

Masters in Scripture and Theology

Programme Requirements

Taught Element:

80 credits: (DI5201 or DI5203), DI5429 and DI5501;

40 credits: DI5001 - DI5595, (except DI5431, DI5441, DI5442) or may also include:

DI5080 and 30 - 40 credits: from a language (chosen from French (FR), German (GM), Greek (GK) Hebrew (DI), Italian (IT), Persian (PR), Spanish (SP) language modules at the level appropriate to the student's level of proficiency.

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, or in Special Topic modules (DI5011, DI5115, DI5211, DI5305, DI5415) run by the School of Divinity.

MLitt:

120 credits from the Taught Element plus DI5099

Compulsory modules:

DI5201 History of Biblical Interpretation				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	10.00 am - 12.00 noon Tue and 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Thu			
This module will critically and historically survey the most common interpretations of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, the Septuagint and the New Testament following a historical line from the pre-rabbinic Jewish interpretations over the Patristic interpretations to the later Rabbinic interpretations. Special attention will also be devoted to the reinterpretation of Scripture in New Testament.				
Programme module type:	DI5201 or DI5203 is Compulsory for Scripture and Theology Postgraduate Programmes. Optional for other Divinity Postgraduate Programmes.			
Pre-requisite(s):	Analytic knowledge of basic Greek (classical or biblical) and/or basic Hebrew			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4hours (weeks 7-11, final essay submitted in Week 12)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr M Elliott			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr M Elliott			

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DI5429 Biblical Themes				
SCOTCAT Credits:	40	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
<p>This module will explore the development of one or more themes (e.g. temple or covenant) through the biblical texts. Proper attention will be paid to the historical-critical dimensions of these themes, including textual/philological detail and background, but the module will be particularly concerned with the ways in which they develop across the Testaments and are taken up into Christian theology, providing frameworks and concepts for different elements of this. Post-biblical Jewish interpretations may also be examined as part of the study, but the module will be specifically oriented towards the significance of themes in the Bible for Christian theology.</p> <p>The specific theme(s) to be covered in a particular year will be publicised in the module handbook for that year.</p>				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Scripture and Theology Postgraduate Programme. Optional for Biblical Languages and Literature			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4 hours.			
Assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 40%, Coursework = 60%			
Module Co-ordinator:	TBC			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	TBC			

DI5501 The Origins of Christian Theology				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Academic year:	2015/6 & 2016/7			
Availability restrictions:				
Planned timetable:	9.00 am - 11.00 am Tue and 9.00 am - 11.00 am Thu			
<p>This module examines the beginnings of Christian theology in the New Testament texts, and in early Christian writers. Themes considered may include the doctrine of God; early Christology; ecclesiology; and creation.</p>				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Scripture and Theology and Systematic and Historical Theology Postgraduate Programmes. Optional for Divinity Postgraduate Programmes.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4 hours. (Weeks 1 - 6).			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr J Wolfe			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Prof N T Wright, Dr J Wolfe			

DI5099 Dissertation for MLitt Programme/s				
SCOTCAT Credits:	60	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Academic year:	2015/6 & 2016/7			
Planned timetable:	At times to be arranged with the supervisor.			
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.				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for MLitt Postgraduate Programmes within the School.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: Individual supervision.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework (Dissertation) = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Assigned supervisors			

Optional modules:

DI5080 Guided Study in Divinity				
SCOTCAT Credits:	10	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	Either
Availability restrictions:	Available only to Taught Postgraduate students also doing one or more language modules			
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
<p>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 an essay. The length of the essay should be approximately 3,000 words, and must not in any case exceed 3,500 words (to include text, footnotes and appendices). It must be submitted by the end of the semester.</p> <p>This module is not routinely offered and may only be taken by special arrangement, with the agreement of the Head of School.</p>				
Programme module type:	Optional for Bible and Contemporary World, Biblical Languages and Literature, Scripture and Theology and Systematic and Historical Theology Postgraduate Programmes.			
Co-requisite(s):	One or more language modules			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: To be arranged			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework (Essay) = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	TBC in consultation with Director of the programme			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	TBC in consultation with Director of the programme			

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DI5105 Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module will critically survey the most important witnesses, that is both manuscripts and text traditions, of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, the Septuagint and the New Testament and show how the different manuscripts are used to create text editions. The class will also focus on the printed texts and their textual apparati and demonstrate how to successfully use these.				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Biblical Languages and Literature Postgraduate Programme. Optional for Scripture and Theology Postgraduate Programme.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4 hours (Weeks 1 -5)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof K De Troyer			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Prof K De Troyer			

DI5107 Greek Readings				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module is a technical introduction to reading the Greek New Testament: its text, translation, interpretation, historical location and theology. The module is designed, principally, to assist students in building their technical skills to work competently with primary sources. As such, class periods will be structured around student performance in reading, translating, commenting on and interpreting the chosen text.				
Programme module type:	Either DI5107 or DI4632 + DI5080 is compulsory for Biblical Languages and Literature Postgraduate Taught Programme. Optional for other Divinity Postgraduate Programmes.			
Pre-requisite(s):	Prior knowledge of Greek to appropriate standard			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4 hours (Weeks 1 - 5)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr T M Law			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr T M Law			

DI5305 Practical Theology Special Topic				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	Either
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
<p>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 6,000 words, and must not in any case exceed 7,000 words (to include text, footnotes and appendices). It must be submitted by the end of the semester.</p> <p>This module is not routinely offered and may only be taken by special arrangement, with the agreement of the Head of School.</p>				
Programme module type:	Optional for Biblical Languages and Literature or Scripture and Theology Postgraduate Programmes.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4 hours.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework (Dissertation) = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	TBC			

DI5415 Theology Special Topic: (Title to be confirmed)				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	Either
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
<p>The project enables students to research a special topic under the guidance of a member of staff and to develop it at length in dissertation form. The length of the dissertation should be approximately 6,000 words, and must not in any case exceed 7,000 words (to include text, footnotes and appendices). It must be submitted by the end of the semester.</p> <p>This module is not routinely offered and may only be taken by special arrangement, with the agreement of the Head of School.</p>				
Programme module type:	Optional for Biblical Languages and Literature or Scripture and Theology or Systematic and Historical Theology Postgraduate Programmes.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4 hours (Weeks 1 - 6)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof A Torrance			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Prof A Torrance			

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DI5521 A Selected Modern Theologian				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Tue and 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Thu			
This module will allow students to engage at length and in depth with the thought of a single, formative, thinker. Particular attention will be given to the deep systematic structures of the corpus, and to the ways in which historical and cultural context informs the theological interests and constructions of the thinker.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Systematic and Historical Theology, and for Divinity Postgraduate Programmes.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4 hours. (Weeks 7 - 11).			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof J Webster			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Prof J Webster			

DI5522 A Selected Patristic Theologian				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Tue and 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Thu			
This module will allow students to engage at length and in depth with the thought of a single, formative, thinker. Particular attention will be given to the deep systematic structures of the corpus, and to the ways in which historical and cultural context informs the theological interests and constructions of the thinker.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Systematic and Historical Theology, and for Divinity Postgraduate Programmes.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4-hours of seminars. (Weeks 1 - 5, essay submitted Week 6)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr M Elliott			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr M Elliott			

DI5523 The Doctrine of the Trinity				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	3.00 pm - 5.00 pm Tue and 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm Thu			
This module will examine the development the doctrine of the Trinity from the fourth-century conciliar settlements down to the present day, paying particular attention to the context of, and the historical claims made by, writers associated with the late twentieth-century 'Trinitarian revival', and the place claimed for Trinitarian doctrine within systematic theology there.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Systematic and Historical Theology, and for Divinity Postgraduate Programmes.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4 hours (Weeks 1-5 essay submitted week 6)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr S Holmes			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr S Holmes			

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DI5526 A Selected Mediaeval Theologian				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	11.00 am - 1.00 pm Mon and 9.00 am - 11.00 am Wed			
This module will allow students to engage at length and in depth with the thought of a single, formative, thinker. Particular attention will be given to the deep systematic structures of the corpus, and to the ways in which historical and cultural context informs the theological interests and constructions of the thinker.				
Programme module type:	Optional for Systematic and Historical Theology, and for Divinity Postgraduate Programmes.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4 hours (weeks 7-11)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr W Hyland			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr W Hyland			