

RELIGION AND SOCIETY (MSc/PgDip/PgCert)

57L350B1/61L350VX/62L350VZ

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time (MSc); 9 months full-time (PgDip); 4 months full-time (PgCert).

Aims: The degree is designed for those with an interest in the general area of religion and society, as well as those who wish to earn a qualification that will build upon their experience in parish, congregational and community development, for teachers of religious education as part of their professional development, whether recent graduates or not.

Content:

FULL TIME ROUTE

Stage 1

SO5011 Qualitative Sociology: Philosophy & Methods (30 credit points)
SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)

Stage 2

SO5514 Religious Belief and Practice in the Modern World (30 credit points)

One Specialist Option, Related to Dissertation Topic (30 credit points) from the following:

SO5512 Dimensions of Globalization (30 credit points)
SO5515 The Comparative Study of European Societies (30 credit points)
SO5519 Sex, Gender, Violence: Critical Approaches (30 credit points).
SO5523 Quantitative Sociology: Philosophy & Methods (30 credit points)
SO5525 Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (30 credit points)
SO5526 Global Conflict and Peace Processes (30 credit points)

Stage 3

SO5902 Dissertation in Religion and Society (60 credit points)

PART TIME ROUTE

This route will run over two years. Students can take up to 120 credit points in a single year. SO5902 must be taken in Year 2. The following courses are compulsory and can be taken in either Year 1 or Year 2:

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SO5014 Advanced Social Theory (30 credit points)
SO5514 Religious Belief and Practice in the Modern World (30 credit points)

Plus one Specialist Option, Related to Dissertation Topic (30 credit points) from the following:

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SO5523 Quantitative Sociology: Philosophy & Methods (30 credit points)
SO5525 Post-Conflict Justice and Peacebuilding (30 credit points)
SO5526 Global Conflict and Peace Processes (30 credit points)

Assessment: Assessment methods vary from course to course and include essays, reports, exercises and presentations. Courses are 100% continuous assessment, perhaps, with the exception of the specialist option. The degree of MSc shall not be awarded to a candidate who fails to achieve

a CGS grade of D3 or above in the Dissertation (SO5902), irrespective of their performance in other courses.