

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES (THEOLOGY)

Course title

MA Theology, Leadership and Ministry

Brief description of course and relevance

Structure

Christ the Redeemer's postgraduate programmes equip students to an advanced level with systematic, theoretical and theological knowledge as a basis for them to develop their own theological perspectives and professional practice in leadership and ministry (both in church-based contexts and community settings). The programme is comprised of six 20-credit taught modules and a 60-credit dissertation. The programme can be taken in either a full-time or part-time mode of study. In full-time mode, students take two 20-credit modules each Term and complete their dissertation once they have completed the taught element of the programme. In part-time mode, students take one 20-credit module each Term over a two-year period followed by the dissertation.

Content

Through this programme students critically engage with theoretical frameworks and theological ideas related to professional practice, leadership and ministry. All students undertake a research methods module in preparation for undertaking the dissertation module. There are opportunities for students to engage in independent study both through the dissertation and additionally through an optional 20-credit independent study module. Through the dissertation module, students develop an area of interest through undertaking independent research, guided by a tutor.

Skills

Upon successful completion of the programme, students will have developed enhanced skills in critical thinking, including critically evaluating complex and sometimes contradictory viewpoints. They will have developed the ability to think imaginatively and originally and will be adept at problem-solving. They will be able to approach theological texts and ideas with well-developed skills of theological reflection and will be aware of their own theological assumptions. They will be motivated and able to work and learn independently and will have excellent oral and written communication skills.

Course Aims

The programme aims to enable students to:

- develop a systematic approach to knowledge and a critical awareness of issues at the forefront of contemporary theological research and debate;
- develop knowledge of the diversity of various theological schools of thought, both within and outside of the Pentecostal and Charismatic traditions, in greater depth than that gained through previous study or experience;
- critically evaluate current theological research in the light of their academic and professional experience;
- critically engage in theological reflection, including self-reflection in relation to their own theological tradition, methodology and hermeneutical assumptions and in the context of their professional practice, leadership and ministry;
- develop capacity for independent learning and advanced skills of self-management, interpersonal skills, creative thinking, problem-solving, written and oral communication and the use of technology;

- develop research skills, including undertaking both an extensive literature review and primary research in an area of theological interest and relating that to professional practice, leadership and ministry.

Course duration

Course Title	Full-Time	Part-Time
MA Theology, Leadership and Ministry	1-2 years	3 years

Modules covered in course broken down by years

Module type	Module name	Full-Time	Part-Time
Compulsory modules	Christian Leadership in the 21 st Century	Year 1	Year 1
	Pentecostal and Charismatic Theology	Year 1	Year 1
	Cross-Cultural Mission	Year 1	Year 1
	Advanced Theological Reflection	Year 1	Year 2
	Research Methods	Year 1	Year 2
Elective modules	Church-Planting and Multiplication: Theory and Methods	Year 1	Year 2
	Independent Study Module	Year 1	Year 2
Compulsory module	Research Project: Dissertation	Years 1-2	Year 3

Options/pathways

There are two elective modules: Church-Planting and Multiplication: Theory and Methods or Independent Study Module.

Mode of study: Full-time / part-time / blended / distance learning

Course Title	Modes of Study Available			
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Blended	Fully Online / Distance
MA Theology, Leadership and Ministry	✓	✓	✓	✓

Intake Period

Full-Time, Part-Time and Blended - September Intake
Fully Online / Distance - Anytime

Application deadline

For September Intake - 15 September 2020
For Fully Online / Distance - Anytime

Awarding body

Newman University

Additional information**Online Learning Option**

The College's support for online learning includes allocating every student tutorial support, provision of written and video materials specifically tailored to online delivery, small group tutorials using video conferencing and collaboration software (typically Microsoft Teams), supported by a virtual learning environment (VLE) with materials uploaded to it.

Progression/ career opportunities

Students who complete the MA Theology, Leadership and Ministry programme will be enabled to seek employment in a Christian organisation or other work in the private, public or voluntary sectors, for example in Christian ministry, leadership of church networks, youth ministry, faith-based organisations, non-government organisations, community-based work, and community development roles. Potential career options are likely to include (but not be limited to) the following: Church minister / senior church leader, pioneer minister, church planter, denominational / church network leader, leader of a faith-based organisation, chaplain, charity leader/manager and community leader.