Master of Letters Systematic and Historical Theology

Programme Requirements

Systematic and Historical Theology - MLitt

DI5501 (20 credits) and 
100 credits from Module List: DI5415, DI5500 - DI5595 and 
Between 0 and 40 credits from Module List: DI5080, FR, GM, GK, IT, LT, PR, SP Language Modules and 
DI5099 (60 credits)

Further requirements
Students must select 180 credits.
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.

Compulsory modules:

DI5501 The Origins of Christian Theology

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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 Systematic and Historical Theology Postgraduate Programme Optional for other Divinity Postgraduate Programmes.

Learning and teaching methods and delivery: Weekly contact: 4 hours. (Weeks 1 - 6).

Assessment pattern: Coursework = 100%

Module coordinator: Dr T J Lang

Module teaching staff: Prof J Wolfe
**DI5099 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. A 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 coordinator:** Assigned supervisors

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**Optional modules:**

**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, 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 coordinator:** TBC in consultation with Director of the programme
### DI5415 Theology Special Topic: (Title to be confirmed)

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**Planned timetable:** 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm Tue and 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm Thu

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 coordinator:** Prof A Torrance

### DI5523 The Doctrine of the Trinity

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**Planned timetable:** 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm Tue and 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm Thu

This module will examine the development of 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 coordinator:** Dr S Holmes

### DI5525 Christology

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**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 coordinator:** TBC
### DI5526 A Selected Mediaeval Theologian

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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.

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