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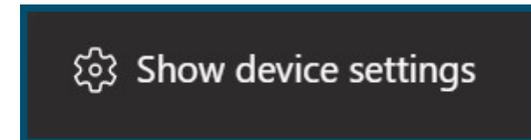
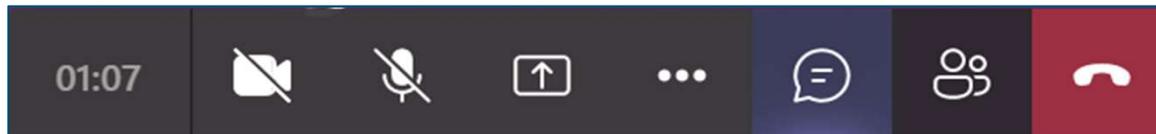


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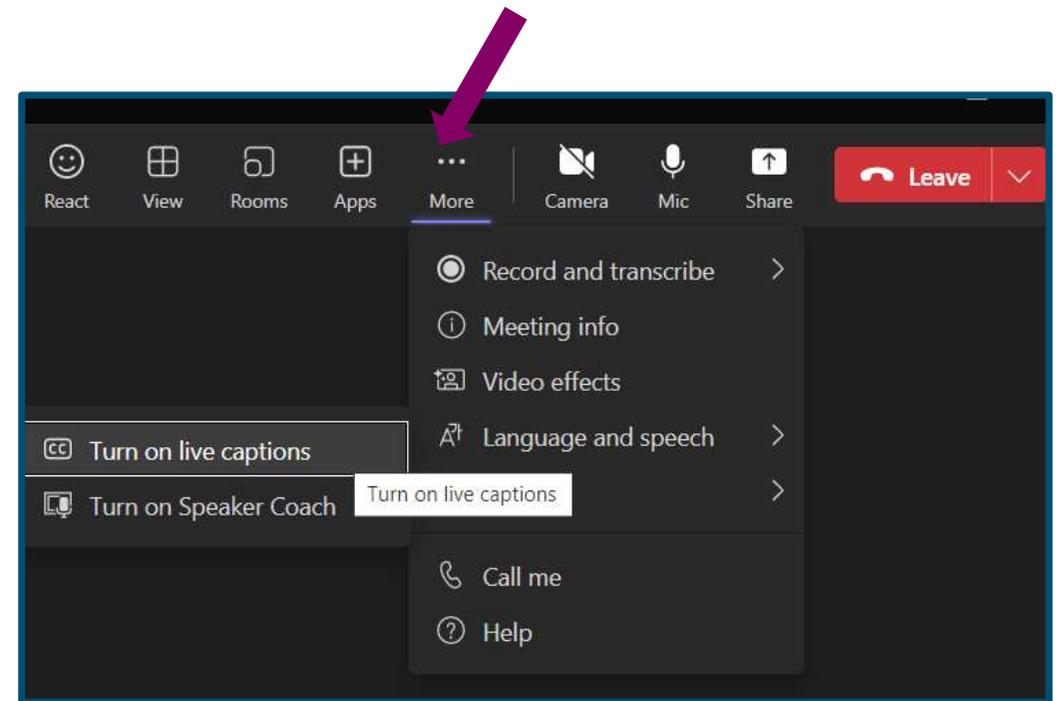
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Our School community

- 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.

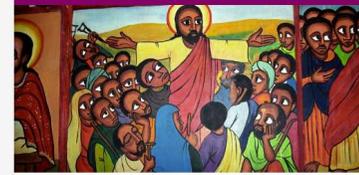


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What we do and what you can be part of

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

<p>Centre for the Study of Christian Origins</p>  <p>Examining the emergence and early developments in Christianity.</p>	<p>Centre for the Study of World Christianity</p>  <p>Advancing scholarship in Christianity outside the western hemisphere.</p>
<p>Centre for Theology and Public Issues</p>  <p>Promoting reflection and research on important public issues to which Christian theology can make a constructive contribution.</p>	<p>Christian-Muslim Studies Network</p>  <p>Creating academic links between Western scholars and religious thinkers in the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia.</p>

<p>Edinburgh Buddhist Studies Network</p>  <p>Bringing together Buddhist Studies enthusiasts in Scotland and the north of the UK.</p>	<p>Edinburgh Jewish Studies Network</p>  <p>Bringing together research scholars at the University of Edinburgh and from across the central belt of Scotland.</p>
<p>Scottish Network for Religion and Literature</p>  <p>Our network shares knowledge and develops research possibilities around the dynamic relationship between literature</p>	



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
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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



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



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



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!



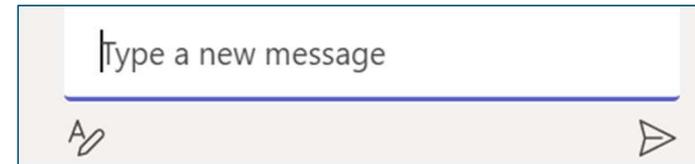
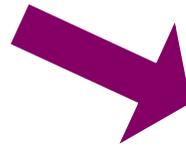
Thinking of joining us? Next steps

- 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*



Asking questions (Microsoft Teams)

- Type your question into the Chat Area



Next Steps...

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKgvjDRKa7w&t=1s>

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



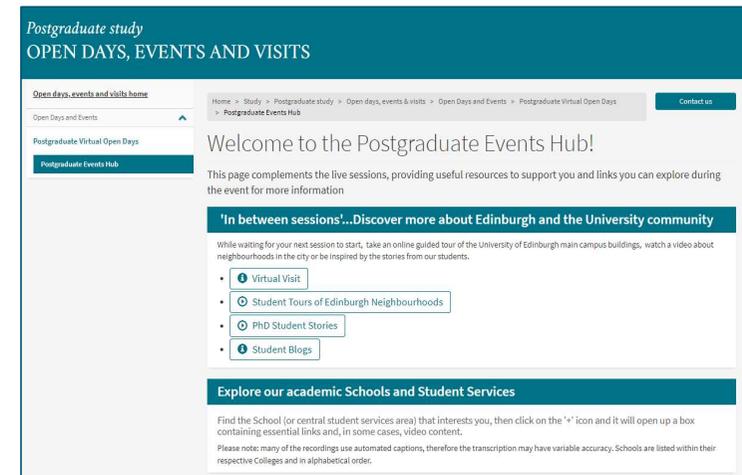
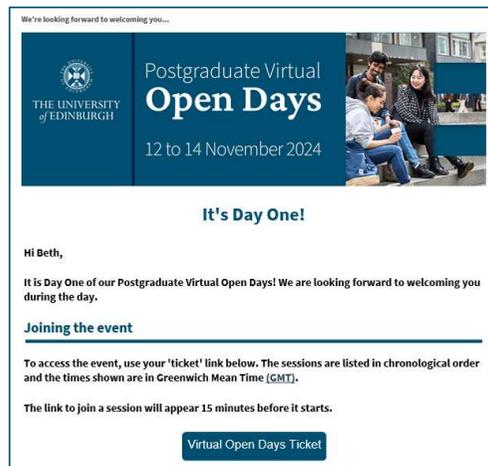
Contact details for follow-up questions

- 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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