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The Department of Religious Studies at Kent provides the highest standards of postgraduate training in the UK. We cover all the current methodologies and theoretical approaches, from empirical research to psychology of religion, and from continental philosophy to the history of ideas.

As well as offering expertise in all the major world religions, we are widely recognised for groundbreaking work at the edges of the category of religion as well as for work on the invention of the category of religion. Subjects areas we cover include religion and media, religion and politics, religion and comparative literatures, and religion and society.

taught programmes

MA in Religion

Canterbury

Our MA in Religion is a new programme providing core training in methodologies of the study of religion while encouraging wider interdisciplinary work. The programme teaches a critical understanding of the modern construct of ‘religion’ as it connects to other disciplines, you gain a strong grounding in current theoretical and methodological debates in relation to your own specialist area.

MA in Religion

Canterbury and Paris

In this variation of the MA, following an autumn term at our Canterbury campus, you spend a spring term studying at Kent’s Paris School of Arts and Culture, where you gain a specific insight into influence of religion in a European context. Your knowledge is enhanced and shaped through the independence gained living abroad for a period of time.

Research programme

The Department of Religious Studies at Kent has an active research culture. Staff interests are loosely grouped into four research areas: mysticism, religious experience and religious subjectivities; religion, the sacred and contemporary society; religion, media and culture; and theory and method in the study of religion.

PhD in Theology and Religious Studies

A PhD in Theology and Religious Studies enables you to undertake a substantial piece of supervised research in the subject that makes an original contribution to knowledge and is worthy of publication. Ongoing research theses include: ‘Cleansing Physical and Spiritual Dirt: Women’s Experiences of Working in Magdalene Laundries in 20th-Century Ireland’; ‘The Politics of Opposites and Same-Sex Union: A Foucauldian Reading of the Hermetic Hermaphrodite’; ‘Swami Vivekananda: A Postcolonial Study
of an Original Indian Mind’; and ‘St Paul and Money: A Philosophical/ Theological Paulinist Critique of Economy’.

Research-led department
The Department is highly rated for its research. In the most recent Research Excellence Framework, theology and religious studies at Kent was ranked 3rd for research impact, 7th for research quality, and was placed in the top 20 for research intensity and for research output in the UK.

Religious Studies is part of the School of European Culture and Languages (SECL), which embraces five other disciplines: Classical & Archaeological Studies, Comparative Literature, English Language and Linguistics, Modern Languages and Philosophy. We strongly support cross-disciplinary work and you are encouraged to take advantage of the wide range of postgraduate classes and seminars and other events available both within SECL and across the University.

A global outlook
Kent is known as the UK’s European university and has developed international partnerships with a number of prestigious institutions. We have a great international reputation, attracting academic staff and students from around the world: 42% of our academics come from outside the UK and students on campus represent 158 nationalities.

Our academic schools are engaged in collaborative research with universities worldwide and we offer a range of opportunities to study abroad and an approach that is truly global. We celebrate intellectual and cultural diversity with a commitment to educate our students to be the global citizens of tomorrow.

Impressive career prospects
Kent has an excellent postgraduate employment record: 98% of our postgraduate students who graduated in 2016 found a job or further study opportunity within six months. Whatever your chosen career path, we will equip you with an impressive portfolio of skills, specialist knowledge and practical experience to help you succeed in a competitive environment. For more information on the careers help we provide at Kent, see www.kent.ac.uk/employability

Funding opportunities
www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate/

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