

School of Divinity

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Degree Programmes

Postgraduate Diploma: Bible and Contemporary World (part-time and by distance learning)
Theological Interpretation of Scripture

M.Litt.: Bible and Contemporary World (part-time and by distance learning)
Theological Interpretation of Scripture

M.Phil.: Divinity

Programme Requirements

Bible and Contemporary World

Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits from modules DI5901 - DI5920

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

Theological Interpretation of Scripture

Postgraduate Diploma: 80 credits from modules DI5221 and DI5429 and 40 credits from other modules in DI5001 – DI5200, or DI5205, DI5226, DI5227 DI5228 FR5901, GM5901, GM5902, IT5901,LT5103, LT5104,, or SP5901, 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

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

Modules

DI5011 Church History Special Topic

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either

Programme(s): Optional module for Theological Interpretation of Scripture Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The project enables a student to research a special topic of his/her choice (in consultation with staff) and to develop it at length in dissertation form. The length of the dissertation should be approximately 12,000 words, and must not in any case exceed 14,000 words (to include text, footnotes and appendices). It must be submitted by the end of the semester.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: To be arranged.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment (Dissertation) = 100%

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DI5099 Dissertation for M.Litt. Programme/s

Credits: 60.0
Prerequisite: An average grade of at least 13.5 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%

DI5115 New Testament Special Topic

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Theological Interpretation of Scripture Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The project enables a student to research a special topic of his/her choice (in consultation with staff) and to develop it at length in dissertation form. The length of the dissertation should be approximately 12,000 words, and must not in any case exceed 14,000 words (to include text, footnotes and appendices). It must be submitted by the end of the semester.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: To be arranged.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment (Dissertation) = 100%

DI5211 Old Testament Special Topic

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Either
Programme(s): Optional module for Theological Interpretation of Scripture Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: The project enables a student to research a special topic of his/her choice (in consultation with staff) and to develop it at length in dissertation form. The length of the dissertation should be approximately 12,000 words, and must not in any case exceed 14,000 words (to include text, footnotes and appendices). It must be submitted by the end of the semester.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: To be arranged.
Assessment: Continuous Assessment (Dissertation) = 100%

DI5221 Scripture and Hermeneutics

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1
Programme(s): Compulsory module for Divinity or Theological Interpretation of Scripture Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Description: Students will be working with a range of Jewish and Christian approaches to theological reading of Scripture, largely but not exclusively from the twentieth century. The module seeks to give students exposure to the individual contributions, ongoing disputes, and emerging horizons of theological exegesis, and the more recent history of ideas within which this discourse functions. Specific examples of exegesis will be surveyed, as well as the relationship of exegetical practice and method to constructive theological appropriation, alive to the concerns of the church and the world.
Class Hour: To be arranged.
Teaching: One 2 hour seminar per week, plus individual supervisions.
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%		

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:	Either
Programme(s):	Optional module for Theological Interpretation of Scripture Postgraduate Taught Programmes.		
Description:	The project enables a student to research a special topic of his/her choice (in consultation with staff) and to develop it at length in dissertation form. The length of the dissertation should be approximately 12,000 words, and must not in any case exceed 14,000 words (to include text, footnotes and appendices). It must be submitted by the end of the semester.		
Class Hour:	To be arranged.		
Teaching:	To be arranged.		
Assessment:	Continuous Assessment (Dissertation) = 100%		

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DI5415 Theology Special Topic

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 1

Programme(s): Optional module for Theological Interpretation of Scripture Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The project enables a student to research a special topic of his/her choice (in consultation with staff) and to develop it at length in dissertation form. The length of the dissertation should be approximately 12,000 words, and must not in any case exceed 14,000 words (to include text, footnotes and appendices). It must be submitted by the end of the semester.

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: To be arranged.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment (Dissertation) = 100%

DI5429 Theological Interpretation of Scripture

Credits: 40.0 Semester: 2

Programme(s): Compulsory module for Divinity or Theological Interpretation of Scripture Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: Students will focus on one section of the Biblical text, from Old or New Testaments (e.g. Psalms, Isaiah, Romans, John). The module will work with printed texts in their language of origin or translation (Hebrew, Greek, Latin). It will examine issues of text-criticism, translation, and transmission. Students will become acquainted with the history of interpretation in the pre-modern period, Jewish and Christian (e.g. Rashi, Origen, Chrysostom, Cyril, Augustine, Aquinas, Maimonides, Nicholas of Lyra, Bucer, Calvin, Luther, Bellarmine) and also modern historical-critical commentary.

The module seeks to lay bare perennial issues of method, hermeneutics and interpretation, and to further the practical use of language skills, ancient and modern (French and German, chiefly).

Class Hour: To be arranged.

Teaching: One-and-a-half hour seminar and one lecture.

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

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.
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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%

GK5010 Greek Language

Credits: 40.0 Semester: Whole Year

Programme(s): Optional module for Ancient History, Biblical and Theological Studies, Classical Studies, Greek & Latin and Theological Interpretation of Scripture Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module is designed to provide both beginners and near-beginners with a thorough grounding in the grammar and syntax of ancient Greek, together with an introduction to the reading of ancient Greek texts, both prose and verse. The first semester is devoted to an intensive set of language classes, the second to a combination of set-text study with further language classes.

Class Hour: 10 am and by arrangement.

Teaching: Four classes.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 3 Hour Examination = 50%

LT5103 Latin 1

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1

Anti-requisite: Knowledge of Latin equivalent to LT1001 or above

Programme(s): Optional module for Ancient History, Biblical and Theological Studies, Classical Studies, Greek & Latin and Theological Interpretation of Scripture Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: The aim of this module is to cover the basics of Latin grammar and syntax as far as section 3D in Jones and Sidwell's *Reading Latin* vols. 1 and 2, together with extra reading of Latin texts in the latter part of the semester.

Class Hour: 3.00 pm and by arrangement.

Teaching: Four classes.

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

LT5104 Latin 2

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2

Prerequisites: LT5103 or the equivalent

Anti-requisite: Knowledge of Latin equivalent to LT1003 and LT1004 except with the permission of the Head of School.

Programme(s): Optional module for Ancient History, Biblical and Theological Studies, Classical Studies, Greek & Latin and Theological Interpretation of Scripture Postgraduate Taught Programmes.

Description: This module covers the Latin grammar, syntax, and reading of Jones and Sidwell's *Reading Latin*, vols. 1 and 2 from sections 4A to 4G in the first half of the semester and thereafter is devoted to practice in written translation of passages of Latin prose.

Class Hour: 3.00 pm and by arrangement.

Teaching: Four classes.

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

FR5901 French for Postgraduate Studies 1

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1 or 2

Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level

Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages

Programme(s): Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

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GM5901 German for Postgraduate Studies 1

Credits: 20.0 Semester: Either
Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level
Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages
Programme(s): Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

GM5902 German for Postgraduate Studies 2

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2
Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level
Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages
Programme(s): Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

IT5901 Italian for Postgraduate Studies 1

Credits: 20.0 Semester: Either
Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level
Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages
Programme(s): Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages

SP5901 Spanish for Postgraduate Studies 1

Credits: 20.0 Semester: Either
Prerequisite: Sufficient prior knowledge of the language to embark on the module at an appropriate level.
Anti-requisite: Enrolment as taught or research postgraduate in Modern Languages.
Programme(s) Optional module for Taught Postgraduate Programmes outwith Modern Languages