

## DEGREES

### MTheol (SINGLE HONOURS)

With options for specialising in subjects such as: New Testament, Old Testament, Theology, Practical Theology, Church History or a combination of these.

### MA (SINGLE HONOURS)

Biblical Studies  
Theological Studies

### BD (SINGLE HONOURS)

(This is a postgraduate degree)

With options for specialising in subjects such as: New Testament, Old Testament, Theology, Practical Theology, Church History or a combination of these.

### MA (JOINT HONOURS)

**Biblical Studies and one of:**  
Ancient History, Art History, Classical Studies, Economics, English, Film Studies, French<sup>W</sup>, German<sup>W,T</sup>, Greek, Hebrew, International Relations, Mathematics, Philosophy.

**Hebrew and one of:** Arabic, Art History, Biblical Studies, English, French<sup>W</sup>, Geography, Greek, Latin, Mathematics, Middle East Studies, New Testament, Russian<sup>W</sup>.

### New Testament and one of:

Classical Studies, German<sup>W</sup>, Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Modern History.

### Theological Studies and one of:

Classical Studies, English, Film Studies, French<sup>W</sup>, Geography, German<sup>W</sup>, International Relations, Mathematics, Mediaeval History, Modern History, Philosophy, Psychology, Social Anthropology, Spanish<sup>W</sup>.

<sup>W</sup> Available With Integrated Year Abroad – see Modern Languages.

<sup>T</sup> Timetable clash exists and this combination is subject to the agreement of the Chair of the Department or Head of School concerned.

*“the skills I gained during my degree are invaluable...”*

Students in the School of Divinity (also known as St Mary's College) come from diverse backgrounds and with very different goals in mind. While some wish simply to explore questions of worldview and consider the shape of religious belief and practice in our society, others hold faith commitments of many different types. You will be encouraged to express and to develop your own ideas. A mixture of pre-suppositions, outlooks and interests amongst both students and staff fosters lively debate, enables you to gain respect for others and helps you understand their views. Whatever perspective you come from these programmes are guaranteed to encourage lively intellectual reflection upon prior assumptions and upon theology's engagement with culture.

### WHICH PROGRAMME IS FOR YOU?

The MTheol, our most popular degree, is the best choice if you want to focus your University career on topics directly related to theological and biblical studies. If you want a wider range of options across Arts subjects, but still want to give most of your attention to divinity, then either the MA (Biblical Studies) or the MA (Theological Studies) is the degree for you. Should you have academic interests that straddle both divinity and another subject area then one of the Joint Honours options would suit you best. If you already have an undergraduate degree then the shorter BD degree, with its focus on theological and biblical studies would be ideal, especially if you are considering service within a Christian denomination.

### TEACHING

The School of Divinity is marked by the international reputation of its teaching staff. Recent appointments demonstrate the University's commitment to teaching and research that is of the highest quality. Many of the staff are acknowledged as world experts in the fields of biblical theology, theology and the arts, religion and politics and non-canonical literature. Students, therefore, develop their skills in association with approachable educators of high repute.

## Features

- Integrated programmes combine foundational courses with flexibility of choice.
- Learn to think critically about truth-claims and how people live in the light of faith.
- A closely-knit community provides a context in which to engage in stimulating theological explorations.
- Choose options rarely available in other UK universities, e.g. Dead Sea Scrolls, the Pseudepigrapha and Hebrew at Honours level.
- Small-group work is built into the style of learning, ensuring that students are actively involved in the crafting of their education.
- Teaching at the intersection between theology and the arts is enlivened by poetry readings and drama performances in the nearby public Byre Theatre.
- Develop existing IT skills – several modules use a Virtual Learning Environment to deliver core reading materials. Our introductory Greek course makes use of computer-aided language tools.
- Intellectual abilities are promoted as part of a broad package of development, including the enhancement of effective communication and leadership skills in preparation for your future career.
- Personalised attention from teaching staff benefits students as letters of reference written for potential employers can be more discerning and effectual.

Teaching at First and Second levels is mainly by lectures, supplemented by regular small-group tutorials. Honours teaching is primarily by seminars, in groups rarely larger than 15 and often much smaller. At this level, greater emphasis is put on individual study and on students taking a major role in preparing for and conducting seminars.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

The likely minimum grades required are currently:

**SQA Highers:** AABB

**GCE A-Levels:** AAB

**International Baccalaureate Points:** 34

This information is for guidance only. All applications are considered on individual merit. For Joint Honours degrees the subject with the higher entry requirements determines the likely minimum grades. Admissions Officers consider all aspects of every application, particularly the Personal Statement. Remember to confirm that you also meet the Faculty Entrance Requirements (see page 54).

Mature applicants or those offering overseas or non-standard entry qualifications are welcome to apply and will be considered on an individual basis. You are welcome to inquire about the suitability of your qualifications prior to making an application.

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**FACULTIES**

Arts and Divinity

**RAE RESULTS**

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*...you are taught to think and argue like a theologian."*

**DISSERTATION**

In the final year students write a dissertation on a topic of their choice under the personal supervision of a member of staff. The great advantage of the Scottish four-year Honours programme over three-year programmes elsewhere in the UK is this extra freedom to arrange your final two years to develop broad interdisciplinary interests and to achieve a greater depth of understanding in your chosen subjects.

**BURSARIES**

A number of bursaries are made available each year within the School of Divinity. The awards are competitive, and the primary consideration is academic merit at secondary school level and at Junior and Senior Honours. Essay prizes are also offered.

**STUDY ABROAD**

Opportunities exist for students in Divinity to include, within their four year programme, a period of study at another university in Europe or further afield. St Andrews has an Erasmus exchange with the University of Leiden in the Netherlands. Please see page 22 for further details of Erasmus.

**Careers**

Graduates with qualifications in the theological and biblical disciplines are highly attractive to potential employers looking to fill people-oriented positions. Accordingly, employment prospects are usually wide ranging. Recent graduates from the School of Divinity include a quality improvement officer with an English local council, a nursery nurse, an administrator with the Financial Services Agency (FAS), an officer in the accounts department of Nexus Communication, a policy officer with the Scottish Executive, a teacher, a trainee accountant with KPMG, an assistant minister with the Church of Scotland and a Youth Pastor with the Free Church of Scotland. Previous graduates have become lawyers, a corporate banker, a marketing manager, a social worker, a language therapist, even a wine taster, as well as vicars, chaplains and school teachers.

Graduate-level employers have included the BBC, Royal Bank of Scotland, IBM, The Body Shop, Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals and Standard Life Assurance. Many graduates also go on to do further study.

Please see page 42 for details of the University's Careers Centre.

**New Developments**

Many modules reflect new and exciting ways of teaching and assessment. A number of biblical studies modules make use of novels, arts and film as a way of engaging with major issues of interpretation. The introductory course in New Testament includes the opportunity to examine two contemporary novels about Jesus and the early Church with a view to understanding how the New Testament is being interpreted.

The growing prominence of religious concerns in public life is reflected in sub-honours and Honours modules that engage in dialogue with the sciences, art and politics.

Increasing use of electronic journals and digitised reading materials offers students more convenient and flexible ways of learning.

*More information on the structure and details of the degrees offered within the School of Divinity can be found on the following pages.*

HONOURS (3rd and 4th year) MODULES	MTheol	BD	Theological Studies	Biblical Studies	Hebrew	New Testament
<i>Biblical Exegesis</i>	*	$\left. \begin{matrix} * \\ \text{or} \\ * \end{matrix} \right\}$		*	*	*
<i>Theological Explorations</i>	*		*			
<i>Honours Dissertation in Divinity</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Gospel of Matthew</i>	•	•		•		•
<i>Studies in the Pauline Corpus</i>	•	•		•		•
<i>The Epistles of Peter, James and Jude</i>	•	•		•		•
<i>Judaism from the Maccabees to Bar Kokhba</i>	•	•		•		
<i>The Historical Jesus</i>	•	•		•		
<i>The Parables of Jesus</i>	•	•		•		•
<i>New Testament Christology &amp; Pneumatology</i>	•	•		•		
<i>The Book of Revelation</i>	•	•		•		
<i>Israel in Context</i>	•	•		•	•	
<i>The Pentateuch</i>	•	•		•	•	
<i>The Dead Sea Scrolls</i>	•	•		•	•	
<i>The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha</i>	•	•		•		
<i>Prophecy &amp; Prophetic Literature</i>	•	•		•	•	
<i>Deutero-Isaiah</i>	•	•		•	•	
<i>The Wisdom Tradition in Ancient Israel</i>	•	•		•	•	
<i>Wisdom Literature</i>	•	•		•	•	
<i>Theology, Spirituality and Pastoral Care</i>	•	•	•			
<i>Worship and the Word: Liturgy and Homiletics</i>	•	•	•			
<i>Salvation in Christian Perspective</i>	•	•	•			
<i>Theology in Latin America and Africa</i>	•	•	•			
<i>Monarchy, Church and State</i>	•	•	•			
<i>The Theology of the Musical</i>	•	•	•			
<i>The Shaping of Orthodoxy</i>	•	•	•			
<i>The Theology of Karl Barth</i>	•	•	•			
<i>Theological Anthropology</i>	•	•	•			
<i>Theological Engagements with Artistry and the Arts</i>	•	•	•			
<i>The Holy Spirit, Beyond the Image</i>	•	•	•			
<i>Theology, Art and Politics</i>	•	•	•			
<i>Contemporary Issues in Christian Doctrine</i>	•	•	•			
<i>Christian Symbolics: Creeds and Confessions</i>	•	•	•			
<i>Trinity, Personhood and Participation in God</i>	•	•	•			

\* Compulsory module for this programme

• Sample optional modules for this programme – not all are available every year.

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*“Studying theology was one of the best decisions I made. All the lecturers are friendly and willing to help you out, that just adds to the whole St Mary’s experience. Here you are taught to think and argue like a theologian from the outset. You begin with the basics and find that what you learn in each module directly impacts on others, right through to Honours level. You certainly learn to think laterally.”*



**STEPHANIE**  
Swansea, West Glamorgan

The School of Divinity offers a Master of Theology programme (MTheol, with Honours four years, General three years) and a Bachelor of Divinity programme (BD with Honours, three years available only to those with a previous degree).

Divinity (sometimes called Theology) is one of the oldest intellectual pursuits and also one of the most relevant to the modern world. The many opportunities for dialogue with other disciplines (philosophy, history, literature, the natural and social sciences) make a Divinity degree programme one of the most academically stimulating you could choose.

The subject is immensely varied. You will study the history of Israel, the person of Jesus of Nazareth, Paul’s letters and the rapid growth of the early church, and contacts between Christianity and Greek and Roman philosophy. You will examine Christian thought in depth, including Church History, Christian Ethics and much more. You have the opportunity to study World Religions, Greek, Hebrew, the Anthropology of Religion, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Pastoral Care and Moral Reasoning, as well as modules in Moral Philosophy, Modern History, Information Technology, Psychology, or another subject in the Faculty of Arts.

## Course Details

The MTheol and BD have a common structure in their first two years. For the MTheol Honours degree, there follow two further years of advanced study. For the BD Honours degree, only one year of advanced study is required.

### FIRST LEVEL (1st year)

You take four core modules:

- *The History and Religion of Ancient Israel: An Introduction*
- *Jesus and the Gospels*
- *Theology: Issues and History* (systematic theology and philosophy of religion)
- *The Church, Ritual and Politics* (a combined Practical Theology and Church History module)

Remaining credits may be gained from additional modules offered within Divinity (such as *New Testament Greek* or *An Introduction to World Religions*). Alternatively, you may pursue broader interests by taking a module offered by another School in the Faculty of Arts or the Faculty of Science.

### SECOND LEVEL (usually 2nd year)

You take at least three core subjects on to Second level by choosing from:

- *Exile and Return in the Old Testament*
- *New Testament History and Theology*
- *Contemporary Theology and its Challenges*
- *Christian Ethics: God, Sex and Money*
- *The Late Mediaeval and Early Modern Church and its Theology*

You choose one further module from an approved list of options that includes Divinity modules (e.g. *Anthropology of Religion* or *Biblical Hebrew*) and modules taught in cognate subjects such as philosophy or history. Your two remaining modules may be chosen from the approved list or from a module offered by another School in the Faculty of Arts or the Faculty of Science. This gives you an opportunity either to consolidate your Divinity interests or to develop interdisciplinary ones. Please note that we encourage people to take *New Testament Greek* and/or *Biblical Hebrew* but that neither language is required for the MTheol. The Second level module in Church History focuses on the Late Mediaeval and Early Modern Church and its theology. This gives you an option to develop further an interest whetted in your first year.

### HONOURS MTheol (typically 3rd and 4th years) or BD (3rd year)

See the table opposite for the range and scope of Honours modules. One module must be a dissertation. This is a great opportunity to work in depth on a subject of your own choice, selected in conjunction with a personal tutor. Provided you have met prior requirements laid down by that School, you may take an Honours module from another (usually cognate) School in the Faculty of Arts or Science. A second such module worth 30 credits may also be taken with the permission of the Head of School.

## MA (SINGLE HONOURS) Biblical Studies

**MA (JOINT HONOURS)  
Biblical Studies and one of:**  
Ancient History, Art History,  
Classical Studies, Economics, English,  
Film Studies, French<sup>W</sup>, German<sup>W T</sup>,  
Greek, Hebrew, International Relations,  
Mathematics, Philosophy.

<sup>W</sup> Available With Integrated Year Abroad  
– see Modern Languages.

<sup>T</sup> Timetable clash exists and this  
combination is subject to the agreement  
of the Chair of the Department or Head of  
School concerned.

*“It has been my personal experience that the warmth and friendliness of the School, combined with a true wealth of diverse Biblical Scholars, has provided an excellent opportunity to study the Bible, whatever one’s background. You gain insights from a range of different perspectives enabling a far greater appreciation of the meanings of the texts and their applications today.”*



**GRAEME  
Oxford**

Biblical Studies combines two major fields of study: Old Testament (or the Scriptures of Judaism) and New Testament. A large number of other Jewish and Christian writings from these periods are also included (for example the Dead Sea Scrolls). In Old Testament the modules focus on the history, religion and culture of Israel, incorporating a wide range of texts from prophetic, hymnic, wisdom and apocalyptic literature. In New Testament the modules focus on Jesus and the Gospels and the history and theology of early Christianity. They are designed to introduce you to methods of New Testament study and to the context within which Jesus and the New Testament writers lived and you will be helped to explore the theological and ethical issues that characterised early Christianity.

Biblical Studies provides an opportunity to explore in depth the profound influence that the Christian and Jewish Scriptures have had on Western civilisation. This can be done either by devoting the entire Honours programme to Biblical Studies or by taking a Joint Honours programme which combines Biblical Studies with another approved subject in the Faculty of Arts. For example, the Joint Honours combinations with Ancient History or Classical Studies allow you to study important texts within the wider context of the ancient world from which they originally stemmed. The Joint Honours combination with English opens the door to discovering the way in which biblical ideas and themes have found their way into so much of the literature of the English-speaking world. The biblical texts are normally studied in English, except when combined with a programme in Greek or Hebrew or when these languages are taken as an option earlier in the course.

## Course Details

### SINGLE HONOURS

#### FIRST LEVEL (1st year)

You take two core modules:

- *The History and Religion of Ancient Israel: An Introduction*
- *Jesus and the Gospels*

Further credits may be chosen from additional modules offered within Divinity. Alternatively, you may pursue broader interests by taking a module offered by other Schools in the Faculties of Arts or Science.

#### SECOND LEVEL (usually 2nd year)

Core Modules:

- *Exile and Return in the Old Testament*
- *New Testament History and Theology*

You may choose other modules from an approved list of options in Divinity, and also have the opportunity to take modules in subjects outside Divinity. You are encouraged to take a biblical language but this is not a requirement.

#### HONOURS (3rd and 4th years)

You normally take four modules (each worth 30 credits) each year. Most modules may be selected according to your particular interests, but there are a few basic requirements (see the table on page 102). Beyond these requirements, you choose modules from those available within the Biblical Studies area. Provided you have met prior requirements laid down by that School, you may take an Honours module from another (usually cognate) School in the Faculties of Arts or Science.

#### JOINT HONOURS

Combining Biblical Studies with another subject as a Joint Honours degree is also a popular option. In the First and Second levels you follow the same core modules in Biblical Studies as single Honours students. You choose your remaining modules according to the requirements of your other Honours subject.

For Joint Honours you generally take two modules (each worth 30 credits) in Biblical Studies each year. You take the same core modules at both 3000 and 4000 level as Single Honours Biblical Studies students. Your remaining credits are taken between Biblical Studies and your other Honours subject although you must have gained 120 credits (four modules) in Biblical Studies at Honours level. (This means that if your dissertation is in your other Honours subject you would take two Biblical Studies modules in your fourth year).

## MA (SINGLE HONOURS) Theological Studies

**MA (JOINT HONOURS)  
Theological Studies and one of:**  
Classical Studies, English, Film Studies,  
French<sup>w</sup>, Geography, German<sup>w</sup>,  
International Relations, Mathematics,  
Mediaeval History, Modern History,  
Philosophy, Psychology,  
Social Anthropology, Spanish<sup>w</sup>.

<sup>w</sup> Available With Integrated Year Abroad  
– see Modern Languages.

*“Theology is not solely about analysing arguments for the existence of God or critically examining the scriptures. For me it is a vibrant engagement with people. It deals with questions about human identity and community, about human expression and ethics. Therefore, it is not surprising that it necessarily engages in history, psychology, politics, art history, music and many other areas of life. This is what makes theology a fascinating, colourful and lively subject to study.”*



**TAMMY  
Reading, Berkshire**

Theological Studies combines two distinct but closely related fields of study: Theology and Practical Theology.

Modules in Theology provide introductions to the rich theological traditions of Christianity, covering the history of Christian theology from the early church to the modern world, and considering key topics (God, salvation, Jesus Christ, Trinity, creation) in relation to the contexts in which they emerged and developed. They also consider some of the distinctive challenges to faith presented by modern secular culture (neo-Darwinian evolutionary theory, atheistic existentialism, the role of religion in the modern world, poverty, and post-modern ‘deconstructionism’).

Modules in Practical Theology explore ways in which Christianity is being expressed and lived out today. They include the study of worship, spirituality and the political involvement of the churches in contemporary Britain; liturgy and social reflection in Latin America; dance, worship and healing in Africa; moral decision-making; bioethics (abortion, euthanasia, genetic engineering); political ethics (economic justice and political power, ecological issues) and personal relationships (marriage, sexuality, friendship).

## Course Details

### SINGLE HONOURS

#### FIRST and SECOND LEVEL (1st and 2nd years)

In your first year you take two core modules:

- *Theology: Issues and History* (systematic theology and philosophy of religion)
- *The Church, Ritual and Politics* (a combined Practical Theology and Church History module)

Further credits may be chosen from additional modules offered within Divinity. Alternatively, you may pursue broader interests by taking a module offered by other Schools in the Faculties of Arts or Science.

In your second year, you also take two core modules:

- *Contemporary Theology and its Challenges*
- *Christian Ethics: God, Sex and Money*

You may choose other modules from an approved list of options in Divinity and you have the opportunity to take modules in subjects outside Divinity. This gives you an opportunity to explore cognate subjects (such as philosophy or history) that allow interdisciplinary interests to develop. Within Divinity, Biblical Hebrew is an additional option in the second year of study. Neither New Testament Greek nor Biblical Hebrew is however a requirement for this degree programme. The Second level module in Church History focuses on the Late Mediaeval and Early Modern Church and its theology. This gives you an option to develop further an interest whetted in your first year.

### HONOURS (3rd and 4th years)

You normally take four modules (each worth 30 credits) each year. Most modules may be selected according to your particular interests, but there are a few basic requirements (see the table on page 102). Beyond these requirements, you choose modules from the list of those available within the field of Theological Studies. Provided you have met prior requirements laid down by that School, you may take an Honours module from another (usually cognate) School in the Faculty of Arts or Science.

### JOINT HONOURS

Combining Theological Studies with another subject as a Joint Honours degree is also a popular option. In the First and Second levels you follow the same core modules in Theological Studies as single Honours students. You choose your remaining modules according to the requirements of your other Honours subject.

For Joint Honours you generally take two modules (each worth 30 credits) in Theological Studies each year. In your fourth year one module must be a dissertation in either Theological Studies or your other Honours subject. Your remaining credits are taken between Theological Studies and your other Honours subject although you must have gained 120 credits (four modules) in Theological Studies at Honours level. (This means that if your dissertation is in your other Honours subject you would take two Theological Studies modules in your fourth year).

## MA (JOINT HONOURS)

**Hebrew and one of:** Arabic, Art History, Biblical Studies, English, French<sup>w</sup>, Geography, Greek, Latin, Mathematics, Middle East Studies, New Testament, Russian<sup>w</sup>.

<sup>w</sup> Available With Integrated Year Abroad – see Modern Languages.

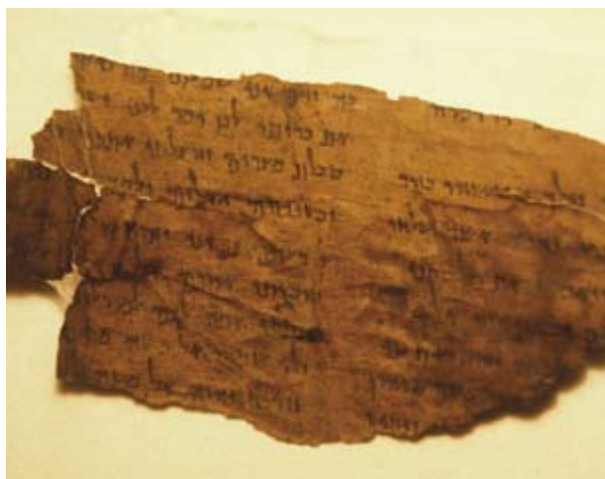
*“Studying Hebrew leads to many quizzical looks from your fellow students. What they don’t realise is how fascinating and enjoyable time spent learning the ancient language can be. Add to that the sense that you’re dealing at close quarters with key historical material under the tutelage of world experts and there’s no comparison. Hebrew is challenging but extremely rewarding.”*



**PHILIP**  
Belfast, Northern Ireland

Classical or Biblical Hebrew is the focus of this subject area, though Honours options may also be taken in post-biblical Hebrew – particularly the Dead Sea Scrolls. Modern methods of instruction in language study are employed to help beginners. For those with a background in languages (for example French and German) Hebrew would make a fascinating language to study by way of contrast, belonging as it does to the Semitic as opposed to the Indo-European family group. The different language structure allows the student to become attuned to the thought patterns of a distinctive culture with access gained to the world of Biblical literature and the extraordinary range of writing found in the Hebrew Bible.

The St Andrews staff who teach Hebrew and Old Testament have research expertise in Pentateuch, Prophets, Old Testament Theology, Dead Sea Scrolls and Pseudepigrapha. As well as having international profiles, they are also committed to ensuring a very high quality of teaching and student involvement.



A Dead Sea Scroll fragment of Exodus 5

## Course Details

### FIRST and SECOND LEVEL (1st and 2nd years)

Modules at these levels lay the foundations for further study at Honours level. Language modules focus on Hebrew grammar and syntax and involve reading texts from a wide range of genres. History modules focus on the history, religion and culture of Israel, incorporating a wide range of texts from prophetic, hymnic, wisdom and apocalyptic literature.

### HONOURS (3rd and 4th years)

You may take Hebrew as part of a Joint Honours MA degree and normally take four modules at Honours level in the Hebrew part of your programme. One of these is a module devoted to advanced methods for studying biblical texts (Biblical Exegesis). Two further modules may be selected from a set of options that use Hebrew language in relation to important texts of the biblical or post-biblical periods (including the Dead Sea Scrolls). The fourth module gives you an opportunity to write an Honours dissertation or research paper on a subject of your choice (relevant to Hebrew), unless you elect to do a dissertation in the other Honours subject of your Joint Honours programme.

## New Developments

In recent years *Introductory Hebrew* has become an increasingly popular module with up to 25 students per year taking Hebrew as an optional module. Aramaic, which has become well known since the appearance of Mel Gibson’s *The Passion of Christ*, can be studied at Honours Level.

The School has received a grant to publish a new volume of pseudepigraphical literature (non-biblical books claiming to be written by biblical figures). St Andrews is one of the few places where there is an opportunity to study the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Pseudepigrapha in detail.

**MA (JOINT HONOURS)  
New Testament and one of:**  
Classical Studies, German<sup>w</sup>, Greek,  
Hebrew, Latin, Modern History.

<sup>w</sup> Available With Integrated Year Abroad  
– see Modern Languages.

*“The module that has meant the most to me has been New Testament History and Theology because further extending knowledge from first year has meant that I have greater understanding of this area. For me this is vital in comprehending how it has been used within the formation of the early Church and of course its effect on the modern Church in all its denominations.”*



**GILLIAN  
Freuchie, Fife**

This degree programme is for those fascinated by the New Testament and who want to study it in depth. You will have opportunity to learn about and explore the theology and ethics of New Testament texts, to study the language in which they were written, to investigate the diverse religious, political and cultural contexts in which they were shaped and to consider the beliefs that inspired their authors. The New Testament is central to the study of Christian theology but has also been influential in literature, the arts, ethics and a host of other disciplines. This specialised degree programme offers you the opportunity to engage in serious scholarly study of the early Christian writings and their world and to think about why they had (and continue to have) such an impact in subsequent years.

## Course Details

### **FIRST and SECOND LEVELS (1st and 2nd years)**

In the first two years you are required to take two foundational modules in New Testament. These focus on Jesus and the Gospels and the history and theology of early Christianity. They are designed to introduce you to methods of New Testament study and to the social, historical and cultural context within which Jesus and the New Testament writers lived. They also help you explore the theological issues that characterised the early Christian movement.

If you pursue Honours in New Testament as part of the MA Honours degree you must study New Testament Greek in your first or second year, unless you have previously obtained an A-Level or Higher qualification in classical Greek or unless you opt to study classical Greek modules in the University.

### **HONOURS (3rd and 4th years)**

The normal Honours programme in New Testament consists of four modules. One of these, *Biblical Exegesis*, includes the careful study of New Testament texts. A second module is selected from a set of options that use Greek language in relation to important New Testament writings. A third module allows a free choice from a wide range within the field of Biblical Studies (see table on page 102). The fourth module gives you an opportunity to write an Honours dissertation or research paper on a subject of your choice in the New Testament field, unless you elect to do a dissertation in the other Honours subject of your Joint Honours programme.



Staff and undergraduates visiting the Mamertine prison in Rome, traditional site for the imprisonment of Peter and Paul, during a study trip.