

Awarding Body:
Duration:

Pontifical Athenaeum (Milltown Institute)
Two years, full-time study



LICENTIATE IN THEOLOGY (STL)

AIMS OF PROGRAMME

The Milltown Institute offers a programme of studies leading to the degree of *Sacrae Theologiae Licentiatus* (STL), a Licentiate in Theology. The STL is a step on the road of academic formation and scholarship, which leads ultimately to the degree of doctor. The STL degree enables the recipient to teach theology at third level, including at pontifical seminary level.

AWARDING BODY

Pontifical Athenaeum at the Milltown Institute. The Licentiate is the equivalent to a civil Master's degree (NQF Level 9).

DURATION

The programme for the Licentiate in Theology normally lasts four semesters, i.e. two years of full-time study.

PROGRAMME SPECIALISATIONS

The Milltown Institute offers the following areas of specialisation within theology research: Biblical Studies, Patristics, History of Theology / Spirituality, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, Ecumenics, Liturgical Theology, Pastoral Theology, Spirituality, Mission Theology, Canon Law.

ACCESS, TRANSFER AND PROGRESSION ROUTES

To be admitted to the STL Programme an applicant must possess a Bachelor of Divinity, Second Class Honours, Grade 1, or its equivalent. Candidates must also have a knowledge of English appropriate to advanced research and writing. A reading knowledge of at least one modern language is also required.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Programme is characterised by specialisation and provides the student with a fuller introduction to the theory and practice of theological method.

The Programme comprises three constitutive elements:

- A. Prescribed Coursework, including a Research Seminar
- B. The Preparation and Presentation of a Dissertation
- C. A Final Comprehensive Examination.

COURSEWORK

The Coursework will comprise the following requirements:

1. The Research Seminar
2. Core modules shared in common with all STL candidates, including Theological Method
3. Modules which are directed to the chosen area of specialisation.

The Research Seminar comprises research on a topic which may be related to that of the dissertation. Through this and the related colloquium candidates will be introduced to postgraduate research techniques as well as to theological method, and will have an opportunity to share in peer discussion on their research. Core modules that are shared by all STL candidates serve to give breadth to their study, while the modules taken in the chosen area of specialisation will allow candidates to deepen their knowledge of a particular area in theology.

MODES OF ASSESSMENT

Marks are awarded for coursework, dissertation and final comprehensive examination, and together will constitute the final mark on the basis of which the award will be granted. The Dissertation should be between 15,000 and 20,000 words (including footnotes and bibliography) on a topic from the candidate's field of research, written under the direction of the Dissertation Director, having been chosen in consultation with him/her and approved by the Head of the School of Postgraduate Studies and Research. The candidate will present and discuss the Dissertation in a public session lasting not more than one hour with his/her Director and a second Reader. The Final Comprehensive (Oral) Examination before a Board of three Examiners will test the candidate's ability to communicate orally in theology as well as his/her understanding of the chosen area of specialisation.



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