

School of Divinity

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Degree Programmes

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withdrawn for 2006-07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withdrawn for 2006-07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withdrawn for 2006-07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withdrawn for 2006-07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withdrawn for 2006-07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

Programme Requirements

Bible and Contemporary World

Graduate Diploma:	120 credits from modules DI5901 - DI5920
M.Litt.:	120 credits as for Graduate Diploma plus DI5099

Biblical and Theological Studies (*withdrawn for 2006-07*)

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Divinity (*withdrawn for 2006-07*)

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. ***Please note this programme is only offered as advanced entry into 2nd year (the taught first year is not available in 2006/7).***

Theological Interpretation of Scripture (*withdrawn for 2006-07*)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 2006/07 – August 2006

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

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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

DI5901 The Bible and Contemporary Issues

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1
Programme(s): Optional 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): Optional 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%

DI5904 Fictionalising the New Testament

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1
Programme(s): **Optional** 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%

DI5906 Citizenship: A Practical Theological Exploration

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Availability: 2006-07

Programme(s): Optional 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 citizenship from a practical theological perspective. It will consider a variety of contemporary theories and examples of how people in different contexts participate in the life of their community; this will include the students' own critical reflections on their practice of citizenship. The module will engage with a range of biblical outlooks, warnings and aspirations that pertain to civic and political duties and responsibilities. Particular attention will also be given to contemporary Protestant theological perspectives such as those of Jürgen Moltmann and Stanley Hauerwas. Recent Roman Catholic documents, from Episcopal and Papal sources, will be examined. The challenges and opportunities arising within contemporary contexts of citizenship such as anti-institutionalism, falling church attendance and the growth of the internet will be examined, principally from a theological perspective that gives due weight to the relational obligations of personhood.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: Distance Learning

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 100%

