

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time.

Aims: This programme provides advanced instruction in Christian systematic theology, offering students a structured course of study in which to explore questions about the nature, tasks, and aims of the discipline; deepen their understanding of the scope and coherence of Christian teaching; analyse the development of Christian doctrine; and gain facility in the analysis of classical and contemporary theological texts. An end in its own right, the degree also aims to prepare students for further advanced research in theology.

Content: The three components of the degree are:

FULL TIME ROUTE

Three required core courses:

DR503N Readings in Systematic Theology (30 credit points)

DR553N The Christian Doctrine of God (30 credit points)

DR552G Dissertation (60 credit points)

Plus 60 credit points from the following list:

DR502T Creation and Christian Ethics (30 credit points)

DR502X Special Subject (30 credit points)

DR551Q Great Thinkers in Theological Ethics (30 credit points)

DR552X Special Subject (30 credit points)

With the permission of the Programme Co-ordinator, students may be allowed to substitute one of the taught courses (not the dissertation) with any other level 5 course offered within the field of Systematic Theology.

Regular participation in an appropriate departmental research seminar is integral to the degree programme.

PART TIME ROUTE

This route will run over two years. Up to 120 credit points can be taken in a single academic year, with students taking a maximum of 180 credits in total over the two years.

DR552G Dissertation (60 credit points) must be taken in Year 2.

The following courses are compulsory and can be taken in either Year 1 or Year 2:

Three required core courses:

DR503N Readings in Systematic Theology (30 credit points)

DR553N The Christian Doctrine of God (30 credit points)

DR552G Dissertation (60 credit points)

Plus 60 credit points from the following list:

DR502T Creation and Christian Ethics (30 credit points)

DR502X Special Subject (30 credit points)

DR551Q Great Thinkers in Theological Ethics (30 credit points)

DR552X Special Subject (30 credit points)

With the permission of the Programme Co-ordinator, students may be allowed to substitute one of the taught courses (not the dissertation) with any other level 5 course offered within the field of Systematic Theology.

Assessment: Students must acquire 180 credit points over the course of the year. Assessment is by course work and/or written examination as prescribed for each course. Appropriate personal supervision is arranged for the dissertation. The degree of MTh shall not be awarded to candidates who fail to complete the dissertation at an appropriate standard, irrespective of their performance in other courses. Such candidates may, at the discretion of the Examiners, be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma or Certificate.