



MA in Theology, Ministry, and Ministry

In Partnership with Durham University



ABOUT ST PADARN'S INSTITUTE

St Padarn's is the training arm of the Church in Wales. It seeks to play its part in equipping and empowering God's people across the world to communicate God's transformative love.

WHY STUDY THE MA IN THEOLOGY, MISSION, AND MINISTRY?

On the MA in Theology, Mission, and Ministry you will explore and engage with the teachings and traditions of the Christian Church through a balance of academic study and practical application. This exciting course will give you a grounding in practical theology and biblical studies, then allow you to tailor your study to suit your interests or background – whether practical theology, doctrine, Old Testament, New Testament, spirituality, mission, or church history. Within your chosen subjects, there will be much freedom for you to concentrate on your own specific areas of interest or root your study in your own situation or locality.

Whatever your background, the programme will encourage you to understand, critique, and develop your daily discipleship and ministerial practice through study and reflection.

WHAT MAKES THIS DEGREE DISTINCTIVE?

Our programme is contemporary and engaging: The MA is rooted in today's world, recognising that our faith comes alive when it is applied to our everyday lives, not least when we engage with contemporary thinking, culture and scholarship.

Our programme is flexible and convenient: The degree is geared towards your needs. The course is delivered in a way that gives time and freedom to those who are busy with ministry, who have other jobs, or who live further away. The timetable aims not to overburden individuals.

Our programme tutors are respected in their fields: The MA draws on internationally-recognised expertise. Your tutors are experts in various theological and biblical fields and their academic work is renowned to be sensitive to current issues in ministry and in the public eye. They include:

Revd Canon Dr Trystan Owain Hughes (MA [TMM] Lead)

Revd Professor Jeremy Duff

Revd Dr Manon Ceridwen James

Revd Dr Julian Raffay

Revd Dr Mark Griffiths

Dr Charlie Shepherd

Revd Dr Jordan Hillebert

HOW IS THE COURSE TAUGHT?

The MA Theology, Mission, and Ministry is a Durham University postgraduate degree delivered through St Padarn's Institute. This flexible programme has been designed with the busy life of those working in mind, both lay people and ordained ministers. It is, therefore, either a full-time (one year) or a part-time course (two years plus dissertation) that is split between three-day residentials, online provision, and day courses. Students will enjoy challenging and interactive teaching and learning strategies.

Two of the residentials will take place from Monday to Wednesday at our site in Cardiff, where we enjoy an extensive library and well-equipped teaching rooms. You are welcome to worship alongside members of our theological college in our attractive chapel. Our en-suite accommodation is modern and purpose-built. It is also possible (and recommended) that you arrive on Sunday night to give yourself extra lead in time and access to tutors and library. There is no extra charge for arriving on Sunday.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED?

Our Masters programme is suitable for graduates in Theology or Religious Studies, although significant experience of ministry can also be taken into account. While it is primarily aimed at people engaged in Christian ministry (lay or ordained), members of some other professional groups (e.g. medicine, social work, teaching) will find it equally valuable, as will individuals who have undertaken an undergraduate degree in theology or religious studies and want to further their learning.

WHAT MODULES ARE OFFERED?

To complete this Master's programme you will need to take a total of 180 credits. This includes six taught modules (120 credits) and on successful completion of this taught stage you will progress to your dissertation (60 credits).

To undertake the course on a part-time basis, you will be required to undertake **three foundational modules (year one)**, whereupon you will then **choose three other modules (year two)**, the assignments of which will all, in consultation with an academic tutor, be tailored to your interest or situation. There is also the option to undertake the course on a full-time basis, whereupon all modules would be completed in the first year.

The following are the modules on our curriculum and how they fit into the part-time scheme:

Year one (part time) Postgraduate Certificate	Year two (part time) Postgraduate Diploma	Year three (part time) MA
Research and Reflection Practical Theology The Bible and the Christian Faith	Advanced Study of a Christian Figure Advanced Study of a Theological Text Advanced Biblical Studies Independent Learning Project	Dissertation

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

The MA (Theology, Mission, and Ministry) is accredited by Durham University which is part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities. We welcome applications year-round but to commence your studies in any given year (starting September), you must submit your application by 31 July.

FUNDING

The MTh qualifies for a student loan if no previous loan exists for study at this level. Support for fees is available for members of the Church in Wales. For further details of possible funding, please contact Tina Franklin on the email below.

To register your interest in the course, to book a phone conversation about the course, or a visit to St Padarn's to explore the MTh further, please contact Tina Franklin, Postgraduate and Registry Coordinator:
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