

# GCE Religious Studies Specification Addendum

## Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2021–2022)

**This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification**

The table below shows the units available for Summer 2022 cash in and details where applicable:

- the unit eligible for omission; or
- any adaptations that have been made to internally assessed tasks for 2021-2022; and
- any adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions

**Please note: This applies only to candidates entering in Summer 2022**

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
<p><b>Textual Studies</b> AS 1: An Introduction to the Gospel of Luke AS 2: An Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles AS 3: An Introduction to Themes in the Old Testament</p> <p><b>Systematic Study of One Religion</b> AS 4: The Origins and Development of the Early Christian Church to AD 325 AS 5: The Celtic Church in Ireland in the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Centuries AS 6: An Introduction to Islam</p> <p><b>Religion and Ethics</b> AS 7: Foundations of Ethics with Special Reference to Issues in Medical Ethics</p> <p><b>Philosophy of Religion</b> AS 8: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion</p>	<p>Two 1 hour 20 minute external written examinations</p> <p>Students answer one from two questions in Section A and one from two questions in Section B.</p>	<p>Each paper is worth 50% of AS and 20% of A level</p>	<p><b>One AS</b> unit will be <b>eligible</b> for omission for candidates cashing in for the AS qualification level grade in Summer 2022.</p> <p>These units will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in two units.</p>

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
<p><b>Textual Studies</b>  A2 1: Themes in the Synoptic Gospels  A2 2: Themes in Selected Letters of St Paul  A2 3: Themes in the Old Testament</p> <p><b>Systematic Study of One Religion</b>  A2 4: Themes in the Early Church and the Church Today  A2 5: Themes in the Celtic Church, Reformation and Post-Reformation Church  A2 6: Islam in a Contemporary Context</p> <p><b>Religion and Ethics</b>  A2 7: Global Ethics</p> <p><b>Philosophy of Religion</b>  A2 8: Themes in the Philosophy of Religion</p>	<p>Two 2 hour external written examinations</p> <p>Students answer two from three questions in Section A and the compulsory synoptic question in Section B.</p>	<p>Each paper is worth 50% of A2 and 30% of A level</p>	<p><b>One A2</b> unit will be <b>eligible</b> for omission for candidates cashing in for the qualification A level grade in Summer 2022.</p> <p>These units will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in two units.</p>

### **1. AS Summer 2022**

For those students who are due to cash in for the AS qualification in Summer 2022, should they choose to sit both units, they will receive the higher of either:

- the grade awarded on the basis of one unit; or
- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification.

In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered.

### **2. A2 Summer 2022**

For those students who are due to cash in the full A Level qualification in Summer 2022 should they choose to sit both units, they will receive the higher of either:

- the grade awarded on the basis of one unit; or
- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification.

In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered.

### **3. AS (2021) contribution to GCE Qualification (2022)**

For candidates who started their course in September 2020 and hope to achieve a GCE qualification level grade in Summer 2022, they will be awarded a grade based on their performance in their A2 units only.

### **4. Teaching Order**

For candidates commencing their AS or A2 course in September 2021, it is recommended that, as far as possible, the units are delivered in numerical order in case of any further disruption to the academic year.