits)
- Varieties of Religious Experience: Christianity in Britain 1850-1970 (15 credits)
- Anthropological Approaches to Religious Innovation & Questions of Being (15 credits)
- The English Reformation (15 credits)
- Exploring New Testament Theology I (15 credits)
- Hebrew Texts - Prose (15 credits)
- Special Questions in Social Ethics (15 credits)
- Principles of Systematic Theology (15 credits)
- Contemporary Thought in the Muslim World (15 credits)
- Law & Ethics in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (15 credits)
- Women & Gender in the Bible (15 credits)
- European Jews & the Orient (15 credits)
- Contemporary Theology & Philosophy (15 credits)
- The Search for Meaning (15 credits)
- Philosophy of Religious Life (15 credits)
- Theravada Buddhism (15 credits)
- Independent Study Project (30 credits), which should be in the study of religion from the perspectives of anthropology, sociology or politics.

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Location
As a capital city and home to a mix of people of hugely diverse backgrounds, London offers great opportunities to you as a student of religion. Many religious groups with very different beliefs, rituals and religious art exist on the Department’s doorstep. Our central location on the Stand Campus means we have access to unrivalled resources, such as the National Archives, the British Library, the British Museum, the National Gallery, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and Lambeth Palace Library, to name only a few.
Career prospects

A Religion, Politics & Society degree at King’s will equip you with key transferable skills in critical analysis, argument and communication that are indispensable in a wide variety of occupations. King’s students go on to careers in: government, the Civil Service, non-government organisations, social services, the caring professions, charities, law, the City, academia, PR and advertising, journalism and the media, entertainment and the arts, the church and other religious organisations.

Recent graduates from Theology and Religious Studies have found employment as an Insight Manager at ISPUN, a Sales Executive at an Events company, a PR Assistant, a Research Ethics Co-ordinator at the National Research Ethics Service, a Researcher, at the Houses of Parliament, a Trainee Accountant, a Children/Family Worker at Regents Trust, a Publishing Assistant at Allison and Busby, a Research Assistant at Tyndale House and a Company Director at a Musical Entertainment company.

Fees and funding

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website:
kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs/expenses

In addition to the course fees and the costs above, you can also expect to pay for:

- books if you choose to buy your own copies
- clothing for optional course related events and competitions
- library fees and fines
- personal photocopies
- printing course handouts
- society membership fees
- stationery
- graduation costs
- travel costs for travel around London and between campuses.

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