Theology and the Arts

Programme Requirements:

Theology and the Arts - MLitt

DI5432 (30 credits) **and** DI5451 (30 credits) **and** DI5452 (30 credits) **and** DI5453 (30 credits) **and** DI5099 (60 credits)

DI5453 may be replaced by:

- another 30 credit 5000 level Divinity module
- a 20 credit 4000 level Divinity module taken together with DI5080 (10 credits)
- a 30 credit 50000 level module from within another Arts School (by permission of the module coordinator)

Compulsory modules:

Theology and the arts is a burgeoning area of scholarly concern, though it encompasses a multiplicity of approaches and can proceed in radically different directions. This module will provide a contextualized introduction to the field by considering a number of divergent methodologies or modes of theological engagement with the arts. Each of these modes will be examined by means of seminar discussion and private study. Additionally, the module will provide an opportunity for engagement with a wide variety of artistic works (from the fields of literature, music and the visual arts), allowing students to hone their critical skills 'in relation to different media' and evaluate the theoretical models.

Anti-requisite(s)	You cannot take this module if you take DI5431			
Learning and teaching methods of delivery: Weekly contact: 3-hour seminar (x10 weeks)				
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 60%, 3-hour Written Examination = 40%			
Module coordinator:	Dr G R Hopps			
Module teaching staff:	Dr G Hopps			

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Planned timetable:

1-3 Tuesday and 1-3 Thursday

This module will examine how the central articles of the Christian faith, as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, have been engaged by artists throughout the history of Christianity. For each article of the creed, one major artwork - visual, literary or musical - will serve as the locus for discussing changing theological approaches to that doctrine and for examining the artistic methods developed to engage it (often in ways inaccessible to non-artistic forms of expression). Each week, this central discussion will be consolidated by student-led consideration of smaller artworks. By the end of the semester, students will have gained a basic grasp of the historical development both of Christian doctrine and of Western art, and of the distinctive ways in which Christianity and artistic forms have challenged, influenced and enlarged each other, and continue to do so.

Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 4 hours.	
Assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 40%, Coursework = 60%	
Module coordinator:	Prof J Wolfe	

DI5452 Religious Experience and Aesthetic Theory

SCOTCAT Credits:	30	SCQF Level 11	Semester	1	
Academic year:	Available only exceptionally to students not enrolled on MI itt Theology and the				
Availability restrictions:					
Planned timetable:	14:00 - 17:00 M	onday			

Religion permeates the arts and, whatever our own beliefs, we will be affected by religion through various artistic media. How, then, do different art forms (painting, music, literature, drama, architecture, film) encourage different kinds of religious experience? Do certain styles of an art form bring to prominence one aspect of divinity rather than another? Can all art, however secular, be a channel for the divine? This module aims to help students address such questions critically in relation to artistic works in any media and from any period.

Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact : One hour of lectures (x10 weeks), Two hours of seminars weeks)		
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 50%, 3-hour Written Examination = 50%		
Module coordinator:	Dr G Corbett		
Module teaching staff:	Dr G Corbett		

15453 Practical Criticism					
SCOTCAT Credits: 30 SCQF Level 11 Semester					Both
	Academic year:	2018/9			
	Availability restrictions:	Available only exceptionally to students not enrolled on MLitt Theology and the Arts			
	Planned timetable:	To be confirme	d		

This module exposes students to a multiplicity of forms and themes, with an emphasis on the practice of close reading. After some preliminary instruction, the majority of class time is devoted to communal acts of close reading, which seek to foster habits of sustained aesthetic attention and to enhance analytical skills. The particular works studied in the module vary from semester to semester and are determined by the disciplinary specialism of the course tutor.

Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: 3-hour seminar (x10 weeks)			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 60%, 3-hour Written Examination = 40%			
Module coordinator:	Dr G R Hopps			
Module teaching staff:	Dr G Hopps and Dr R Lanb			

199 Dissertation for MLitt Programme/s					
SCOTCAT Credits:	60 SCQF Level 11 Semester 2				
Academic year:	2018/9				
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. A completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 (excluding bibliography) words must be submitted by a date specified in August.					
Learning and teaching methods of delivery:	Weekly contact: Individual supervision.				
Assessment pattern:	Coursework (Dissertation) = 100% No Re-Assessment Available				
Re-assessment pattern:					