Chapter IV

Post Graduate Degree Programmes

in the

Faculty of Theology

at the

Pontifical University

Stoyte House, where Saint Patrick's College was founded in 1795

Licentiate in Divinity

Director: Reverend Professor Liam Tracey

To obtain the Licentiate in Divinity (STL), two years' full time specialised study is required. The course and degree are designed for candidates who have attained honours standard, *magna cum laude*, in their previous theological studies. A part-time option is also possible. Part-time candidates may, with the approval of the Director, take the course over three or four years.

Admission Requirements

- In order to register for courses leading to the degree of Licentiate in Divinity, a candidate must hold at least a Baccalaureate in Divinity, second honours, Grade I (*magna cum laude*) or, what in the judgement of the Faculty is regarded as an equivalent standard of theological study.
- A basic knowledge of Greek and Hebrew is required and an appropriate knowledge of two modern languages. (See page 131)
- Candidates whose first language is not English will be required to satisfy the English language requirements.

Programme of Study

The programme comprises the following:

Year 1
Seminar Courses
Full-time candidates usually take four seminar courses in year one.

Reading Courses
Candidates select two reading courses from the list of courses on offer. Candidates must take courses from two different theological disciplines.

Research Colloquium
Formal colloquium presentation

Year 2
Seminar Courses
Full-time candidates usually take two seminar courses in year two.

Reading Courses

Candidates take one reading course in the theological discipline of their specialization.

Reading Courses are to convene at least once per month during the academic year (i.e., *at least* 6 meetings). Reading Courses are to be assessed by a variety of means: end-of-semester papers and a formal colloquium presentation. Each paper is to be of 3000 words, making a total of 6000 words per reading course. The STL Programme Director, in consultation with those offering the suite of reading courses, is to ensure variety and balance in the means of assessment.

The full list of seminar courses is to be found on the following pages. Please note that the courses *Research in Theology: Historical and Methodological Approaches* and *The Soul of Theology* are obligatory.

Part-time candidates agree an initial schedule of seminar courses with the Programme Director.

Seminar courses are normally assessed by assignment(s) of c.7,000 words. Variations may be approved by the Director in consultation with the Postgraduate Board.

Scriptum

Each candidate shall prepare a *scriptum* or dissertation under the direction of a member of the Faculty, on a topic approved by the Faculty. The *scriptum* shall be between 25,000 and 30,000 words in length, inclusive of footnotes but exclusive of bibliography and appendices. The *scriptum* is to be submitted by August 30th. A grace period of four weeks will apply.

The *scriptum* will be assessed in a 30-minute *viva voce* examination. The examiners shall be the Director of the *scriptum*, an internal reader, and an external reader appointed by the Faculty.

According to the Bologna Protocols, the STL is a 120 ECTS degree where, 30 ECTS are deemed to represent fulltime study for *one* semester. In this schema, the following credit weightings apply:

Taught Seminar Course	= 10 ECTS	[7000-word paper]
Reading Course	= 10 ECTS	[2 x 3000-word papers]
Dissertation	= 30 ECTS	[Dissertation + Viva]
Research Colloquium	= *Qualifier*	[Presentation]

Year 1: 4 SCs + 2 RCs + Research Colloquium	40+20	= 60 ECTS
Year 2: 2 SCs + 1 RC + Dissertation & Viva	20+10+30	= 60 ECTS

Candidates must successfully complete the *Postgraduate Induction Week* which takes place September 16–19, 2019.

Assessment

The Final Assessment of the STL is based on:
- Reading Course assignments.
- Seminar Course assignments (as outlined in the respective module descriptors).
- The *Scriptum* and its *Viva Voce* examination.
- Any theological language courses, as well as the Research Colloquium are qualifying requirements and do not form part of the final assessment.

Doctoral Degree in Divinity

Admission Requirements

In order to register for courses leading to the Doctoral Degree in Divinity (DD/STD), a candidate must hold at least a Licentiate in Divinity (STL) second class honours, Grade I (*magna cum laude*) or what, in the judgement of the Faculty, is regarded as an equivalent standard of theological study. A basic knowledge of Greek and Hebrew is required, and an appropriate knowledge of two modern languages, (see page 131) Candidates whose first language is not English will be required to satisfy the English language requirements of the Faculty of Theology.

Candidates must successfully complete the *Postgraduate Induction Week* which takes place during September, 16–19, 2019.

Programme of Study

- The doctoral dissertation, which forms the basis for granting the degree, must be a substantial and original piece of research in a theological area, offering a notable contribution to the advancement of the theological sciences.

- The dissertation must be prepared under the direction of a member of the Faculty on a topic approved by the Faculty.

- Candidates who have completed the STL programme in the Faculty are required only to take two further seminar courses in the Doctoral Foundation Year (or semester).

- Candidates who have not taken any special courses at the Faculty but have a Licentiate of the required standard must undertake the full Doctoral Foundation Year.

- At the end of the Doctoral Foundation Year, doctoral candidates will provide sufficient evidence of progress in the preparation of the dissertation to warrant continuance.

- Dissertations submitted by 30th November are accepted for examination by early spring. Those submitted by 15th May are accepted for examination in early summer. Examination at any other time may be considered only in exceptional circumstances, and by express leave of the Faculty.

- The dissertation shall be presented to the Director of Postgraduate Studies at least two months before the candidate may be admitted to defend it. In

exceptional cases the Council of the Faculty may shorten the period required.

- Three copies of the dissertation are to be submitted in the first instance; these may be ring-bound. A hard-bound copy, incorporating any corrections which the examiners may require, must be submitted to the Library following successful defence of the work.

- All dissertations shall remain the property of the Pontifical University.

Public Examination (Doctoral Defence)

The public examination shall comprise the following elements:
- A lecture by the candidate for half-an-hour on the topic, arguments and conclusions of the dissertation
- A defence of the dissertation for an hour against objections.
- An examination for half-an-hour on nine propositions chosen by the candidate and approved by the Council of the Faculty. Three propositions will be chosen from each subject area, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology and Sacred Scripture.
- At the end of the Defence, the Faculty shall vote firstly on whether the degree of doctor is to be awarded and secondly on what mark shall be given. Separate marks are given for the thesis and the propositions; the minimum mark is 65%. The marks are counted and an aggregate mark is awarded. This is not communicated to the candidate. The number of examiners from the Faculty at the examination shall be at least five.

Publication of Doctoral Dissertation

Before the Doctorate in Divinity can be conferred, the dissertation, or at least a substantial part thereof, must be published. Publication may take any of the following forms:
- Appearance as a book, or as an article in a recognised theological journal.
- Circulation of copies of the dissertation, or of a major excerpt, in printed form, or electronically, to the main ecclesiastical Faculties of Theology.
- Deposition of a copy of the dissertation in the John Paul II Library at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, together with notification of the fact through appropriate means of inter-library exchange.

Doctoral Degree in Theology

The Doctoral Degree of PhD in Theology is awarded to those who satisfactorily complete the course and research requirements for the Degree.

Admission Requirements

- A Master's Degree in Theology of at least Second Class Honours Grade I or its equivalent.
- The Faculty of Theology may also accept candidates whom it deems to have achieved an equivalent standard.
- A competence in at least two theological languages: Hebrew, Greek or Latin. A candidate who has not already attained an acceptable level of competence in theological languages is required to pass qualifying courses in at least two of the following: Hebrew, Greek, or Latin (see page 131).
- Candidates whose first language is not English will be required to satisfy the English language requirements of the Faculty of Theology.

Postgraduate Degree candidates will normally be expected to register year by year on a continuous basis until they have completed their degree. Candidates wishing to suspend registration may do so only on the express permission of the Faculty. Upon registration, PhD candidates will be assigned a staff mentor to assist them in the Doctoral Foundation Year.

Progress at doctoral level demands a significant investment of time by the candidate in personal study and research. As such, study and research requires access both to resources that are frequently only available in research libraries, as well as easy access to the candidate's director or mentor, it is strongly recommended that doctoral candidates, *especially at the beginning of their studies*, spend at least *three days per week* on the Maynooth campus, during the semester.

Programme of Study

- Candidates must normally complete four years of fulltime study, the first year of which is termed the Doctoral Foundation Year.
- The Doctoral Foundation Year includes four postgraduate seminar courses. Two of these courses will normally be *Research in Theology: Historical and Methodological Approaches* (PG 464) and *The Soul of Theology* (PG 442). Candidates who have recently completed these two courses as part of an STL or Masters in the Pontifical University are exempt.
- In order to be considered for progression to the second year of the doctoral programme, candidates are to achieve an aggregate 2:1 across these four

seminar courses. In the Second Semester of the Foundation Year, the candidate shall, with the guidance of a mentor or director, identify a topic of research interest, and present a brief outline to two nominees of the Postgraduate Board by June 15th. This research topic, is not a doctoral proposal, but rather a research area that creates direction and focus for the doctoral proposal.

- Normally, the doctoral proposal, which forms the basis of the doctoral dissertation, will be presented for approval to the Faculty of Theology during the second year of the doctoral programme.
- The doctoral dissertation, which forms the basis for the award of the degree, must be a substantial and original piece of research, which offers a notable contribution to the advancement of the theological sciences.
- The dissertation must be prepared under the direction of a member of the Faculty of Theology, on a topic approved by the Faculty.
- Candidates must have or must acquire a good reading knowledge of one modern continental European language (see page 131).
- Candidates must successfully complete the *Postgraduate Induction Week* which takes place during September, 16–19, 2019.

Regulations for the *Viva Voce* Examination

A *viva voce* examination of the dissertation is required for the awarding of the PhD.

I. The candidate shall in the first place submit three copies of the dissertation which may be ring-bound.

II. The examiners shall be the supervisor of the dissertation, an external examiner chosen by the Faculty, and an internal Reader, member of the Faculty appointed by the Faculty.
The Faculty will also appoint a chairperson for the *viva*, and members of the Faculty are invited to attend.

III. The examiners may accept or reject the dissertation for defence.

IV. The format of the defence shall be decided by the examiners but shall not exceed one and a half-hour's duration.

V. The examiners shall make a written recommendation to the Faculty.

VI. The dissertation may be accepted without change or with some modifications, or it may be rejected on the basis of the *viva voce* examination.

VII. In the event of a successful *viva* the candidate must submit a hard-bound copy of the dissertation incorporating any changes which the examiners may require. Changes are verified by at least one of the examiners. The degree shall not be conferred until receipt of a duly revised copy has been confirmed by the Director of Postgraduate Studies.

VIII. A copy of the dissertation will be lodged in the John Paul II Library, and candidates will be invited to complete the following declaration: *I hereby agree that the copy of my dissertation deposited in the Library shall be available for consultation under conditions laid down by the Pontifical University.*

IX. All dissertations shall remain the property of the University.

X. The Role and Responsibilities of the Chair at the *Viva Voce Examination*

In the Pontifical University *viva voce* examinations are chaired by an independent permanent member of the Council of the relevant Faculty. The presence of an independent Chair is designed to ensure that integrity and fairness is maintained by all parties during the *viva voce* examination.
The relevant faculty, upon the recommendation of the PG Board, appoints the Chair, when the dissertation has been submitted for examination to the Pontifical University Office. The Pontifical University Office forwards to each of the examiners a copy of the doctoral dissertation.

Prior to examination the Chair is responsible for:
- Collecting the necessary documentation from the Pontifical University Office.

During the viva voce examination the Chair is responsible for:
- Chairing the preliminary meeting of the Examiners and agreeing the structure, roles and format of the *viva voce* examination.
- Introducing all those present at the *viva voce* examination, including attempting to put all parties at their ease.
- Outlining the structure and format of the *viva voce* to the Examiners and candidates, and indicating the respective roles of the Chair, Supervisor, and Examiners.
- Intervening in the examining process only if there appears to be bias, misconduct or unfairness, or if the Examiners are diverting from the agreed format of the *viva voce* in such a manner as to disadvantage the candidate, or if the Chair believes the *viva voce* is progressing in a manner which could compromise the academic standards of the Pontifical University. Actions which might be taken include calling a temporary halt to the examination, holding a private discussion with the Examiners or the candidate, or, most exceptionally, ending the examination.
- Asking the candidate if she or he is satisfied that the examination was conducted fairly. Should the candidate express any concerns in this regard, they shall be noted by the chair, and included in the documentation of the *viva*.
- Inviting the candidate and the Director of Postgraduate Studies to leave the room for the duration of the examiners' deliberations.
- Chairing the post-*viva voce* discussion of the Examiners, and outlining and clarifying all possible recommendations.
- Ensuring the Examiners complete and sign the relevant forms at the end of the *viva*.

It is to be noted that the Chair is **not** responsible for:
- Having any knowledge of the subject of the dissertation, nor is s/he required to read the dissertation.

Master's Degree in Theology
Two Year Programme

The programme for degree of Master in Theology (MTh) offers candidates the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of Theology through specialised study, personal work and research.

There are two methods of obtaining this degree.
- Mode A: candidates complete five seminar courses and write a minor dissertation (25,000-30,000 words).
- Mode B: candidates submit a major dissertation (40,000 words) and fulfil the requirements of the *Research in Theology: Historical and Methodological Approaches* seminar course (PG 464).

Theological Languages – Mode A and Mode B:
A competence in theological language(s) is a qualifying requirement (see page 131)

This degree qualifies for Higher Education grants.

Admission Requirements: Mode A

The minimum entry requirement is an honours primary degree in which Theology comprises at least an equal joint honours component. Candidates should have obtained at least Second Class Honours, Grade I overall, and Second Class Honours, Grade I in Theology. An interview will be part of the selection procedure.

The Faculty of Theology may also accept applicants whom it deems to have achieved an equivalent standard. Where an applicant's qualifications are insufficient for admission to the MTh, a Qualifying Programme and Examination may be provided.

Candidates whose first language is not English will be required to satisfy the English language requirement of Faculty of Theology. Candidates will normally be expected to register year by year on a continuous basis until they have completed their degree. Candidates wishing to suspend registration may do so only on the express permission of the Faculty.

Programme of Study: Mode A

The duration of the programme is two years. The first year is considered a year of full-time study in one of the options below. In the second year the candidate, takes one seminar course in the first semester and completes a thesis. Candidates must

successfully complete the *Postgraduate Induction Week* which takes place during September, 16–19, 2019.

Course Option I: Systematic Theology

In Year One the candidate takes two seminar courses in Systematic Theology, one seminar course in Moral Theology, in Sacred Scripture, or in Liturgy, as well as the obligatory course:

- *The Soul of Theology,* (PG 442) in the second semester.

In Year Two the candidate takes one seminar course in Systematic Theology in the first semester, and completes the dissertation. The dissertation is to be submitted by 3.00pm on the last Friday in August. A grace period of two weeks will apply.

Course Option II: Moral Theology

In Year One the candidate takes two seminar courses in Moral Theology, one seminar course in Systematic Theology, in Sacred Scripture, or in Liturgy, as well as the obligatory course:

- *The Soul of Theology,* (PG 442) in the second semester.

In Year Two the candidate takes one seminar course in Moral Theology in the first semester, and completes the dissertation. The dissertation is to be submitted by 3.00pm on the last Friday in August. A grace period of two weeks will apply.

Course Option III: Biblical Theology

In Year One the candidate takes two seminar courses in Biblical Theology, one seminar course in Systematic Theology, in Moral Theology, or in Liturgy as well as the obligatory course:

- *The Soul of Theology,* (PG 442) in the second semester.

In Year Two the candidate takes one seminar course in Biblical Theology in the first semester and completes the dissertation. The dissertation is to be submitted by 3.00pm on the last Friday in August. A grace period of two weeks will apply.

Course Option IV: Pastoral Liturgy

In Year One the candidate takes four seminar courses in Liturgical Theology – two in each semester, as agreed with the Director of Postgraduate Studies, in consultation with the Professor of Sacred Liturgy.

In Year Two the candidate takes one further seminar course in Liturgical Theology during the first semester, and completes the minor dissertation, of 25,000—30,000 words. The minor dissertation will be on an approved topic and submitted by 3.00pm on the last Friday in August. A grace period of two weeks will apply. The

dissertation is pursued under the direction of a member of the Faculty of Theology. While completing the dissertation, the candidate is not required to be in full-time attendance.

Admission Requirements: Mode B

To qualify for admission to a Masters in Theology by dissertation only, candidates shall have Second Class Honours, Grade I in the theological component of their honours degree. The Faculty of Theology may also accept applicants whom it deems to have achieved an equivalent standard. Masters Mode B is recommended only for candidates who have a clear research focus and a proven ability to work on their own.

Candidates whose first language is not English will be required to satisfy the English language requirements of the Faculty of Theology. Candidates will normally be expected to register year by year on a continuous basis until they have completed their degree. Candidates wishing to suspend registration may do so only on the express permission of the Faculty.

Programme of Study: Mode B

- Candidates must successfully complete the *Postgraduate Induction Week* which takes place during September, 16–19, 2019.
- Candidates must fulfil the requirements of *Research in Theology: Historical and Methodological Approaches* (PG 464)*,* and work for at least three semesters under the direction of a permanent member of the Faculty of Theology.
- The subject of the dissertation requires the approval of the relevant Head of Department.
- The length of the dissertation shall be approximately 40,000 words, exclusive of footnotes and bibliography.
- Candidates shall be required to submit their dissertations within three years. Extensions will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.
- The dissertation shall be examined by the dissertation supervisor and an external examiner chosen by the Faculty.
- Candidates may be examined on the subject matter of the dissertation if the above examiners so decide.

Language Requirements

Theological Languages Requirement

DD, PhD, STL, MTh (Mode A and Mode B)

- Candidates admitted into the above programmes in the Faculty of Theology shall be required to sit a qualifying examination in at least two of the following: Hebrew, Greek, or Latin. A syllabus for this examination is provided on the Faculty website.

- Candidates who do not pass the above qualifying examination, are required to attend and pass qualifying courses in at least two of the following: Hebrew, Greek, or Latin. In certain circumstances an advanced course in one theological language may be accepted in lieu of a second.

- Candidates who have successfully completed a one-year full-time University course in Hebrew, Latin or Greek are exempt, as are candidates who have successfully completed theological language courses in the Pontifical University.

- The language(s) requirement is merely qualifying and does not form part of the final assessment.

Modern Language Requirements

DD
Candidates must have or must acquire a good reading knowledge of two continental European languages.

PhD
Candidates must have or must acquire a good reading knowledge of one modern continental European language.

Note: Qualifying examinations are offered at various points during the academic year. Details are posted on the postgraduate information pages on the College website.

Master's Degree in Theology
Specialisation: Contemporary Ethics

Course Director: Suzanne Mulligan PhD

The course will consist of six taught modules (10 credits each) delivered over two years, and the submission of a thesis of 15,000 words. Assessment of modules is by essay (c. 7,000 words).

Admission Requirements:

The minimum entry requirement is an honours primary degree in which Theology comprises at least an equal joint honours component. Candidates should have obtained at least Second Class Honours, Grade I overall, and Second Class Honours, Grade I in Theology. An interview will be part of the selection process. The Faculty of Theology may also accept applicants whom it deems to have achieved an equivalent standard. Candidates whose first language is not English will be required to satisfy the English language requirement.

Programme of Study

In addition to the following programme of study, candidates must successfully complete the *Postgraduate Induction Week* in September, 16-19, 2019.

Cycle A (2019-2020):
- **PG 709** Re-Sourcing: Theology and Renewal in the Twentieth Century
- **PG 650** Foundations of Moral Theology
- **PG 651** Environmental and Social Ethics

Cycle B (2020-2021):
- **PG 302** History of Christian Thought
- **PG 652** Spirituality, Religion and Contemporary Healthcare Ethics
- **PG 653** Media Ethics

Minor Dissertation (15,000 words)

The dissertation is to be written under the direction of a member of the Faculty of Theology, and submitted by candidates in their second year by 3.00pm on the last Friday in August, in Year 2. A grace period of two weeks applies.

Note: progression to the PhD from this programme requires the successful completion of a doctoral qualifying year, the parameters of which are established by the Faculty of Theology.

Master's Degree in Theology
Specialisation: The Bible and Spirituality
Two Years Part-time

Course Director: Jessie Rogers PhD

Admission Requirements

The minimum entry requirement is a primary degree in which Theology comprises at least an equal joint honours component. Candidates should have obtained at least Second Class Honours, Grade I overall, and Second Class Honours, Grade I in Theology. An interview will be part of the admission process.

The Faculty of Theology may also accept applicants whom it deems to have achieved an equivalent standard. Applicants whose first language is not English will be required to satisfy the English language requirements.

Programme Rationale

As Scripture, the Bible is a collection of writings that reflects the dynamic experiences of ancient Israel and of the early Christian Church, and which continues to nourish and make sense of people's lives. This Masters has a two-fold focus: it explores both spiritualities *within* the Bible and spirituality shaped by engagement *with* the Bible. The programme approaches biblical spirituality from the perspectives of liturgy, history and biblical studies, understands spirituality incarnationally as communal and personal expressions of lived faith, and includes a strong practical dimension.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the MTh in Biblical Spirituality, students should be able to:

- Analyse the spiritualities inherent in Old and New Testament texts.

- Interpret biblical texts with a sensitivity to their literary conventions.

- Explore biblical aspects of various Christian spiritual traditions (e.g., Benedictine, Franciscan, Ignatian), and the way woman mystics in particular (e.g., Birgitta, Hildegard of Bingen, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Jesus, Thérèse of Lisieux) have read Scripture.

- Trace the ecclesial and sacramental manifestations of biblical spirituality at various times in the history of the Church.

- Engage with Scripture in potentially transformative ways.

- Describe current trends in the academic study of spirituality.

- Discuss the contribution of Scripture to issues such as justice and creation spirituality.

Programme of Study

The course consists of six taught modules (10 credits each) delivered over two years, and the submission of a thesis of 15,000 words. Modules will be delivered on Wednesday afternoons and evenings, with some blended learning (online and a week on campus 13–17 January, 2020). Assessment of modules is by essay (c. 7,000 words).

In addition to the following programme of study, candidates must successfully complete the Postgraduate Induction Week on 16–19 September, 2019.

Semester 1:

- **PG 709** Re-Sourcing: Theology and Renewal in the Twentieth Century

- **PG 658** Pathways in Biblical Spiritualities (Online + one week on campus in January)

Semester 2:

 One of the following:

- **PG 496** The David Story

- **PG 486** Word and Lection: Scripture Heard and Proclaimed*

    [** PG 486 is offered on *Thursday* mornings 9:30am to 12:30pm]
    Candidates may, in consultation with the Course Director and the Director of Postgraduate Studies, opt for a different module that is being offered e.g., in Pastoral Liturgy.

Minor Dissertation (15,000 words)

The dissertation is to be written under the direction of a member of the Faculty of Theology, and submitted by candidates in their second year by 3.00pm on the last Friday in August, in Year 2. A grace period of two weeks applies.

Note: progression to the PhD from this programme requires the successful completion of a doctoral qualifying year, the parameters of which are established by the Faculty of Theology.

Master's Degree in Theology
Specialisation: History of Christianity
Two Years Part-time

Course Director: Prof. Salvador Ryan
(in collaboration with the Department of Early Irish, Maynooth University, and Russell Library).

This course consists of eight modules delivered over four semesters (two academic years) and the submission of a thesis of 15,000 words on an agreed topic. Modules are delivered on Wednesday evenings.

In Cycle A, candidates take the following modules: History of Christian Thought (10 credits); Research Methodologies & Reading and Interpreting Primary Source Texts I (5 credits); "Isle of Saints and Scholars"? The Literary Culture of Early Medieval Ireland (10 credits); and History of Christian Practice: Medieval to Modern (5 credits).

In Cycle B (2019-2020) candidates take: Re-Sourcing: Theology and Renewal in the Twentieth Century (10 credits); Research Methodologies & Reading and Interpreting Primary Source Texts II (5 credits); The Writing of Church History from the Reformation to the 20th century (10 credits); and History of Christian Practice: Medieval Ireland (5 credits).

Admission Requirements

Applicants should normally possess a recognised primary degree in Theology or a related discipline (for example, History) and have obtained at least a Second Class Honours, Grade I. In exceptional cases, applicants who can satisfactorily demonstrate a long-standing interest in the subject, coupled with proven relevant experience, will also be considered. An interview will form part of the selection procedure. Candidates whose first language is not English will be required to satisfy the relevant English language requirements.

Programme of Study

In addition to the following programme of study, candidates must successfully complete the *Postgraduate Induction Week*, which takes place during September, 16–19, 2019.

Semester 1:

- **PG 306** Research Methodologies & Reading and Interpreting Primary Source Texts II (Wednesday evenings)
- **PG 709** Re-Sourcing: Theology and Renewal in the Twentieth Century (Wednesday evenings)

Semester 2:

- **PG 304** History of Christian Practice: Medieval Ireland (Wednesday evenings).
- **PG 307** The Writing of Church History: from the Reformation to the 20th Century (Wednesday evenings)

Minor Dissertation (15,000 words)

The dissertation is to be written under the direction of a member of the Faculty of Theology, and submitted by candidates in their second year by 3.00pm on the last Friday in August, in Year 2. A grace period of two weeks applies.

Note: progression to the PhD from this programme requires the successful completion of a doctoral qualifying year, the parameters of which are established by the Faculty of Theology.

Master's Degree in Theology
Specialisation: General Theology
One Year Full-time

Course Director: TBC

Admission Requirements

The minimum entry requirement is a primary degree in which Theology comprises at least an equal joint honours component. Candidates should have obtained at least Second Class Honours, Grade I overall, and Second Class Honours, Grade I in Theology. An interview will be part of the admission process.

The Faculty of Theology may also accept applicants whom it deems to have achieved an equivalent standard. Applicants whose first language is not English will be required to satisfy the English language requirements.

Programme Rationale

This one-year Taught Masters programme is offered for candidates who wish to spend one year in deepening their theological expertise and skill in a number of areas in which the Faculty of Theology has particular expertise. With the guidance of a mentor, candidates choose from the palette of modules on offer across various theological disciplines in any particular year.

Programme of Study

The course runs over one academic year and consists of six taught modules delivered over two semesters, three modules per semester; and a minor dissertation of 15,000 words. Lectures are delivered from Monday to Thursday. A programme of study, from the seminar courses indicated below, is agreed with the Course Director. Candidates must further successfully complete the *Postgraduate Induction Week* which takes place during September, 16–19, 2019.

Semester 1:
- **PG 709** Re-Sourcing: Theology and Renewal in the Twentieth Century

and two** of the following:

- **PG 650** Foundations of Moral Theology
- **PG 658** Pathways in Biblical Spirituality
- **PG 654** Luke as Storyteller
- **PG 708** Pastoral Practice of Liturgy
- **PG ---** Moral (TBC)
- **PG ---** Systematic (TBC)

Semester 2:
and three** of the following:

- **PG 492** Christology
- **PG ---**   Moral (TBC)
- **PG 486** Word and Lection
- **PG 496** The David Story
- **PG 487** Sacramental Theology

**The choice of modules may be restricted due to timetabling constraints.

Minor Dissertation (15,000 words)
The dissertation is to be written under the direction of a member of the Faculty of Theology, and submitted by candidates by 3.00pm on the last Friday in August. A grace period of two weeks applies.

Note: progression to the PhD from this programme requires the successful completion of a doctoral qualifying year, the parameters of which are established by the Faculty of Theology.

Master's Degree in Liturgical Music
Two Year Programme

Course Directors: Rev Professor Liam Tracey, Dr John O'Keeffe

The Master's Degree in Liturgical Music is a joint academic and practice-based programme which will qualify holders to undertake posts as organists, cantors, or directors of music at parish or diocesan level. Each year of the programme will consist of theological and theoretical study of the Church's liturgy, with specific attention to the area of liturgical music. This academic component will be balanced by an intensive course of supervised practical training in a number of core liturgical music disciplines.

Admission Requirements

The course is especially suited to applicants who have studied Theology and Music to honours degree level. Candidates should normally have obtained at least a Second Class Honours, Grade I overall. The Faculty of Theology may also accept candidates whom it deems to have an equivalent standard. An interview will be part of the selection process. As this Masters programme contains a significant practical component, prospective candidates will need, on application, to furnish evidence of proficiency in at least one of the following three areas: (a) Cantor, (b) Organ, (c) Liturgical Composition. Candidates whose first language is not English will be required to satisfy the English language requirements

Course Aims:
- To provide an academic framework appropriate to the study of Theology at Masters level.
- To provide candidates with an in-depth theological and theoretical formation in the Church's liturgy.
- To form candidates in the historical, textual, doctrinal and technical aspects of liturgical music.
- To enhance candidates' critical awareness of music composed for and performed in the liturgy.
- To significantly enhance course participants' competency and confidence in selected practical disciplines.

Programme of Study

Year One of the programme consists of six core and two elective academic modules, together with at least two practical modules. Year Two, divided equally between academic and practical elements, focuses on the writing of a dissertation on a topic related to the area of liturgical music, and a major practicum in at least one (maximum two) of the musical disciplines listed below.

Candidates must successfully complete the *Postgraduate Induction Week* which takes place during September, 16–19, 2019.

Year One

Postgraduate Induction and Orientation
Candidates for the Masters in Liturgical Music must successfully complete the *Postgraduate Induction Week* which takes place on the week before the commencement of lectures.

Core Academic Modules:
- PG 708: Pastoral Practice of Liturgy
- PG 487: Sacramental Theology
- LI 203: The Eucharist / Liturgical Time
- LM 101: Music in Christian Worship
- LM 403: Aspects of Liturgical music

Practical Modules:
- LM 404: Liturgical Composition
- LM 402: Organ Skills I
    or
- LM 405: Cantor Skills I

* In Year One, candidates will take Liturgical Composition, together with at least one of the remaining practical modules.

Year Two

- Methodology in Research
- Guided Thesis Research
- Major *Practicum* in a Musical Discipline

Thesis (25,000-30,000 words)
The thesis is to be written under the direction of a member of the Faculty of Theology, and submitted by candidates by 3.00pm on the last Friday in August in Year 2. A grace period of two weeks applies.

Assessment:
Academic modules are assessed by class attendance, presentations and written assignments. Practical modules are assessed in exam-style presentations and, in the case of liturgical composition, the presentation of a portfolio of work.

Note: progression to the PhD from this programme requires the successful completion of a doctoral qualifying year, the parameters of which are established by the Faculty of Theology.

Master's Degree in Theology
(Specialisation: Pastoral Theology)
Two Years Full -time or Three Years Part-time

Director of Pastoral Theology: Dr. Aoife McGrath

This level 9 programme forms part of a minister's continuing journey of growth and development, strengthening capacity for ministry leadership in the Church, which includes taking significant responsibility for the work of individuals and groups, and for leading and initiating mission-focused activity in a wide (and sometimes unpredictable) variety of professional levels and contexts. Candidates develop new skills to a high level, including novel and emerging approaches in professional ministry, especially within the areas of leadership in public prayer, pastoral care and spiritual accompaniment, and building and strengthening community. They learn advanced skills to teach in diverse settings, provide effective catechetical and faith formation, and exercise responsible stewardship of parish personnel and resources.

This level allows candidates to develop a critical awareness of current issues of pastoral concern informed by scholarship from the forefront of pertinent fields of theological learning, and a systematic understanding of theological knowledge as it relates to his/her experiences in life and ministry practice. Each student completes a Masters dissertation that presents a rigorous, in-depth, and critical examination of a particular pastoral area or issue situated at the interface of academic theology and contemporary ministry. In doing so, the student acquires a mastery in specialised techniques of reflection and enquiry, and methods of research, forming an ability to scrutinise and reflect on the changing ministerial landscape, articulate an informed pastoral response, while seeking to contribute to transforming ministerial practice leading to growth or change.

This MTh programme further enables candidates to:
- examine existing procedural approaches and exercise appropriate judgment in complex planning, leading groups, and managing resources;
- learn to self-evaluate and take responsibility for forming a habit of reflective practice for ministry and for continuing academic and professional development;
- express a comprehensive, internalised, personal worldview, achieving self-awareness and critical reflection as these relate to pastoral ministry;
- engage in critical dialogue and face the demands of making collaborative ministry work;
- exercise initiative and independent thought, to interact intelligently, empathically, ethically, and professionally within their ministerial context;
- differentiate appropriate ministerial approaches to formulate pastoral responses to complex situations in pastoral contexts, and act to change them.

Admission Requirements

The minimum entry requirement for the programme is an honours primary degree in which Theology comprises at least an equal joint honours component. Candidates should normally have obtained at least a Second Class Honours, Grade I overall, and Second Class Honours, Grade I in Theology. Candidates should also have significant experience in ministry practice. The Faculty of Theology may also accept applicants whom it deems to have achieved an equivalent standard. They may be required to take additional courses in Theology to qualify for admission.

Individual and group interviews form an essential part of the selection process.

Candidates whose first language is not English will be required to satisfy the English language requirements of the Pontifical University.

Programme of Study

In addition to the following programme of study, candidates must successfully complete the *Postgraduate Induction Week,* which takes place in September, 16-19, 2019.

The Master's Degree in Pastoral Theology is a two-year course (which, at the discretion of the Faculty of Theology, may also be taken part-time over three years). The first year is a taught and practical programme consisting of seven core modules, which follow the same academic and placement schedules as the Diploma and Higher Diplomas in Pastoral Theology. Two further Masters seminar courses are mandatory; candidates have the option of taking these modules in either Year One or Year Two. The first seminar course is the required Pastoral Theology module (PG523). The second module is chosen from the palette of postgraduate seminar courses offered in any particular academic year. In consultation with the Director of Pastoral Theology and/or the Director of Postgraduate Studies, candidates will choose a seminar course that is relevant to their (future) professional ministerial needs, and, if possible, pertinent to their dissertation topic. Candidates complete a minor dissertation of 15,000-20,000 words on a particular pastoral area or issue situated at the interface of academic theology and contemporary ministry.

Year One

The core modules in Year One of the programme are:

PT430:	Pastoral Practice	30 Credits
PT431:	Prayer Leadership	10 Credits
PT432:	Caring and Spiritual Accompaniment	5 Credits
PT435:	Organisational Leadership in Ministry Contexts	5 Credits
PT434:	Theology and Pastoral Ministry	10 Credits
PT437:	Healthcare Chaplaincy: Ministry of Presence and Visitation	5 Credits
PT438:	Educational Chaplaincy: Ministry of Catechesis and Faith Formation	5 Credits

Year One or Year Two

Taught modules in Year One or Year Two are:

PG 523: 'Emancipating' Practical Theology ⠀⠀⠀⠀⠀⠀⠀10 Credits

and

One postgraduate seminar course chosen according
to the above guidelines ⠀⠀⠀⠀⠀⠀⠀10 Credits

Year Two

Minor Dissertation (15,000-20,000 words) ⠀⠀⠀⠀⠀⠀⠀30 Credits

This dissertation is written under the direction of a member of the Faculty of Theology.

The course places a strong emphasis on participative learning. At a personal level, the course addresses the integration of academic and practice-based learning, with a focus on growth in self-understanding as well as personal, relational, and spiritual development. Course work includes group sessions, lectures, presentations, and interactive seminars. While core classes in Pastoral Theology are normally on Thursdays and Fridays, candidates may be required to attend lectures and seminars that are offered outside these times (e.g., the postgraduate seminar courses that frequently take place on Wednesdays).

Note: Progression to Year Two requires successful completion of the core modules in Year One. Candidates will normally be expected to register year by year on a continuous basis until they have completed their degree. Candidates wishing to suspend registration may do so only on the express permission of the Faculty of Theology, upon the recommendation of the Pastoral Board.

Pastoral Practice Stream

Candidates commit to a placement education experience in a 'Teaching Parish', or equivalent context, from September to April. The basic areas of ministerial practice within the placement site are typically primary-level catechesis, second-level chaplaincy and/or catechesis, and parish/community based ministry. Placement usually takes place between Sunday and Wednesday of each week, for an average of 19 hours per week, with classes in Maynooth on Thursday and Friday. Candidates may also be required to participate in a number of block placements in their placement sites, with an extended contact time of 22-25 hours per week.

Placement education sites, or 'Teaching Parishes', are arranged by the candidates in collaboration with the Parish Placement Coordinator. The Pastoral Practice Stream includes the following: mentoring support with an on-site Placement Contact Person, or his/her Designated Alternate; one-to-one consultation with staff members on-campus in the Pontifical University; two visits by an assigned Placement Supervisor; participation in weekly small-group, peer-support, theological reflection sessions; and, an end-of-year integration day. The placement education experience is a central context for learning and growth, and is fundamental for the overall pastoral formation of the candidates.

Clinical Pastoral Education

Candidates will undertake a second placement through one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) or its equivalent (12 weeks). CPE is a professional education for ministry conducted in the hospital setting. The course includes development of self-understanding and the foundation for the practice of pastoral care. CPE is a supervised twelve-week full time course, which candidates apply for independently and take at the completion of core modules and parish placement. CPE is a qualifying course for the completion of the Pastoral Practice module, and the CPE placement site is arranged in collaboration with the Pastoral Theology Department.

Assessment

Each module will be assessed by class attendance, participation, presentations, and written assignments, or as outlined within the module descriptors. The two primary processes of assessment for the placement education will be as follows: placement supervised visits (two in total) and a student placement portfolio. Candidates need to pass all components of assessments in order to pass the respective module.

Note: progression to a doctoral programme within the Pontifical University from this programme requires the successful completion of the Doctoral Qualifying Year, the parameters of which are established by the Faculty of Theology.

Overview of Postgraduate Courses in the Academic Year 2019-2020

Cross-Discipline Modules				
Code	**Lecturer(s)**	**Title**	**Semester**	**Comment**
PG 464	Conway	Research in Theology[a,b]	1	
PG 709	Rogers/Meszaros	Re-Sourcing: Theology and Renewal in Twentieth Century	1	
PG 442	Macnamara/NOD	The Soul of Theology	2	
PG 660	TBC	Research Methodology	Yearlong	Qualifier
Fundamental Theology • Systematic Theology • Faith & Culture				
PG 492	O'Sullivan	Contemporary Issues in Christology	2	
PG 655	Conway	Charles Taylor as a Resource for *New-Evangelisation*[b]	2	
PG 710	Marmion/O'Gorman	Re-imagining the Human	1	
RC 512	Meszaros	Newman and the Development of Doctrine	Yearlong	
Moral Theology · Canon Law • Pastoral Theology[c]				
PG 650	Corkery	Foundations of Moral Theology	1	
PG 651	Mulligan	Environmental & Social Ethics	TBC	
PG 656	O'Gorman	Ethics and Spirituality	TBC	
PG 657	Shortall	Political Ethics[b]	TBC	
PG 523	McGrath	Emancipating Practical Theology	2	

RC 513	O'Gorman	Readings in the History of Moral Theology	Yearlong	
RC 514	Mulligan	Constructing the Common Good	Yearlong	
Liturgy · Scripture • Ecclesiastical History				
PG 658	Rogers	Pathways in Biblical Spiritualities	1[f]	
PG 486	O'Connell	Word and Lection[e]	2	
PG 654	Macnamara	Luke as Storyteller	1	
PG 496	Corley	The David Story	2	
PG 708	Tracey	Pastoral Practice of Liturgy	1	
PG 487	Whelan	Sacramental Theology	2	
RC 511	Tracey	The Eucharist	Yearlong	
RC 501	Macnamara	Tasting Wines Old & New	Yearlong	
Taught Programme-Specific Modules [g]				
PG 485	Bergin/McCann	Dimensions of Christian Worship[c]	1	
PG 306	Moffitt	Research Methodologies & Reading and Interpreting Primary Source Texts II[d]	1	5 ECTS
PG 307	Moffitt	Writing of Church History[d]	2	
PG 304	Ó Clabaigh	History of Christian Practice II: Medieval Ireland[d]	2	5 ECTS

NOTES and OBSERVATIONS

All of the above modules are 10 ECTS unless otherwise stated

NNB: minimum of FOUR participants for any module to be offered

a. For PhD, STL, Masters (Mode B) only;   b. 12-hour module

c. MTh (Pastoral Liturgy) only;   d. MTh (History of Christianity) only

e. Taught in conjunction with PT 431, which forms its foundation.

f. Blended Learning: four online assignments between October and December,
and five three-hour seminars during the week of January 13–17, 2020.

g. If a particular taught programme cannot be offered, the related programme-specific modules are withdrawn.

Descriptors for each of the above modules can be found on the Pontifical University website: http://maynoothcollege.ie/postgraduate-modules

Doctoral Qualifying Year

The Doctoral Qualifying Year is a bridging programme designed to permit postgraduate candidates progress to one of the doctoral programmes offered in the Faculty of Theology. Generally the Doctoral Qualifying Year is undertaken by candidates who have not reached the required 2:1 (*magna cum laude*) in their Master's degree, or who have undertaken a 90 ECTS Masters, or a degree which has been deemed by the Faculty of Theology to require a doctoral qualifying programme.

Work load: 60 credits (full-time).

Programme of Study

The programme of study is comprised of six seminar courses from the palette of postgraduate seminar courses offered in any academic year. Three courses shall be taken in each semester, and the standard course requirements and assignment submission deadlines will apply. The courses are chosen in consultation with the Director of Postgraduate Studies at the beginning of the academic year.

Progression to PhD

Candidates who gain an aggregate 2:1 (60% or higher) may progress to the Doctoral Foundation Year.

Note: Candidates who have not fulfilled the theological languages requirement for the PhD may do so during the Doctoral Qualifying Year.

Masters Qualifying Year

The Masters Qualifying Year is a bridging programme, offering a blend of taught, reading and research modules. It is designed to be adaptable to the needs of the student while providing opportunities to attain the practices and standards needed for PG.

Work load: 60 credits (full-time). Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) may be granted.

Programme of Study

The Qualifying Year is organised according to individualised 'learning plans,' drawn up by the Director of Postgraduate Studies, the Registrar and the student. The purpose of the 'learning plan' is to empower the student to address their academic needs, while reaching the criteria for acceptance into a Masters programme. The *Learning Plan* is drawn from the module categories below, from which up to 6 modules are chosen:

- **Taught Courses – one in each semester**

Taken from the Undergraduate programme or the Higher Diploma in Theological Studies**.** *Assessment*: Paper 3000 words

- **Reading Course – one in each semester**

Guided reading directed by a mentor **or** Students may also opt for one of the major essays in BATh programme in any particular year. *Assessment*: Paper 3000 words

- **Masters Qualifier Seminar – Core course - semester 1**

Research, evaluation and discussion of given readings

Assessment: In-class Presentations and Paper 2000 words

- **Integrative Seminar – Core course - semester 2**

To be completed with a mentor during the Second Semester

Assessment: Paper 5000 words.

Progression to Masters

Candidates who gain an aggregate 2:1 (60% or higher) are eligible to apply for a Masters programme.

Fees

As the Masters Qualifying Year (MQY) is in the service of academic progress, a proportion of the MQY fees are considered as a contribution towards one's Masters fees. Details may be obtained from the Accounts Office.

For further information on any of the courses listed above contact:
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