

Tracks through the Tripos

Some students prefer to follow a specific pathway that matches their interests for one or more years. The following tracks through the Tripos are indicative and there are other options you could choose, while still remaining within a particular pathway. In all cases these optional and non-binding for subsequent years of your degree but may provide a useful way of approaching the broad choice of papers you will have if you study Theology and Religious Studies at Cambridge.

The tracks below are comprised of papers offered in 2014-15.

A Jewish Studies Track

Part I

Elementary Hebrew

David: Israel's Greatest Hero?

World Religions in Comparative Perspective

And two other papers such as

Understanding Contemporary Religion

Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

Part IIA

Intermediate Hebrew

The Literature, History and Theology of the Exilic Age

Life, thought and worship of modern Judaism

Judaism in the Greek and Roman Periods

Part IIB

Advanced Hebrew

Judaism II

Old Testament Study

Judaism and Philosophy

or a dissertation

A General Religious Studies Track

Part I

A scriptural language, and a scriptural paper, and

Understanding Contemporary Religion

World Religions in Comparative Perspective

Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

Part IIA

Psychology and religion

Christian culture in the western world.

Life and thought of religious Hinduism and of Buddhism

Religious Themes in Literature

Part IIB

Topics in the study of religion: social anthropology



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Sacrifice
Theology and science
Self and Salvation in Indian and Western Thought
or a dissertation

An Islamic Studies Track

Part I

Elementary Qur'anic Arabic
World Religions in Comparative Perspective
Understanding Contemporary Religion
and two other papers

Part IIA

Intermediate Qur'anic Arabic
Introduction to Islam
and two other papers, such as
Ethics and faith
Life and thought of religious Hinduism and of Buddhism

Part IIB

Advanced Qur'anic Arabic.
Islam II
The Doctrine of God
Jews, Christians and Muslims before and after Muhammad or a dissertation

A Religious Traditions of India Track

Part I

Elementary Sanskrit
World Religions in Comparative Perspective
A scriptural paper
Understanding Contemporary Religion
Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

Part IIA

Intermediate Sanskrit
Life and thought of religious Hinduism and of Buddhism
and two other papers such as
Study of Theology I
Ethics and faith

Part IIB

Advanced Sanskrit
Hinduism and Buddhism II
Self and Salvation in Indian and Western Thought
and one other paper or a dissertation



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A Biblical Studies Track

Part I

Either Elementary Hebrew or Elementary New Testament Greek

David: Israel's Greatest Hero?

Jesus and the Origins of the Gospel

Two further papers

Part IIA

Either Intermediate Hebrew or Intermediate New Testament Greek.

The Literature, History and Theology of The Exilic Age

Letters of Paul

The Johannine Tradition

You could drop the language and take four papers under this heading, but if you are likely to want to do further study in the field it is worth noting that you will need to maintain your language study

Part IIB

Advanced level study of the language you took at Intermediate level in IIA

New Testament Christology

Old Testament special topic

New Testament special topic

Or a dissertation

A Christian Doctrine Track

Part I

Elementary New Testament Greek

Jesus and the Origins of the Gospels

Who is Jesus Christ?

and two other papers such as

Christianity and the Transformation of Culture

Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

Part IIA

Study of Theology I

Christian culture in the western world

The letters of Paul

Christianity in Late Antiquity (to circa 600)

Part IIB

Study of Theology II

Disputed Questions in the Christian Tradition

The Doctrine of God

Theological Interpretation of the Gospel of John

Or a dissertation



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A History of Christianity Track

Part 1

Elementary New Testament Greek
Jesus and the Origins of the Gospels
Christianity and the Transformation of Culture
Understanding Contemporary Religion
And one other paper

Part IIA

Christianity in Late Antiquity (to circa 600)
Reform and renewal in Christian History
Christian culture in the western world
and another paper such as
Themes in world Christianities

Part IIB

A topic in the History of Christianity: Councils in context to *ca.* 500
Disputed questions in the Christian Tradition
Jews, Christians and Muslims before and after Muhammad
And a dissertation

A Philosophy and Ethics Track

Part I

A scriptural language, and a scriptural paper, and
Philosophy of Religion and Ethics
and two other papers such as
Understanding Contemporary Religion
World Religions in Comparative Perspective

Part IIA

Philosophy of religion: God, freedom and the soul
Ethics and faith
Philosophy: Logic
and another paper such as
Life, thought and worship of modern Judaism

Part IIB

Disputed Questions in the Christian Tradition
Metaphysics
Topics in Christian Ethics
Philosophy in the Long Middle Ages
Or a dissertation



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