

Religion & Classical Civilisation Joint Honors (TR663)



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Why Study Religion & Classical Civilisation?

This Joint Honors combination studies ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern religions, with particular emphasis on Jewish and Christian traditions, together with classical civilisations, namely Greece and Rome. In this degree religion is approached as a cultural force in antiquity. Both subjects offer detailed study (in translation) of the literature and thought of ancient civilisations and their religions.

Topics include ancient Mediterranean religions, Israelite, early Jewish and early Christian literature, archaeology and material culture, and the relationship of religion to gender, politics, and power. Students in this degree have the opportunity to take elective language modules in Koine Greek or Classical Hebrew.



“This area of study is one of the most relevant fields in academia and something many people know something about, but so few really understand. From ancient biblical languages to questions about ethics, this subject offers breadth in ways few others do. There are no limits as to where I can go with this degree.”

Katie Brown, BA (Hons) in Religion graduate, 2018.

Study a diversity of ancient literature, including sacred texts, and the rich histories of civilisations across the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean world.

Consider Jewish and Christian anti-imperialist responses to Roman colonization from the perspective of ancient Jews and Christians.

Learn about ancient Palestine and in the context of Eastern Mediterranean cultures.