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RESEARCH THEOLOGY FEES 2018-19

Annual fees for studies leading to the award of PhD.

PhD degrees at Union School of Theology are offered by means of a collaborative partnership with the *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam* (Free University of Amsterdam). This programme leads to the award of PhD by the *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam* (VU).

PROGRAMME FEES

PhD	FULL TIME	PART TIME
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Research supervision, university accreditation, submission of thesis and accommodation for the required Annual Research Conference in Bridgend (students must cover their own travel costs for Annual Research Conference)	£5000	£3500

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

Accommodation (for other visits to campus)

	CHARGE
Single room – per night	£25.00
Individual lunch	£4.00
Individual evening meal	£4.50

¹ Annual fees for full time study are payable for every year or part of year of supervised research prior to the submission of thesis. For PhD this is typically 3 years but no more than 4 years.

² Annual fees for part time study are payable for every year or part of year of supervised research prior to the submission of thesis. For PhD this is no less than 4 years but no more than 7 years.

VU Library

The VU-net ID is necessary to access the VU physical and digital library. The usual cost for this is 500 euros.

Terms and Conditions

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Fees for PhD

FEES

Programme fees cover the cost of research supervision, university accreditation, the submission of theses, use of Union School of Theology's facilities and accommodation and meals in respect of the annual research conference.

Programme fees do not cover the cost of your travel (including any visa costs) for the Annual Research Conference which you are required to attend or for any other visits to the campus or elsewhere, any accommodation and meal costs except in respect of the annual research conference, any library fees except for the School's own library, and any other expenses incurred in the course of your study.

Additional costs:

Please note that attendance at the Annual Research Conference is a requirement for the PhD programme, so you should include the costs of travel and any visa required when you budget for your course fees.

You should also include the costs of any necessary library, archival or fieldwork research visits.

You will also need to purchase a VU-net ID to access the VU's physical and digital library which will be essential for your study. The usual cost for this is 500 euros.

(PhD students are required to attend the public defence of their thesis in Amsterdam, but funding towards transport and accommodation costs for this is available from the Free University of Amsterdam for this event).

Programme fees are shown on the Union website: <https://www.ust.ac.uk/students/fees-funding>. They apply to the current academic year only. To reflect ongoing cost changes, it might be necessary for the School to increase fees at the start of each subsequent year of your programme. Any annual increases will be at or below the level of the prevailing RPI rate of inflation.

PAYMENT OF FEES

Full time PhD fees are payable for the number of years or part years in which supervision is being provided. For full time study this is typically three years but not more than four; for part time study this is no less than five years but not more than seven years.

Students who are accepted with a September start date will be invoiced for programme fees before or at the start of the academic year.

Students who are accepted with a start date at other times in the academic year will be invoiced at the time of registration and will be charged pro rata annual fees in the first year (e.g January start, 2/3rd annual fees; May start, 1/3rd annual fees).

Fees are deemed to be payable in full on receipt of the invoice, although an instalment plan of 3 payments (September, January and April) can be offered on request, subject to the agreement of the Finance Officer and at the discretion of the School.

You will pay any surcharge applied by the School in the event that you pay any instalment after the due date.

If you encounter difficulties in paying your fees, please contact the Finance Officer: finance@ust.ac.uk as soon as possible. We will be as flexible as we can in the light of your circumstances, and we will discuss a payment plan with you individually.

Where you are being sponsored by another party (e.g. a church, trust, family or friend), it remains your responsibility to ensure that arrangements are in place for such payments in accordance with any agreed payment arrangements. Should any such expected funding fail to materialise for any reason, you remain responsible for the payment of all fees.

Visits to the Campus for the purposes of meeting your supervisor, using the library, research and study are welcomed. All accommodation and meals are subject to pre-booking and pre-payment, and subject to availability.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROGRAMME

In the event that you withdraw from the programme after the start of the academic year, no refund will be given and you will remain liable for the full amount of your annual fees.

FAILURE TO PAY FEES

If fees remain unpaid 28 days after they were due, the School shall be entitled to take measures to recover the debt, and/or to exclude you from the School, withhold you from any award or qualification, suspend further performance of its obligations under this Agreement, or refuse to allow you to proceed to any further stage of the programme, until all outstanding amounts have been paid or arrangements for payment have been established which the School considers satisfactory.