Masters in Biblical Languages and Literature

Also available as Postgraduate Diploma

Programme Requirements

Taught Element:
60 credits: DI5105 and (DI5106 or DI4726 + DI5080) and (DI5107 or DI4632 + DI5080).
20 credits: DI5150 - DI5295; (any module within this range which is available)
40 credits: DI5150 - DI5295, DI5429, (DI4705 + DI5080)

or may also include:
30 - 40 credits: from a language (chosen from French (FR), German (GM), Italian (IT), Latin (LT), 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 or modules 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:

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<th>DIS105 Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament</th>
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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: Dr T M Law

Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s): Dr T M Law
### DI4726 Hebrew Readings

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This module intends to acquaint the student with a range of Hebrew Readings. Three areas of specialisation will be pursued: text criticism, exegesis, and reading and translating texts from the Old Testament, with a particular focus on the last of these. Text criticism is an advanced subject area, requiring cognate language skills and detailed work in the history of the Hebrew language. To this end, the module will familiarise students with the textual apparatus of (BHS) Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia and will attend to the logic of text-critical decisions deployed by the standard technical commentary series, notably The International Critical Commentary Series and the Hermenia Commentary Series.

#### Programme module type:
Either DI5106 or DI4726 + DI5080 is compulsory for Biblical Languages and Literature Postgraduate Programmes.

#### Learning and teaching methods and delivery:
Weekly contact: 1 x 1-hour lecture and 1 x 2-hour seminar.

#### Assessment pattern:
3-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%

#### Module Co-ordinator:
Dr W Tooman

#### Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):
Dr W Tooman

OR (depending on other module choices)

### DI5106 Hebrew Readings

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This module is a technical introduction to a select book or text within the Hebrew Bible, including: translation, interpretation, textual-criticism, composition, and ideology. 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.

#### Programme module type:
Compulsory for Biblical Languages and Literature Postgraduate Taught Programme.
Optional for other PGT programmes in Divinity as appropriate.

#### Pre-requisite(s):
Prior knowledge of Hebrew to appropriate standard

#### Anti-requisite(s):
DI4726, DI5250

#### Learning and teaching methods and delivery:
Weekly contact: 4 hours. (Weeks 1 - 5)

#### Assessment pattern:
3-hour Written Examination = 80%, Coursework = 20%

#### Module Co-ordinator:
Dr W Tooman

#### Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):
Dr W Tooman
**DI4632 Reading in the Greek New Testament**

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Building on the competencies learned in DI2201, students will gain familiarity with advanced grammatical concepts and syntactical relationships as they are encountered inductively through the reading of primary texts. In addition, students will learn to use and evaluate a standard reference work regarding intermediate Koine Greek grammar as they learn to analyze the primary texts by using the syntactical categories of contemporary scholarship. Finally, in order to facilitate future reading, students will increase their vocabulary by mastering every word that occurs 25 times or more in the Greek New Testament.

**Programme module type:** Either DI5107 or DI4632 + DI5080 is compulsory for Biblical Languages and Literature Postgraduate Programmes.

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:** Weekly contact: 3-hour seminar.

**Assessment pattern:** 3-hour Written Examination = 30%, Coursework = 70%

**Module Co-ordinator:** Dr S Hafemann

**Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):** Dr S Hafemann

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**DI5080 Guided Study in Divinity**

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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.

This module is not routinely offered and may only be taken by special arrangement, with the agreement of the Head of School.

**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
### DIV107 Greek Readings

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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 DIV107 or DIV4632 + DIV080 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

### DIV099 Dissertation for MLitt Programme/s

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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 a date specified in 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:

**DI4705 Biblical Aramaic**

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**Planned timetable:**
Lecture: 12.00 noon - 1.00 pm Tue, Seminar: 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Fri

This module introduces students to a Semitic language related to Hebrew, in which parts of the Hebrew Bible are written. It consists of an introduction to basic elements of the language and study of selected texts from the biblical books of Daniel (court tales describing life in the Babylonian capital during the exile) and Ezra (diplomatic texts from the post-exilic period dealing with the return of the exiles to Palestine and the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem).

**Programme module type:**
DI4705 + DI5080 is optional for Biblical Languages and Literature Postgraduate Programme.

**Learning and teaching methods and delivery:**
Weekly contact: 2-hour seminar.

**Assessment pattern:**
3-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%

**Module Co-ordinator:**
Prof J Davila

**Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):**
Prof J Davila

**DI5201 History of Biblical Interpretation**

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**Planned timetable:**
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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
### DIS415 Theology Special Topic: (Title to be confirmed)

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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.

This module is not routinely offered and may only be taken by special arrangement, with the agreement of the Head of School.

**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

### DIS429 Biblical Themes

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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.

The specific theme(s) to be covered in a particular year will be publicised in the module handbook for that year.

**Programme module type:** Compulsory for Scripture and Theology Postgraduate Programme. Optional for Biblical Languages and Literature Postgraduate Programme.

**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
### DI5201 History of Biblical Interpretation

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**Programme module type:** Optional for Biblical Languages and Literature and Scripture and Theology Postgraduate Programmes. Optional for 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