



BA Theology and Religious Studies (Combined Honours)

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GETTING READY FOR LEVEL 4 (FIRST YEAR)

i) Your Modules:

In your first year you will take six modules.

- a) Three core modules from the Department of Theology and Religious Studies:
 - TH4041 Introduction to Theology
 - TH4042 The Study of Religion: An Introduction
 - TH4045 The Bible: Contents and Contexts
- b) PLUS three modules from your other subject.

ii) Books you will need when you arrive:

If you don't already have one, you will need to buy a copy of this NRSV translation of the Bible:

- **The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), with Apocrypha** (Oxford University Press).
 - Including "Apocrypha" (additional biblical books).
 - Anglicized edition (i.e., not with US spelling).

iii) Books you will be given when you arrive:

All students on the BA Theology and Religious Studies (Combined Honours) programme will be given copies of the following books by the University of Chester when you arrive:

- 1) Ezigbo, V.I. (2013). *Introducing Christian Theologies*. Eugen, Oreg.: Cascade Books.
- 2) Woodhead, L., and Heelas, P. (eds) (2000). *Religion in Modern Times: An Interpretive Anthology*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers.

Thus you could certainly take a look at these before you arrive, but you don't need to buy them.

iv) Further (optional) preparatory reading:

There is nothing you MUST read before you arrive, but, should you wish to, the following are recommended items of preparatory reading for each of the Level 4 modules available to you:

- **TH4041: Introduction to Theology**
 - McGrath, A.E. (2011). *Christian Theology: An Introduction*. (5th ed.). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- **TH4042: The Study of Religion: an Introduction**
 - Nye, M. (2008). *Religion: The Basics*. (2nd ed.). London: Routledge.
 - [OR: Hinnells, J. (ed.) (2010). *The Routledge Companion to the Study of Religion*. (2nd ed.). New York: Routledge.]
- **TH4045: The Bible: Contents and Contexts**
 - Collins, J.J. (2014). *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible: Second Edition*. (2nd ed.). Minneapolis: Fortress Press.

We're very much looking forward to welcoming you to the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Chester!



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