



MA IN PHILOSOPHY

(By Research & Thesis)

AIMS OF PROGRAMME

This award is designed to meet the needs of graduates who wish to develop their knowledge of Philosophy. The programme provides graduates in Philosophy with a rigorous theoretical grounding in specific areas in Philosophy and a certain specialisation in a chosen field.

DURATION

The normal duration of the MA programme is a minimum of 21 months (or two academic years) from the date of admission to the Masters' Register.

PROGRAMME SPECIALISATIONS

The Milltown Institute offers the following areas of specialisation in Philosophy: Ethics; Metaphysics and Epistemology; Philosophical Anthropology; Philosophy of Religion; History of Philosophy; Contemporary Philosophy.

ACCESS, TRANSFER AND PROGRESSION ROUTES

Candidates for the degree of MA in Philosophy (by research and thesis)

- should possess a BA in which Philosophy is a major subject;
- and the BA degree must be at least a Second Class Honours, Grade 1.
- provide any other additional information requested.

Candidates should have knowledge of English appropriate for advanced research. They should also have a reading knowledge of one of the following languages: French, German, Italian, Spanish and/or such other languages as the Dean shall judge appropriate for the planned research (as, for instance, where the topic of research is the work of a particular author, the candidate will be expected to be able to read that author's work in the original language).

SUPERVISION

The Masters thesis (normally not less than 25,000 words or more than 50,000 words, excluding bibliographies and index), is written under the supervision of a full-time member of staff of Milltown Institute, or of another person associated with the Institute, in each case with the approval of the Dean of Philosophy and the Extern Examiner. The candidate's nominated internal supervisor should be a Professor, Senior Lecturer, or other staff member of Doctoral status who is a specialist in

the subject area concerned. Additional suitably qualified supervisor(s) may be appointed where this is thought necessary to cover adequately the field of study.

MODE OF ASSESSMENT

Theses are examined by an Extern Examiner and an Internal Reader.

SOME PREVIOUS RESEARCH

Undertaken in the Programme

- Life as an Implicitly Lived Story: A Philosophical Analysis of the Formation of Narrative Identity
- The Critique of Ontology in the Philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas

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.

DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

Professor Santiago Sia, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, is author/editor of several books and articles in philosophy of religion, in ethics, and in process thought, and was for several years Professor of Philosophy at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, USA. He has taught in the USA, England, Belgium, Ireland and the Philippines, and has presented scholarly papers at numerous national and international conferences. He is the recipient of various awards, including a

Senior Research Fellowship from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and the Robert Taylor Chair in Philosophy from Loyola Marymount University. His most recent book is *Personal Identity, the Self and Ethics* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007).



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