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Postgraduate Programmes in Theology and Religious Studies

Prof Rachel Muers, November 2024

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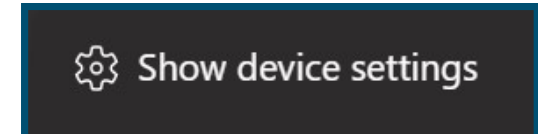


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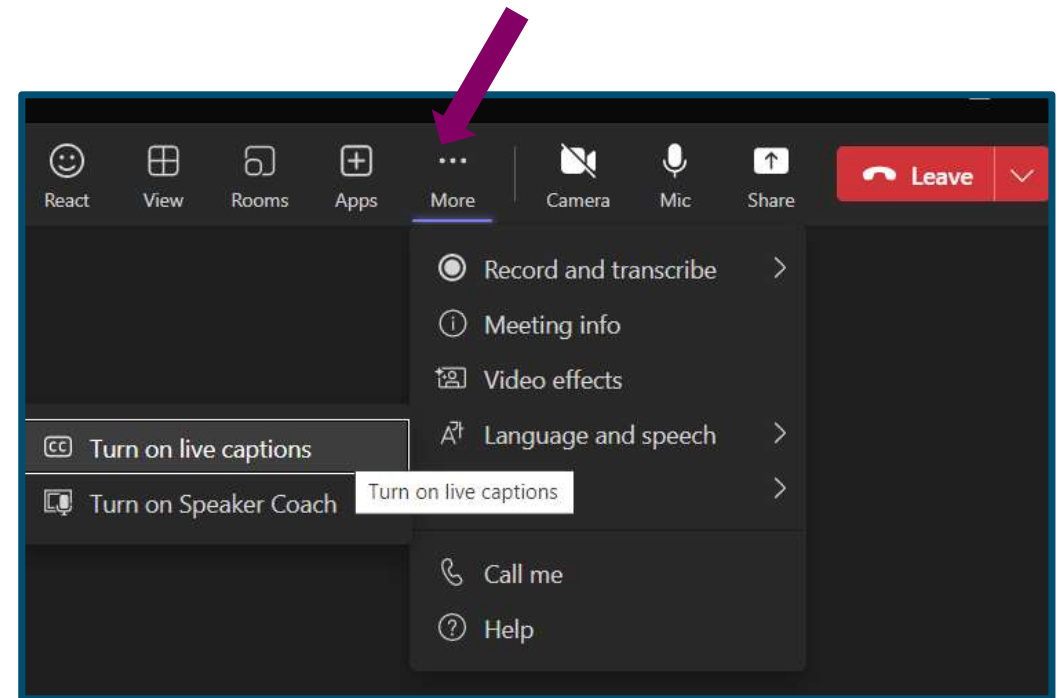
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Our School community

- Our community of 300 undergraduate and 150 postgraduate students and about 40 full-time academic staff come from all over the world and with a variety of religious affiliations.
- They include internationally respected scholars working in a wide range of specialisms.



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What we do and what you can be part of

- Research and teaching across the full breadth of Theology and Religious Studies

Centre for the Study of Christian Origins



Examining the emergence and early developments in Christianity.

Centre for the Study of World Christianity



Advancing scholarship in Christianity outside the western hemisphere.

Centre for Theology and Public Issues



Promoting reflection and research on important public issues to which Christian theology can make a constructive contribution.

Christian-Muslim Studies Network



Creating academic links between Western scholars and religious thinkers in the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia.

Edinburgh Buddhist Studies Network



Bringing together Buddhist Studies enthusiasts in Scotland and the north of the UK.

Edinburgh Jewish Studies Network



Bringing together research scholars at the University of Edinburgh and from across the central belt of Scotland.

Scottish Network for Religion and Literature



Our network shares knowledge and develops research possibilities around the dynamic relationship between literature



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Meet some of our people and see our space...



*Studying at New
College helped
me find my voice*

Carolina Sanz:



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Our taught postgraduate courses

Courses offerings for 2024-5 – subject to variations.

For campus students, each programme has different requirements but you'll always have some flexibility to choose



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Semester 1

Advanced Greek Readings 20 Credits • Level 11	Apocalypse: The Book of Revelation in History and Culture (online) 20 Credits • Level 11 • NV	Approaches to Research in Divinity and Religious Studies 10 Credits • Level 11 • NV	Buddhist Ethics (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11
Christianity in Ukraine (988 to the present) (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Cosmos, Cell and Creator 20 Credits • Level 11	Creeds, Councils and Controversies: Patristic and Medieval 20 Credits • Level 11	Hebrew Scripture Theology 20 Credits • Level 11
History of Science and Religion (online) 20 Credits • Level 11	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Introducing New Testament Greek (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Introducing Sanskrit (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11
Issues of Religion and Ethics in Literature 20 Credits • Level 11	Literature and Religion: Exploring the Connections 20 Credits • Level 11	Philosophy, Science, and Religion 1: The Physical World (Online) 20 Credits • Level 11	Public Theologies: Current Controversies 20 Credits • Level 11
Religion and Nationalism: Theory and Performance 20 Credits • Level 11	Religion and the Enlightenment: The Birth of the Modern 20 Credits • Level 11	Religions in Africa 20 Credits • Level 11	Science and Scripture 20 Credits • Level 11
Science and Scripture (online) 20 Credits • Level 11	Science, Sorcery and Wonder in Islam (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Selected Themes in the Study of World Christianity 20 Credits • Level 11	The Practice of Field-Work in the Study of Religion 20 Credits • Level 11
Theologies of World Christianity 20 Credits • Level 11	Theory and Method in the Study of Religion 20 Credits • Level 11 • NV	Understanding the Hindu Epics: Mahabharata and Ramayana 20 Credits • Level 11	

Semester 2

Advanced Hebrew Texts B 20 Credits • Level 11	Apocalypse: The Book of Revelation in History and Culture (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Approaches to Research: Biblical Studies 10 Credits • Level 11 • NV	Approaches to Research: Religion and Literature 10 Credits • Level 11 • NV
Approaches to Research: Religious Studies 10 Credits • Level 11 • NV	Approaches to Research: Science and Religion 10 Credits • Level 11 • NV	Approaches to Research: Theology in History 10 Credits • Level 11 • NV	Approaches to Research: World Christianity 10 Credits • Level 11 • NV
Buddhist Literature (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Buddhist Monasticism Across Time and Place (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Christianity and Politics in Latin America, 1800 to the present (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Creeds, Councils and Controversies: Reformation and Modern 20 Credits • Level 11
History of Science and Religion in the Christian Tradition 20 Credits • Level 11	Intermediate New Testament Greek (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Intermediate Sanskrit (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Introducing Biblical Hebrew (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11
Introducing Classical Syriac (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Jews and Non-Jews: Co-existence, Conflict, Co-operation (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Jews, Christians and Pagans 20 Credits • Level 11	Key Thinkers in Science and Religion 20 Credits • Level 11
Liberation Theologies in Christianity and Islam: Comparative Perspectives 20 Credits • Level 11	Martyrdom, Monasticism and Mysticism: Women Writers of the Early and 20 Credits • Level 11	Mission, Media, and Migration: The Making of a World Church (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	New Spiritualities 20 Credits • Level 11
Philosophy, Science and Religion 2: Life and Mind (online) 20 Credits • Level 11	Race and Religiosity (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Science and Religion in Literature 20 Credits • Level 11	Scottish Literature, Imagination, and Faith 20 Credits • Level 11
The Dark Lord: God and Violence in the Hebrew Bible (PG) 20 Credits • Level 11	Theology in the Long Reformation 1400-1600 20 Credits • Level 11	Theology, Ecology, and Climate Change: Christian thought in a changing 20 Credits • Level 11	Theology, Ecology, and Climate Change: Christian thought in a changing 20 Credits • Level 11



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What about research degrees?

- PhD programmes all have a similar structure – and are all available
 - Full-time on campus
 - Part-time on campus
 - Part-time by distance
- One-year *research* Masters full-time on campus – small-scale independent research project with training and support



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Being an on campus taught postgraduate student

A full-time student will typically have...

- Two or three taught courses in each of two semesters (Sept-Dec, Jan-April)...
- ...with two to three hours of class time per course per week...
- ...alongside specialist *research seminars* bringing together staff, research students and taught postgraduates...
- ...and individual meetings with staff as relevant



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Being a taught postgraduate student online – Philosophy, Science and Religion

- Discussion-based live online sessions, with some recorded online lectures to watch at your own pace
- Core courses giving an overview of *Philosophy, Science and Religion*; options in science and religion, philosophy, ethics, theology



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Being a PhD student... some key features

- Study space in New College
- Specialist research seminars, major lecture series and public events
- Teaching opportunities
- Social gatherings (in-person and online)
- Distance students – join us every year for a week in Edinburgh in the summer!



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Thinking of joining us? Next steps

- Explore our website for details of courses – and then apply through the Degree Finder [Subject area: Theology and Religious Studies](#)
- Thinking of applying for a PhD? Get in touch! Academic staff are always happy to hear from potential students and to discuss research proposals – contact Rachel Muers for advice if you're not sure whom to ask
- Interested in scholarships and funding? *Apply by the beginning of February for School PhD scholarships*

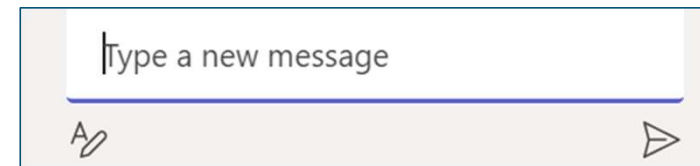
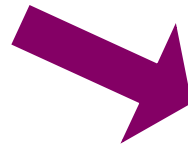
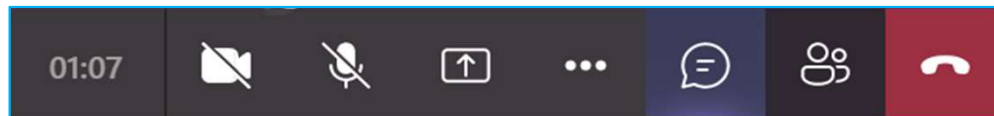


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- <https://edin.ac/student-chat-pg>



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Contact details for follow-up questions

- We apologise if we did not get through all of your questions in the time allotted for this session. If you have further questions that have not been answered, please email:
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- div.pgadmissions@ed.ac.uk for School-specific queries

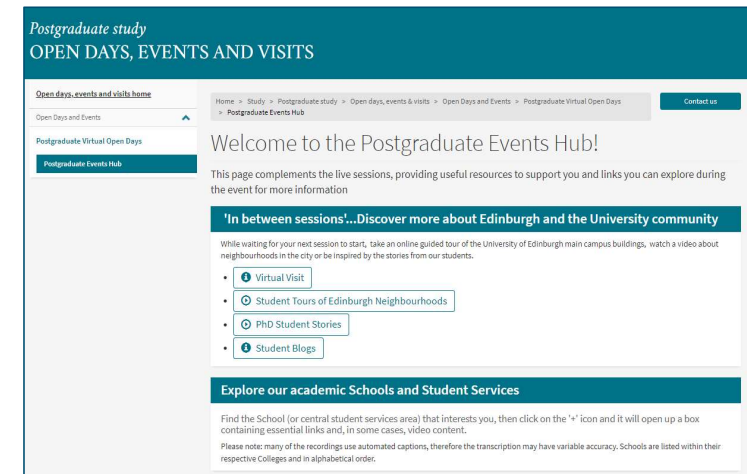
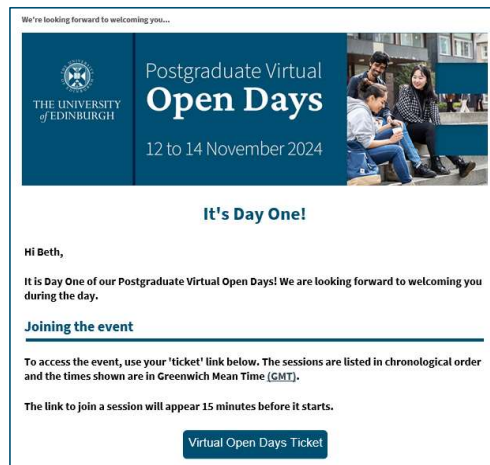


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