

GRADUATE QUALITIES AND SKILLS SOUGHT BY EMPLOYERS



Excellent interpersonal, communications and influencing skills

Through your interaction with people of different theological positions and backgrounds you will be skilled at marshalling different points of view to reach an outcome acceptable to all.



Self reliant with ability to work under pressure with minimal supervision

All successful graduates can prove that they can work under pressure and organise their own time.



Ability to identify need: prioritise workloads; set achievable targets; evaluate progress; and to meet deadlines

The ability to prioritise your workload is a skill that all students should develop. Regularly meeting essay deadlines will be part of your degree experience.



Commitment to own training (CPD) and development

Taking a degree and preparing yourself are both instances of this.



Experience in building partnerships and working with a wide range of colleagues

Working with others (who may have very different opinions) in seminars to present one side of an argument develops these kinds of collaborative working skills.



Strong negotiation skills, including an ability to negotiate and convince others effectively

This is a fundamental part of writing essays and discussing difficult issues that come up when studying theology.



Analytic and strategic thinker and problem solver

The experience of testing statements, questioning assumptions and interpreting arguments in theology will develop these.



Pro-active, self-motivated and showing initiative

Setting up study groups, or partnerships can be used to show these skills.



High level of accuracy and attention to detail

Being able to accurately articulate arguments and view-points is essential in writing and discussing issues in theology. Attention to detail is needed when reading a complex text.



Good planning and organisational skills

Planning the content of your essays, organising your thoughts into a coherent structure, and planning your workload are just a few things that will develop these skills.



Be able to show strong levels of self awareness, understand the consequences of your actions and evaluate your impact on the outcome of a situation

Contemplating your own beliefs and why you hold them is important in the study of theology and so develops self-awareness.



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