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## **Planning your Year 4 & “Library Research for Pro’s”**

- Module Choice
- Dissertation Planning
- Looking ahead: Careers and Postgraduate Offers

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# Website Resources: updated by September

<https://www.tcd.ie/religion/current-students/undergraduate-resources/>



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School of Religion, Theology, and Peace Studies

## **BA Religion**

Undergraduate Handbook 2025-26

## **UG Religion**

**Senior Sophister**

**Capstone Project**

**Handbook**



# Year Structure: Modules

## **Semester 1:**

**2 Modules 10 ECTS each: 20 EC**

## **Semester 2:**

**2 Modules 10 ECTS each: 20 EC**

Depending on your pathway: 1 or 2 per semester with Religion

**REU44010 Dissertation (mandatory)**

**Capstone Project & Seminar: 20 ECTC**

# 2 x 2 10 ECTS **modules** per semester:

- Less contact hours, more **self-study**: “seminar style”
  - Strategies and practices: team learning, writing workshops, discussion groups
  - Synergies between modules and Capstone Project
  - The dissertation seems “big” – find a rhythm and time for both

# Year Structure: Modules

## Semester 1:

**2 Modules 10 ECTS each**

## Semester 2:

**2 Modules 10 ECTS each**

Depending on your pathway: 1 or 2 with Religion

REU44752 **Between the Qur'an and Bible: Biblical Characters in Islamic Contexts**, Prof. Zohar Hadromi-Allouche

REU44722 **The Dead Sea Scrolls**, Prof Benjamin Wold

REU44511 **Post-Asceticism: Theological Perspectives on Body, Discipline, and Contemporary Culture**, Dr. Alyson Staunton

REU44742 **Ancient Indian Religions**, Prof Seema Chauhan

REU44043 **Advanced Topics in Systematic Theology**, Prof Massimo Faggioli

REU44732 **Religion in Multiple Modernities**, Prof Alexandra Grieser

**REU44010 Dissertation: Capstone Project & Seminar: 20 ECTS**

# Capstone Project & Seminar:

- A self-directed project: **develop your project idea** in Hilary Term
- **Find a supervisor**, get in touch, agree the topic

- **Send in a proposal**

➤ the latest:

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May**

to

SRundergrad@tcd.ie

	Dissertation Proposal
<b>A title</b>	provisional but indicative
<b>Initial chapter structure</b>	demonstrating an overview of the steps you plan to take and aspects you will consider
<b>Bibliography of 3-5 titles</b>	demonstrating an idea about the approach to your topic
Name and email address of the <b>supervisor</b>	

# Capstone Project:

- **10 - 12,000 words** (including footnotes, excluding bibliography)
  - **start early:** prepare over the summer: broad reading, exploring
  - **consider:** data collection, interviews, need for ethical clearance?
  - **plan your time:** use the timeline in Capstone Handbook, page 8
  - **work your way back** from the submission date: Friday of **Week 9, Hilary Term**
- **your readers:** your Supervisor, a Second Marker, an External Examiner

# Capstone Project & Seminar:

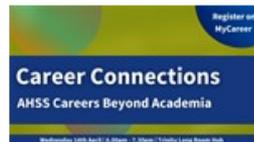
- Working with your **supervisor**: agreement; deadlines; feedback; meetings
- 4-5 meetings **Capstone Seminar**: *colloquium style*
  - discussing your *work in progress*
  - support: finding suitable sources, practicing writing strategies, refining your research question, developing your argument, processing feedback
  - enjoying company on this journey

# Thinking ahead: Trinity Careers Service

<https://www.tcd.ie/careers/>

**Events:** Inspire & Connect - meet alumni

**One-2-One:** successful CV, creative strategies  
→ contact *Orlaith Tunney* for appointment  
<tunneyo@tcd.ie>



## AHSS Careers Beyond Academia

Wednesday, 22 April 2026, 6 - 7:30pm

**Location:** Trinity Long Room Hub Arts and Humanities Research Institute

Join us for an engaging alumni panel and a chance to meet with AHSS PhD graduates who successfully made the transition to work beyond academia on 14th April.

# Thinking ahead: In-house Postgraduate Studies

<https://www.tcd.ie/religion/courses/>

## Religious Studies Postgraduate

M.Phil. in Theology and Social Justice

M.Phil. in Christian Theology

M.Phil. in Contextual Theologies and Interfaith Relations

Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma in Theology and Social Justice

Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma in Christian Theology

Structured Ph.D. Programme

## Peace Studies Postgraduate

M.Phil in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation in Belfast

M.Phil in International Peace Studies in Dublin

## Peace Studies Research

Structured Ph.D. Programme

Research Projects

# Queries about Masters courses – Who to Ask?



Professor Siobhán  
Garrigan

Theology and  
Social Justice

Conflict  
Resolution and  
Reconciliation



Dr. David Mitchell



Dr. Andrew Pierce

Contextual  
Theologies and  
Interfaith  
Relations

Christian  
Theology



Dr. Fáinche Ryan



Dr. Gillian Wylie

International  
Peace  
Studies



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We're here  
for Questions & Answers!