

## **School of Divinity**

**Head of School** Professor T A Hart

### **Degree Programmes**

Conversion Diploma:	Divinity
Graduate Diploma:	Bible and Contemporary World (part-time and by distance learning) Divinity Theological Interpretation of Scripture ( <i>available 2006-07</i> )
M.Litt.:	Bible and Contemporary World (part-time and by distance learning) Biblical and Theological Studies Theological Interpretation of Scripture ( <i>available 2006-07</i> )
M.Phil.:	Divinity

### **Programme Requirements – *amendments to these have been proposed – see update in September***

#### **Bible and Contemporary World**

Graduate Diploma:	120 credits from modules DI5901, DI5902, DI5903, DI5904 and DI5905
M.Litt.:	120 credits as for Graduate Diploma plus DI5099

#### **Biblical and Theological Studies**

M.Litt.: 120 credits comprising: 80 credits from DI5101 and DI5402. 40 credits from either DI5221 or DI5429, or from other modules in DI5001 - DI5499, or from GK5010, GM5901, GM5902, LT5103, LT5104, SP5901, IT5901 or FR5901, save that in exceptional circumstances the Head of School may permit a student to take up to 40 credits in a 5000-level module offered by another School. In addition DI5099 is required.

#### **Divinity**

Graduate Diploma: 80 credits comprising DI5101 and DI5402 and 40 credits from other modules in DI5001 – DI5499 save that in exceptional circumstances the Head of School may permit a student to take up to 40 of these credits in a 5000-level module offered by another School.

M.Phil.: 80 credits comprising DI5101 and DI5402 and 40 credits from other modules in DI5001 – DI5499, or from GK5010, GM5901, GM5902, LT5103, LT5104, SP5901, IT5901 or FR5901, save that in exceptional circumstances the Head of School may permit a student to take up to 40 of these credits in a 5000-level module offered by another School plus a Dissertation of no more than 40,000 words.

#### **Theological Interpretation of Scripture (*available 2006-07*)**

Graduate Diploma: 80 credits from modules DI5221, DI5429 or DI5101 and 40 credits from DI5101 or DI5402 or from other modules in DI5001 – DI5200, or DI5226, DI5227, DI5228, GM5901, GM5902, LT5103, LT5104, SP5901, IT5901 or FR5901, save that in exceptional circumstances the Head of School may permit a student to take up to 40 credits in a 5000-level module offered by another School

M.Litt.: 120 credits as for Graduate Diploma plus DI5099

## **Divinity – 5000 Level Modules – August 2005**

**Students whose first degree is not in Divinity may prepare themselves for graduate work in Divinity by taking the:**

### **Conversion Diploma in Divinity**

120 credits from the list of 4000 level Divinity modules, selected with the permission of the Head of School. One 3000 level module may be taken in place of a 4000 level module with the permission of the Head of School. In some cases (e.g. when a biblical language is required) a semester or year of language study at the 1000-2000 levels may be substituted for one of the 4000 level modules.

## **Modules**

### **DI5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. Programme/s**

Credits: 60.0

Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 14 in course work.

Programme(s): Compulsory module for M.Litt. Postgraduate Programmes within the School

Description: Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 (excluding bibliography) words must be submitted by the end of August.

Class Hour: At times To be arranged. with the supervisor

Teaching: Individual Supervision

Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

### **DI5101 Advanced Biblical Exegesis: Methods and Texts**

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): **Compulsory** module for the M.Litt. in Biblical and Theological Studies and the taught component of the M.Phil. Postgraduate Taught Programme.

**Optional** module for the MLitt in Theological Interpretation of Scripture

Description: This module provides advanced exploration of critical biblical interpretation in a systematic fashion and studies the application of critical methodologies to biblical texts. Building upon knowledge gained in undergraduate study of the Bible this module aims to provide a systematic analysis of critical methods. The module is, therefore, structured according to the historical development of the discipline and influential exegetical works by some of the best practitioners of different methods over the last one hundred and fifty years will be studied. It will give students contemplating further study the opportunity to explore and critically consider the variety of exegetical techniques which they may encounter or utilize in further work. Classes comprise lectures and seminars. The module is examined by two substantial written assignments and a written examination.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour seminar and one hour lecture.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 3 Hour Examination = 40%

### **DI5115 New Testament Special Topic**

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Divinity Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: The special topic in New Testament would be chosen from one of the areas of specialisation of the teaching staff or of a visiting scholar. A written statement of teaching and assessment will be agreed with the student and lodged with the Dean of the Faculty.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: To be arranged.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 3 Hour Examination = 40%

**DI5205 Biblical Aramaic**

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Divinity Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module is an introduction to the basic elements of the Aramaic language and study of selected texts from the biblical books of Daniel (court tales describing life in the Babylonian capital during the exile) and Ezra (diplomatic texts from the post-exilic period dealing with the return of the exiles to Palestine and the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem) as well as some epigraphic Aramaic. Proficiency in this language is an important complement to Biblical Hebrew for scholarship in the post-exilic period.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Three hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 3 Hour Examination = 40%

**DI5211 Old Testament Special Topic**

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Divinity Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: The special topic in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament would be chosen from one of the areas of specialisation of the teaching staff or of a visiting scholar. A written statement of teaching and assessment will be agreed with the student and lodged with the Dean of the Faculty.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: To be arranged.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 3 Hour Examination = 40%

**DI5226 Hebrew I: Introduction to Hebrew Language**

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1

Anti-requisite: Knowledge of Hebrew equivalent to DI1004 or above

Programme(s): Optional module for Divinity Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module aims to give students a sufficient knowledge of the grammar and vocabulary of Old Testament Hebrew to be able to read and analyse prescribed texts. Grammar and vocabulary will be restricted to the texts we shall be reading.

Class Hour: 4.00 pm

Teaching: Four lectures and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

**DI5227 Hebrew 2**

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2

Anti-requisite: Knowledge of Hebrew equivalent to DI2002 or above

Programme(s): Optional module for Divinity Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module aims extend students' skill in reading the Hebrew Bible and in the techniques of textual criticism and of exegesis. It consists of the reading and studying of a selection of Hebrew biblical texts representative of different literary genres such as prose writing and psalms.

Class Hour: 3.00 pm

Teaching: Three lectures and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

## **Divinity – 5000 Level Modules – August 2005**

### **DI5228 New Testament Greek I**

Credits:	20.0	Semester:	2
Anti-requisite:	GK5010 or knowledge of Greek equivalent to DI1005 or above, or knowledge of Greek equivalent to GK1001-GK1006 or above		
Programme(s):	Optional module for Divinity Postgraduate Taught Programmes.		
Description:	This module equips students with the vocabulary and grammar to translate and analyse the Greek of one New Testament book. The student will be expected to engage with technical commentaries of the Greek text of one New Testament book. The first six weeks will be spent on the grammar and vocabulary. The second part of the module will be spent studying the New Testament book.		
Class Hour:	4.00 pm		
Teaching:	Four lectures and one tutorial.		
Assessment:	Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%		

### **DI5305 Practical Theology Special Topic**

Credits:	40.0	Semester:	2
Programme(s):	Optional module for Divinity Postgraduate Taught Programme.		
Description:	The special topic in Practical Theology and Christian Ethics would be chosen from one of the areas of specialisation of the teaching staff or of a visiting scholar. A written statement of teaching and assessment will be agreed with the student and lodged with the Dean of the Faculty.		
Class Hour:	To be arranged.		
Teaching:	Two hour seminar.		
Assessment:	Continuous Assessment = 60%, 3 Hour Examination = 40%		

### **DI5402 Great Theological Texts**

Credits:	40.0	Semester:	1
Programme(s):	<b>Compulsory</b> module for the M.Litt. in Biblical and Theological Studies, and the taught component of the M.Phil. Postgraduate Taught Programme. <b>Optional</b> module for the MLitt in Theological Interpretation of Scripture		
Description:	This module is a core course for the MLitt and the taught component of the M.Phil. degree. It considers texts and thinkers that have shaped the Christian tradition in the past two millennia and the issues of belief and practice that they raise. This will serve as a detailed grounding in central theological issues in order to prepare candidates for advanced study in theology. Issues will be discussed in their historical context, but with a view to contemporary theological reflection. Classes comprise lectures and seminars. The course is examined by two substantial written assignments and a written examination.		
Class Hour:	To be arranged.		
Teaching:	Two hour seminar and one hour lecture		
Assessment:	Continuous Assessment = 60%, 3 Hour Examination = 40%		

### **DI5415 Theology Special Topic**

Credits:	40.0	Semester:	2
Description:	The special topic in Theology would be chosen from one of the areas of specialisation of the teaching staff or of a visiting scholar. A written statement of teaching and assessment will be agreed with the student and lodged with the Dean of the Faculty.		
Class Hour:	To be arranged.		
Teaching:	Two hour seminar and one hour lecture per week		
Assessment:	Continuous Assessment = 60%, 3 Hour Examination = 40%		

**DI5428 Theological Anthropology**

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Optional module for Divinity Postgraduate Taught Programme.

Description: This module seeks to integrate philosophical and theological considerations as to what it is to be a self and a person. The key issues here are introduced through critical engagement with Descartes' interpretation of the self, assessing the profound impact of Cartesian dualism on the theological debate. In dialogue with recent debates in philosophy and philosophical theology it will consider how we conceive of the self and most specifically the self-relation (self-awareness, self-understanding, self-knowledge, self-governance) together with associated issues relating to moral autonomy and agency. The second half of the module will progress, in the light of these considerations, to an engagement with the main schools of anthropological thinking characteristic of the modern/contemporary theological debate considering the contribution which Christian theology's own resources offer to the business of interpreting what it is to be a self.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Two hour lecture, seminar and individual tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 3 Hour Examination = 40%

**DI5901 The Bible and Contemporary Issues**

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Bible and Contemporary World Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

**[Not available to any student not registered for one of these programmes]**

Description: This module will deal with the interpretation of the Bible (both Testaments) in a variety of contexts in the contemporary world, and will require students to reflect on the relationship between historical exegesis and contextual interpretation. The focus will be on the study of specific biblical texts and themes studies in relationship to contemporary issues to which the application of biblical teaching may be problematic or debatable. In each case the contemporary shape of the issues must be understood, as well as the nature of the relevant biblical material. In the course of study of the topics, the methodological issues of contextual interpretation of Scripture will be raised and considered.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Lectures, seminars and a tutorial during residential period

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

**DI5902 Theology, Art and Politics**

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Bible and Contemporary World Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

**[Not available to any student not registered for one of these programmes]**

Description: This module will explore the relationships between politics/ethics (as the sphere of human action), aesthetics and theology. Western art over the centuries has been profoundly influenced by and exercised a reciprocal influence upon Christian religious practice and theology in particular. At the same time, both the Church and artistic creativity are inexorably mixed up with the political and ethical climates of particular times and places. The module will attend to the complexity of some of these relationships, and in doing so invite reconsideration of the ancient question of how, truth, goodness and beauty are related to one another.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Lectures, seminars and a tutorial during residential period

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

## **Divinity – 5000 Level Modules – August 2005**

### **DI5904 Fictionalising the New Testament**

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): **Compulsory** module for Bible and Contemporary World Postgraduate Taught Programmes.  
**Optional** module for Divinity Postgraduate Taught Programme

Description: This module will study modern fictional accounts of Jesus, those who met him and those who followed him. The narratives to be studied will include a selection of texts from the following: *The Shadow of the Galilean* (Theissen), *Rabbi Jesus* (Chilton), *The Memoirs of Pontius Pilate* (Mills), *The Lost Letters of Pergamum* (Longenecker), *Hidden Stories of the Childhood of Jesus* (Kimball), *Lamb: The Gospel according to Biff*, *Christ's Childhood Friend* (Moore), *The Gospel According to Jesus Christ* (Saramago), *Testament* (Ricci), *The Jerusalem Scrolls*, *The Stones of Jerusalem*, and *Jerusalem's Hope* (Thoene and Thoene).

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: 2 hours of seminar per week, occasional lectures

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 30%, 3 Hour Examination = 70%