Masters in Systematic and Historical Theology

Programme Requirements

Taught Element:

20 credits: DI5501

100 credits from: DI5415, DI5500 - DI5595, or may also include:

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

Students may substitute up to 30 credits from 3000- or 4000-level DI modules, plus DI5080, with the approval of the Course Coordinator, if they are not doing language modules.

MLitt:

120 credits from the Taught Element plus DI5099

Compulsory modules:

DI5501 The Origins of Christian Theology					
	SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	**Semester:**	1
	Planned timetable:	9.00 am - 11.00 am Tue			
	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.				
	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 T J Lang			
	Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr J Wolfe			

DI5099 Dissertation for MLitt Programme/s				
SCOTCAT Credits:	60	SCQF Level 11	**Semester:**	2
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 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:

DI5080 Guided Study in Divinity				
SCOTCAT Credits:	10	SCQF Level 11	**Semester:**	2
Academic year:	2016/7			
Availability restrictions:	Available only to Taught Postgraduate students in combination with an undergraduate module. It may only be taken once.			
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
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 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			

DI5501 The Origins of Christian Theology

SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	**Semester:**	1
Academic year:	2016/7			
Planned timetable:	9.00 am - 11.00 am Tue and 9.00 am - 11.00 am Thu			

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.

Programme module type:	Compulsory for Scripture and Theology and Systematic and Historical Theology Postgraduate Programmes. Optional for other Divinity Postgraduate Programmes.
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	**Weekly contact**: 4 hours. (Weeks 1 - 6).
Assessment pattern:	**Coursework = 100%**
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr T J Lang
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr T J Wolfe

DI5523 The Doctrine of the Trinity

SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	**Semester:**	1
Academic year:	2016/7			
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

DI5525 Christology

SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	**Semester:**	1
Academic year:	2016/7			
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module will examine the development of Christology from the conciliar debates of the fifth century to contemporary political christologies. Students will investigate how dogmatic constructions and emphases relate to the intellectual and / or cultural context in which christologies are produced.				
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 - 6)			
Assessment pattern:	**Coursework = 100 %**			
Module Co-ordinator:	TBC			

DI5526 A Selected Mediaeval Theologian

SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	**Semester:**	2
Academic year:	2016/7			
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			

DI4937 The Study of Theology

SCOTCAT Credits:	30	SCQF Level 10	**Semester:**	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			

The module treats the nature and purposes of theology. Particular attention will be devoted to the history of theological study and to the ways in which the unity of the biblical, historical, doctrinal and practical inquiries may be conceived. The module begins by considering the object, cognitive principles, ends and settings of theology, and its place in the wider world of human intellectual inquiry. It then treats biblical studies, and historical, systematic and moral-practical theology in their historical development and considering their place in the theological curriculum. It closes with a treatment of the relation of intellectual and moral virtues in theological study. The module provides opportunity for students to extend their knowledge of the history of theological inquiry, to study some key classical and modern texts, to engage in critical reflection on the nature of the various sub-disciplines which make up the theological curriculum, and to consider whether theology is a unified intellectual enterprise. This module will be especially pertinent to final-year students seeking to integrate the varied elements so far studied.

Programme module type:	Optional for Divinity Postgraduate programmes
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	**Weekly contact**: 1 x 2-hour seminar and 1 x 1-hour lecture
Assessment pattern:	3-hour Written Examination = 50%, Coursework = 50%
Module Co-ordinator:	TBC
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	TBC