

MILLTOWN INSTITUTE

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Level 8	Higher Diploma in Adult Religious Education Higher Diploma in Applied Christian Spirituality Higher Diploma in Biblical Studies Higher Diploma in Canon Law Higher Diploma in Christian Spirituality Higher Diploma in Ethical Studies Higher Diploma in Supervisory Practice Higher Diploma in Mission Theology
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Level 9	Licentiate in Philosophy – <i>Pontifical Award</i> Licentiate in Theology (STL) – <i>Pontifical Award</i> MA in Applied Ethics and Theology MA in Applied Christian Spirituality MA in Biblical Studies MA in Christian Spirituality MA in Faith and Culture Studies MA in Philosophy (<i>Research</i>) MA in Supervisory Practice MA in Theology (<i>Research</i>) Master of Divinity (M Div) Postgraduate Diploma in Spirituality and Leadership in Education
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Level 10	Doctorate in Theology – <i>Pontifical Award</i> PhD in Philosophy – <i>Pontifical Award</i> PhD in Philosophy PhD in Theology
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PHD IN PHILOSOPHY

(By Research & Thesis)

AIMS OF PROGRAMME

The degree of Ph.D. will be conferred for advanced studies in which the candidate demonstrates outstanding scholarship. It signifies that the candidate is capable of independent research and has both a broad basic knowledge of a particular field of study and a comprehensive knowledge of one specialist area. The Ph.D. will be awarded to registered candidates who successfully complete an approved programme of original research, culminating in a work of major significance recorded in a thesis of a standard worthy of publication. The thesis must make a significant original contribution to the field of knowledge of its subject matter.

DURATION

The PhD may not be normally awarded until at least three years have elapsed from the time of registration for the degree.

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 Doctor of Philosophy

- must be in possession of a Master's or equivalent degree of a standard that demonstrates aptitude for research. Exceptionally, candidates holding a First Class Honours primary degree in a subject related to their proposed research may register directly for a PhD. However, they must show substantial reason for not registering for a Master's degree;
- should have knowledge of English appropriate for advanced research and writing. They must also have a reading knowledge of two of the following languages: French, German, Italian, Spanish or such other language as the Dean or the Extern Examiner judges appropriate for the planned research. An examination in these languages may be required;
- must be able to read – where the topic of the research is the work of a particular author – that author's work in the original language;
- shall in the first instance apply to the Dean of Philosophy, who must be satisfied that they fulfil the required conditions, before forwarding their names to NUI for inclusion in its Register of Doctoral Candidates.
- may also be required to submit additional documentation.

THESIS

A doctoral thesis must make a significant original contribution to the field of knowledge of its subject matter. Within three months of registration the candidate should seek approval for the topic of the thesis.

The candidate shall present to the supervisor of the thesis an initial proposal or brief statement of about 1000 words containing the following:

- a) the issue to be studied, with reasons why it should be the topic of a thesis;
- b) the proposed limits of the investigation;
- c) a description of the methodology to be used;
- d) the specific originality of such a thesis.

Having consulted with the faculty and with the approval of the Dean and the Extern Examiner, the supervisor shall approve the thesis proposal, approve it with conditions, or request a new submission as the case requires.

To obtain definitive approval for the thesis project, the candidate should submit to the supervisor a statement of about 2,000 words containing the following:

- a) an overview of the research already completed;
- b) an outline of the proposed chapter headings and divisions of the thesis;
- c) the proposed originality of the thesis in the light of current knowledge in the field.

This definitive proposal must be approved by a board appointed by the Dean, consisting of the thesis supervisor, two members of faculty and the extern examiner. The thesis shall normally not be less than 60,000, or more than 120,000 words, exclusive of bibliography and indices in each case.

SOME PREVIOUS RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN IN THIS PROGRAMME

- Showing and Seeing Aspects: a Commentary on Sec. xi of Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations

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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