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HIGHER DIPLOMA IN MISSION THEOLOGY

AIMS OF PROGRAMME

The aims of the Higher Diploma in Mission Theology is as follows:

- to provide a bridging course in theology for students with a good primary degree in another discipline who wish to advance to either the MA in Faith and Culture Studies, or the MA in Mission Theology.
- to provide a post-graduate option for students who have graduated in theology but do not have the requirements for advancement to the Masters programmes offered by the Department of Mission Theology and Cultures. Such students may be allowed to advance to the Masters programme if their achievement in the Higher Diploma indicates that they have reached equivalence for advancement.



This programme can be modified to suit the individual requirements of students, considering their previous record of studies. The Graduate Diploma is awarded for the satisfactory completion of the course requirements of 90 credits (3 credits = a course of one lecture per week for one semester).

DURATION

Full-time: one year; part-time: two or three years

ACCESS, TRANSFER AND PROGRESSION ROUTES

Applications for the Higher Diploma in Mission Theology will be accepted from candidates

- who hold an approved Bachelor's Degree in theology;
- who hold a suitable BA degree in anthropology or other related disciplines;

- who hold an appropriate Higher Diploma in theology, anthropology, culture studies, or another related discipline;
- who hold an equivalent full-length undergraduate study programme in theology, with any conditions for bridging studies that might be imposed by the Post-Graduate Board of Admissions;
- who hold other appropriate qualifications acceptable to the Post-Graduate Board of Admissions, including FETAC Level 2 awards.

Applications are normally submitted before 15 August in advance of the September in which the course begins. In case of shortage of places on the course preference will be given on the basis of merit. Late applications will be considered if the course booking has not been completed.

MODULES IN THE PROGRAMME

Participants will be required to follow three modules in Sacred Scripture; two modules in Foundational Theology; and a selection of modules available at the Institute in the general area of Mission and Culture, to be arranged with the Head of the Mission Department. The aim is to achieve a wide knowledge of different and diverse approaches to faith and culture issues.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The compulsory modules are as follows:

Wisdom Literature
Synoptics/Acts
Biblical Foundations of Mission
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The God of Jesus Christ



The following modules are on offer in 2005–2006, and will be modified every academic year:

General Introduction to Mission Theology:
Biblical and Historical Perspectives
Mission Theology
World Religions: Islam
Christianity and Religious Pluralism
Ethnicity and Cultures
Government and Politics in the Developing World
Pastoral Skills: Social Analysis
The God we want to know
Hermeneutics and Inculturation



GRANTS AND TAX RELIEF

This programme is covered by the Higher Education Grants Scheme, and information regarding application procedures, eligibility and related matters may be obtained from the student's Local Authority (or of the local Education and Library Board for students from Northern Ireland). This course is eligible for tax relief under Section 473A, Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 by the Department of Education and Science.

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