

Good Universities'
Courses Guide

2010 – 2011



Your handbook for great Bible-related, ministry and theology qualifications



Dear friends

We are delighted to bring you this *Good Universities' Courses Guide 2010 – 2011*.

Bible Society is keen to increase engagement with, and advocacy for, the Bible. This is not just within churches but also with the wider culture.

We recognise the key role which church leaders, such as yourselves, can play in this vital mission. We believe that by increasing people's knowledge of the Bible, the ways it has been understood through history, its impact on the world and its significance for us all today, we can all help to achieve this.

On behalf of Bible Society and the participating universities, we hope that this booklet will help you as you consider which courses will benefit you in your personal and professional development. Additionally, please could you draw this booklet to the attention of others, not least other potential students.

To help you pass this booklet on, it is also available as a downloadable PDF on our website – simply visit biblesociety.org.uk/gucg.

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With Christian greetings,

Yours sincerley

James Catford
Group Chief Executive, Bible Society



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Equipped for life

We are confident that these degrees not only equip students to answer religious questions but also prepare them for work in the world.

Our graduates have an excellent record in finding employment after leaving university.

For those looking to study in a relatively safe and beautiful environment, in a well-established university and a friendly and supportive department, the School of Theology and Religious Studies at Bangor is certainly an excellent option.

Entry requirements

280 points (BA)
300 points (BD)

'Studying Theology at Bangor has proved to be one of the best decisions I've made.'
Hazel Thompson, ex-student

BA and BD in Theology BA in Religious Studies

Our degrees deal with three very basic and important groups of questions: the God questions (what can be said about God and what impact does this have on people's lives?), the religion questions (what is religion and why do people do what they do in its name?) and the existential questions (who are we and what is our purpose in life?). Nevertheless, there are two pathways available which treat these questions in slightly different ways.

First of all, we have a BA in Theology and a BD. These degrees look at answers to these questions from the perspective of Christian theology and from the Bible. As a result, these degrees concentrate on the study of Old and New Testaments, Christian doctrine and history. (Students who register for the BD will have to study New Testament Greek.)

Secondly, we also have a BA in Religious Studies. This degree looks at answers to these questions from the perspective of other disciplines such as sociology, psychology, philosophy and anthropology. As a result, this degree concentrates on the study of the phenomenology and practice of religion, ritual, symbol, as well as on specific religions such as Islam, Judaism, Buddhism and Sikhism.





chester.ac.uk

About the Department

In a recent national student satisfaction survey, the Department's scores were among the best in the UK.

The Department was also rated 'excellent' for teaching quality in its most recent national audit.

Our learning environment is friendly and supportive and you will be taught by those whose research is at the 'cutting edge' of their subject.

You will be encouraged to explore and challenge traditional ideas and to consider the relationship between theology/religion and the contemporary world.

'The Department is very supportive and the academic standard is high.'
Lynne Cumiskey, BTh student

Theology (BTh)

Students focus on Christian theology and biblical interpretation and their engagement with the contemporary world.

Religious Studies (BA)

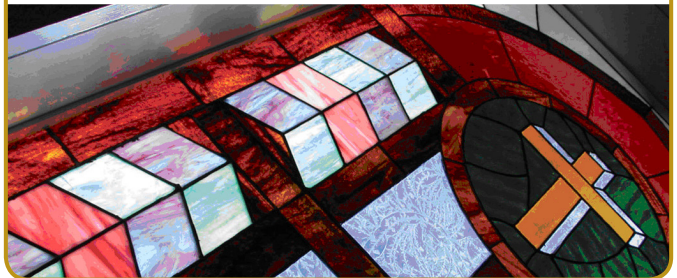
Students study different religious traditions such as Hinduism, Judaism and Islam alongside more alternative spiritualities.

Theology and Religious Studies (Combined)

Students combine the study of Christian theology with the study of various religions' traditions.

Christian Youth Work (BA)

This programme is faith sensitive and leads to professional accreditation in youth work.





cranmerhall.com

Additional information

Cranmer Hall is the theological college in the north east of England, committed to serving the needs of the whole church in worship and mission.

Courses are available to those training for ordained or lay ministry.

'Cranmer Hall is real, alive and permanently challenging – intense with the issues of today and enfolded in a spirit of joy.'

Tom Hiney, current student

BA in Theology and Ministry

3 years full-time (or 2 years depending on previous qualifications)

MA in Theology and Ministry

1 year full-time or 2 or 3 years part-time

These degrees are taught in Cranmer Hall and validated by Durham University. They aim to provide an integrated vocational training for ordained and lay ministry in which theology informs ministerial practice, and practice informs theology. The courses are modular and therefore highly flexible as to the combination of subjects studied.

Doctor of Theology and Ministry

3 years full-time or 6 years part-time

The DThM is a programme of Durham University run in collaboration between the Department of Theology and Religion and Cranmer Hall and its partner colleges, Ushaw College and the Wesley Study Centre. The programme is based on a practical theology approach to issues in ministry.



Why study at Exeter?

The University of Exeter is one of the best universities in the UK and has one of the highest student satisfaction ratings in the country.

Exeter is a safe, student-friendly cathedral city within walking distance of the campus and is consistently rated as one of the best places to live in the UK.

The Department of Theology and Religion is a centre of excellence for teaching and research across a broad and diverse range of interests and is rated fifth in the UK for theology and religious studies in *The Times Good University Guide 2010*.

'Studying at Exeter was a tremendous experience and one I would heartily recommend to everybody.'
Hans de Bie, Minister

Undergraduate degrees

BA Theology, BA Combined Honours

These degrees offer an excellent grounding in theology and biblical studies with flexibility to choose topics as diverse as criminal justice, the environment, science, anthropology, art, ethics, and the study of religions. A variety of modules are offered on the Hebrew Bible, New Testament and biblical languages.

MA degrees

MA Biblical Studies, MA Theology; MA Ethics, Religion and Society

Our varied MAs provide advanced study in theology, biblical studies, ethics, religion and society. Based on the latest research and offering a wide range of choice, they are particularly relevant for teachers, ministers or students preparing for PhD study.

Research degrees

MA by Research, MPhil, PhD in Theology

We have a strong track record of supervising PhD study and offer excellent training, resources and funding opportunities. The one-year MA by Research offers the flexibility to do a research project in an area of your choice. Supervision is offered across a wide range of research interests.



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Additional information

There are currently eight MA Theology and Ministry programmes.

Each MA has a subject specific module, which is supplemented with three further modules, and a dissertation.

Each module consists of 20 hours of teaching, spread over 5 intensive study days. All programmes are available full-time (over a year) or part-time (usually over two years).

Teaching has been designed to accommodate part-time students in full-time work.

All programmes are jointly taught by the Department of Education and Professional Studies, and the Department of Theology and Religious Studies.

If you are seeking new insights in your day-to-day ministry, this integrated degree programme is for you.

MA Programmes in Theology and Ministry

MA Bible and Ministry
MA in Contemporary Worship
MA in Contemporary Ecclesiology
MA in Theology Politics and Faith-Based Organisations
MA in Youth Ministry
MA in Christian Education
MA in Pastoral Ethics
MA in Mission and Ministry and the Modern Age

Professional Doctorate in Theology and Ministry

The Professional Doctorate in Theology and Ministry is made up of three components that are taught in sequence:

- 1 – Taught component: two years of taught modules
- 2 – Ministerial-Focused Study (MFS): consisting of a year-long empirically-based research project
- 3 – Research-Based Thesis (RBT)





lamp.ac.uk

Additional information

The Department has an international reputation for excellence in research and research supervision across a broad range of subject areas.

The subjects offered reflect not only the diversity of teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level, but also the expertise and interests of individual members of staff.

'Staff are professional and friendly and I had a great learning adventure. Biblical Studies has really come alive.'
J. Brian Tucker

Theology and Religious Studies

The Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Wales Lampeter offers a wide range of options for postgraduate study which can be pursued full-time or part-time, on campus or at a distance (with regular study weeks on campus). The following indicate some of the areas available:

MA Theology

A programme with options in most major disciplines within theology (for example The Christian Doctrine of God, Philosophy of Religion, The Cistercian Experience)

MA Theology (Biblical Interpretation)

A programme for those interested in depth study of contemporary biblical interpretation (for example Genesis, Paul, Historical Jesus)

Licence/Graduate Diploma in Theology

A programme designed for graduates in other subjects who wish to gain a qualification in theology with a view to proceeding to postgraduate studies or for professional development (modules available are for example Luke-Acts, Systematic Theology, Religion in the Contemporary World)



The University of Nottingham

Department of Theology and Religious Studies



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Nottingham

nottingham.ac.uk

Theology at Nottingham

Nottingham's Department of Theology and Religious Studies is one of the leading departments of its kind in the UK, and enjoys an international reputation for excellence in research and teaching.

The Department incorporates the world-leading Centre of Theology and Philosophy directed by Professor John Milbank.

Key areas of research strength include biblical history, literature and theology, Byzantine and Orthodox studies, church history, historical, systematic and philosophical theology.

'At Nottingham, critical evaluation in a friendly environment pushes your work to a higher level.'

Matt Malcolm, postgraduate

Systematic and Philosophical Theology

MA by distance learning, 1 year full-time, 2–4 years part-time

This course provides a detailed grounding in many aspects of Systematic and Philosophical Theology. It is suitable for those who wish to prepare for a research degree, and for those who wish to undertake graduate level study in order to gain training and experience in systematic and philosophical theology.

Church History

MA by distance learning, 1 year full-time, 2–4 years part-time

This course allows you either to take a range of modules from different periods from the earliest Christian history to the present, or to specialise in either the early and medieval periods, or the post-Reformation era.

Theology, Philosophy and Literature

MA, 1 year full-time, 2–4 years part-time

The course fosters an understanding of the interaction between theology, philosophy, and religion.

Biblical Interpretation and Theology

MA, 1 year full-time, 2–4 years part-time

The course fosters the ability to reflect on biblical texts.



University of St Andrews

St Mary's College, School of Divinity



University of
St Andrews

st-andrews.ac.uk/divinity/admissions/pg/distance/

Entry Requirements

A 2:1 honours degree from a UK university or its equivalent. This need not be in theology or biblical studies.

Structure

Three taught modules plus dissertation over two years of part-time study.

Study weeks

Attendance is required for a minimum of three days in St Andrews for a study week commencing each module, i.e. four occasions.

Individual modules

Applications to take only a single module are also welcome.

Entry points

February or September

'... it was a life-changing intersection of faith, knowledge, and relationship.'

David – MLitt, 2008.

Bible and the Contemporary World (MLitt) Online, postgraduate distance learning

Connecting biblical and theological studies with other disciplines in the arts, humanities and social sciences is at the heart of our 'Bible and the Contemporary World' MLitt programme.

Through part-time study, largely via the Internet, you join with others from across the world in relating the Christian tradition to a host of aspects of life.

From guided reading, lectures and online discussions you gain an understanding of how culture shapes, and has been shaped by, Christian belief, practice and theology.

You become critically aware of disputes, how these are addressed in scholarly literature, and learn how to develop your own judgements on matters of serious common concern.

Modules include:

Social identity and the New Testament
Digital faith
The Book of Revelation
Public theology

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Bible Society is part of a global network of 145 independent national Bible Societies working in over 200 countries and territories. This network – or fellowship – represented by all these individual Bible societies is known as United Bible Societies (UBS).

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Universities



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University of Chester

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