

Faculty of

CULTURE AND THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



BA (HONS) RELIGION, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

UCAS: VL69 (BA) / R457 (FE)

THE RELIGION, CULTURE AND SOCIETY TEAM SUBSIDISES NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIPS TO SUPPORT STUDY. RECENT VISITS HAVE INCLUDED ROME, ISTANBUL, AUSCHWITZ, CORDOBA, BERLIN, BUDAPEST AND ALSO NATIONAL TRIPS; FOR EXAMPLE, LIVERPOOL CATHEDRALS, LADYWELLE PILGRIMAGE AND SHRINE, SIKH GURDWARA AND THE HINDU TEMPLE.

Religion, culture and society have long had far reaching influence on educational, political and social issues. On this course, students stretch their intellect and defy their prejudices as they explore the conflicting relationships between religion, culture and society - how relevant are the fundamental principles of many belief systems when applied to modern-day life? Our students investigate the historical and contemporary effect of religion, culture and society on educational, political and social constructs and address contemporary issues which challenge the fundamental principles of belief systems and explore developing theology. They also examine religious conflict associated to social problems emerging in the current global order and will discuss a number of issues relating to religious communities in connection to secularisation and globalisation - exploring how different communities relate to these challenges.

There will be an emphasis on religious approaches to human rights, political freedom, gender roles, identity and nationalism within different social situations and constructs. Students can opt to work in any area connected to the course that is of personal or professional interest. Placements in the past have included experience in schools, colleges, charity organisations, overseas projects, ministry, the police, city councils, TV and radio.

Students will get experience of observing religious diversity within education, community, culture and/or society. The whole philosophy of the Religion, Culture and Society degree is to promote inclusivity, encourage reflection on interfaith dialogue and highlight the important contribution religion can make to community cohesion and the combating of religious prejudice and discrimination. Our students graduate with an understanding of religious culture and traditions from major faiths and how they interact with each other - and because we study several subject disciplines, they have a deep knowledge base to draw on in their future career.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1

Core Modules

Understanding Religion & Belief
Introduction to Judaic & Christian
Belief
Introduction to Islam
Dharma Religions

Optional Modules

Introduction to Education
Volunteering and Community Action
Education for Everyone
Nations and Empires in Asia: religious
conflict
Introduction to BSL
Knowledge and Freedom
Level Four Language option
Media and Culture
Faith, Identity, Culture & Society
Free choice elective

Year 2

Core Modules

Sacredness & Spirituality
Exploring Christian Theology
Quranic Studies
Sociology of Religion

Optional Modules

Cold War in Asia: Religious Conflict
Fundamentalism and Cultural
Heritage
Experimental Learning in Education
Mentoring in the Community
Sociology of Education
Free Choice Elective
Philosophy of Religion

Year 3

Core Modules

Religion in a Global Village
Perceptions of Morality
Political Islam and Islamic Movements
Dissertation

Optional Modules

Religion, Culture and Media
Education in Developing Countries
India, Pakistan and Afghanistan:
Religious Conflict
Global Community Exchange
Placement
The Education of Vulnerable People
Sexy Bodies
Humanity, Values and the
Environment

FACILITIES

Course facilities include well equipped classrooms and extensive Blackboard (Virtual Learning Environment) resources. Teaching is supplemented with guest speakers and students are encouraged to participate fully in group and project work. The UCLan Library provides comfortable, flexible study spaces and offers a wealth of excellent learning resources, extensive collections of information sources and expert help and support from Library staff.

Saira Hassan – Religion, Culture & Society Graduate

“This course has really encouraged me to develop a career in working with young people. Studying this degree hugely impacted my life both academically and personally.”

EMPLOYABILITY

Students graduate with the ability to explore a range of professional roles within teaching, local government, social work, the Probation Service, youth and community work, the Police and Prison and Immigration services, both at home and abroad. They will also be prepared for careers like project manager for international charity organisations, culture and diversity advisor, youth worker, government officer in the faith awareness sector, teacher in further and higher education - or even travel consultant advising on cultural diplomacy. Some choose to continue their studies, on either PGCE courses or at master's level, on our MA in Religion Culture and Society.

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