

PRELIMINARY READING LISTS

BA in THEOLOGY AND RELIGION BA in PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY

Welcome! We are very pleased you will join us this autumn and we look forward to welcoming you in College!

Please see below a few readings to get you going on some of your Theology papers. You will be able to engage the texts in much more detail once you arrive in College and begin your studies in earnest, but you will find it helpful to gain a little familiarity with these key resources before you matriculate.

1101 Introduction to the Study of the Bible

This is a **compulsory** paper for Theology and Religion students and an **optional** paper for Philosophy and Theology students.

For the New Testament part of the paper:

Please note that there is no substitute for the primary texts, so please make sure you have read at least the following:

*Luke's Gospel – the New Revised Standard Version (used for examinations) but you are encouraged to look at a number of different translations in order to get really familiar with this primary text.

*We also encourage you to read Acts and Mark's Gospel.

In addition, the following introductory text is very useful:

*Brown, R. E. and M. L. Soards (2016) *An introduction to the New Testament: the abridged edition*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

For the Old Testament part of the paper:

*The Book of Genesis 12-25 – again the New Revised Standard Version, but also others as above.

*Gertz, J. C., A. Berlejung, K. Schmid and M. Witte (2012) *T & T Clark Handbook of the Old Testament: an introduction to the literature, religion and history of the Old Testament*. London: T&T Clark.

1201 The Figure of Jesus through the Centuries

This is a **compulsory** paper for Theology and Religion students, and a **compulsory** paper for Philosophy and Theology students. For this paper, it would be helpful to gain some familiarity with a few of the essays (and the sheer breadth of approaches) contained in the following collections:

*Bockmuehl, M. (ed.) (2011) *The Cambridge companion to Jesus*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

*Burkett, D. (ed.) (2011) *The Blackwell companion to Jesus*. Oxford: Blackwells.

*Murphy, F. A. (ed.) (2015) *The Oxford handbook of Christology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

In particular you might focus your reading on some of the following topics covered in the course: The Gospel of John; the Apocryphal Gospels; Arius and Athanasius; the Councils of Nicaea and Chalcedon; Anselm of Canterbury; the medieval mystics; David Strauss; Nietzsche; Dostoevsky; Jesus in Islamic, Buddhist, and Hindu thought; Liberation theology; Jesus in film.

1301 Religion and Religions

This is a **compulsory** paper for Theology and Religion and an **optional** paper for Philosophy and Theology students. It is a paper designed to give you a sense of the different ways religion can be studied. Here are a few key texts from the field:

*Cantwell-Smith, W. (1962) *The meaning and end of religion: a revolutionary approach to the great religious traditions*. New York: Macmillan Company.

*Eliade, M. (1954) *The myth of the eternal return: cosmos and history*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

*Frazer, J. 1941 (1922) *The golden bough: a study in magic and religion*. London: Macmillan.

Happy reading and see you in October!

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