

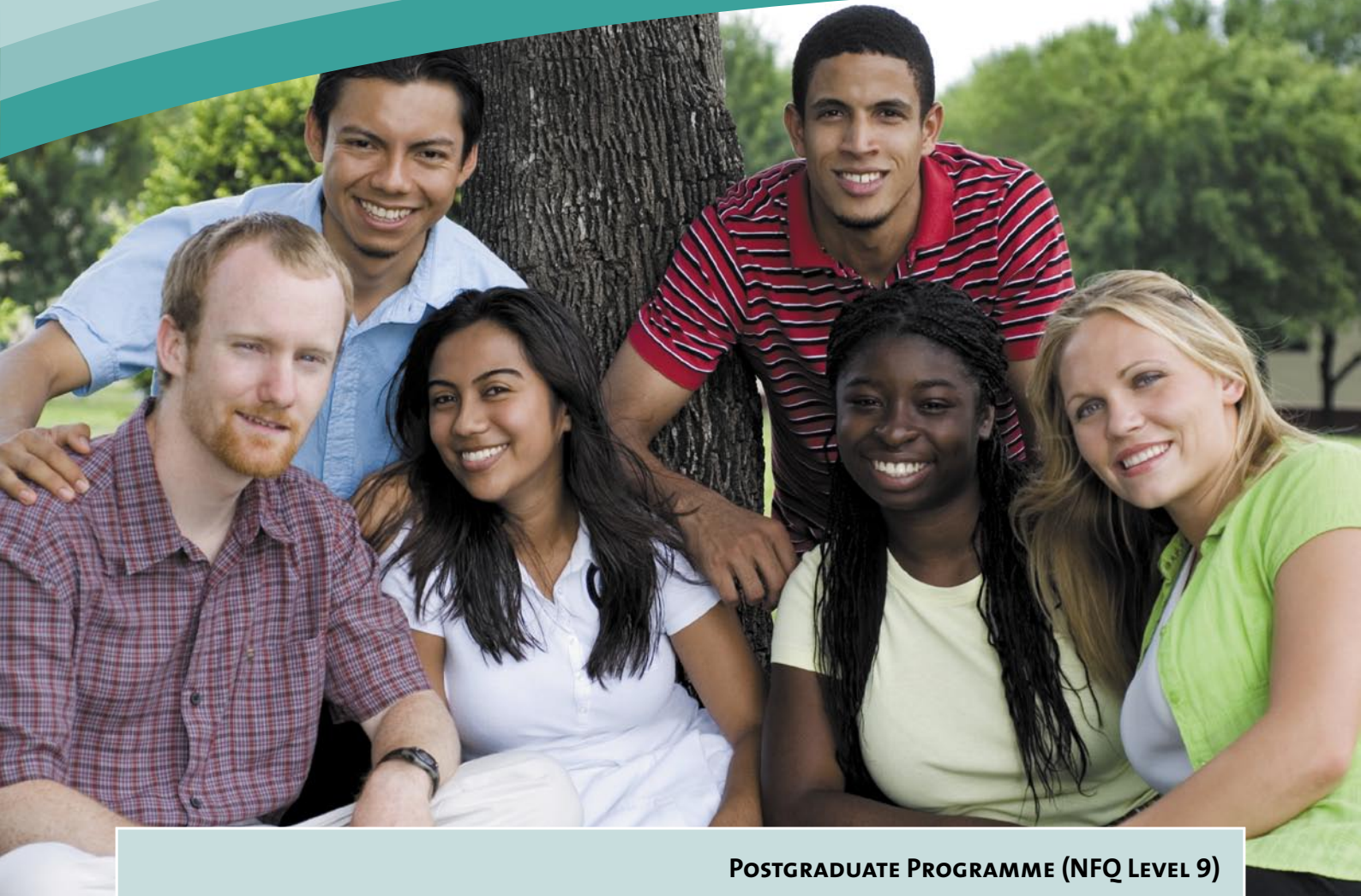


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1 Year Full-time or 2 Year Part-time

1 or 2 Evenings per Week

Starts September 2011



POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME (NFQ LEVEL 9)

MA in Theology



Mater Dei Institute of Education is a College
of Dublin City University

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Theology at MDI

This taught Masters programme is located in a vibrant School of Theology which offers a variety of opportunities for specialized teaching and research in an interdisciplinary context. Theology in MDI is rooted in the Catholic Christian tradition, engaged in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, with a commitment to global and social justice and the promotion of human rights.

Upon successful completion of this programme the graduate will be able to:

- Demonstrate and apply an understanding of a broad range of theological perspectives, the relationship between philosophy and theology, and the contribution of theology to the contemporary search for meaning and values, justice and peace.
- Display a critical awareness of current scholarship in specific areas of theology and of key issues in ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue.
- Analyze and critique historical and contemporary theological texts, with particular reference to primary sources.
- Display an ability to undertake theological research, to present written research and to engage in theological dialogue in a variety of contexts in the academy, in church and society.



STUDENT VOICE

"The MA in Theology course in Mater Dei Institute has been a truly challenging and mind-expanding experience. Anyone seeking to delve further into the fascinating study of theology could not do so in a more stimulating and encouraging atmosphere".

ORLA CAROLL, POSTGRADUATE STUDENT 2010/11



Who is this MA for?

The MA in Theology is open to students interested in research in the areas of:

- Systematic Theology
- Theological Ethics
- Philosophical Theology
- Biblical Theology
- Pastoral Theology

This programme is of particular interest to those aiming to progress to doctoral research, but it also attracts teachers of Religious Education, chaplains, clergy and pastoral workers. Persons wishing to pursue theological studies in the context of life-long learning are also encouraged to apply.



Flexible Scheduling

The programme is offered:

- Full-time (one year)
- Part-time (two years)

Typically, the programme is taught one or two evenings per week.

Modules

Participants who wish to obtain a Master's Award must complete six taught modules.

In addition, participants will complete a Research Module (30 ECTS credits) which will include a series of seminars on research methodologies and a minor thesis on a topic of professional relevance.

Modules			
Anthropology, Ethics and Politics: Directions in Contemporary Theology	Christology in Dialogue with Culture Today	Contemporary Continental Philosophy and the Question of God	Contemporary Issues in Ecclesiology
Contemporary Issues in Ecumenism and Inter-religious Dialogue	Eschatology: The Denial of Death and the Eclipse of Hope	Religion and Belief in a Secular Age	Gospel and Gospels: Issues in Contemporary Biblical Interpretation
Philosophy and God: Selected Readings	The Church in the City: Early Christian Communities	Sacramental Theology	Theological Perspectives on Ethics

Awards Available

The MA in Theology is awarded by Dublin City University (Level 9 of the National Framework of Qualifications).

Participants who do not wish to complete an entire MA may exit the programme with a **Graduate Diploma** (after successfully completing 60 credits of taught modules) or with a **Graduate Certificate** (after successfully completing 30 credits of taught modules).

Entry Requirements

The general criteria for entry to this taught postgraduate programme is a good honours primary degree or equivalent.

Students who do not meet the normal criteria may be considered for a place on the programme on the basis of their work experience and other relevant educational achievements.

Applicants seeking Accreditation of Prior (Certified) Learning (APL) for the purposes of entry, module exemptions or advanced entry, or applicants seeking Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) for the purposes of entry or module exemptions will also be considered.

Cost

For 2011 entry fees please visit www.materdei.ie

How do I apply?

Application forms are available at www.materdei.ie

Alternatively, applications forms are available by contacting:

Admissions Office

Mater Dei Institute of Education
Clonliffe Road
Dublin 3

Telephone: (01) 808 6518

Email: admissions@materdei.dcu.ie

Apply early to secure a place on the programme.
The closing date for applications is 31st May 2011.

Want to find out more?

If you want to find out more about the programme please contact our Admissions Office.

Alternatively, contact the Programme Coordinator:

Dr Ethna Regan

Telephone: (01) 808 6528

Email: ethna.regan@materdei.dcu.ie

POSTGRADUATE DEGREE

"A postgraduate degree in MDI provides an opportunity for advanced study in a particular field of research in the context of a vibrant and growing research community. Staff of the Institute work closely with graduate students and offer assistance in matters pertaining to research, funding and careers.

For information on the research specializations of academics, please go directly to individual staff profiles. I look forward to welcoming you to the College."

DR GABRIEL FLYNN, HEAD OF GRADUATE STUDIES

OTHER TAUGHT MA PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE (NFQ LEVEL 9)

- MA in Chaplaincy Studies and Pastoral Work
- MA in Ethics (Joint Programme with DCU)
- MA in Poetry Studies
- MA in Religion and Education Post-Primary
- Masters in Religious Education Primary (Joint Programme with SPD)

MASTERS BY RESEARCH / PHD (NFQ LEVEL 9 & 10)

Research degree programmes in the areas of:
Education, English, Ethics, History, Irish Studies, Music, Philosophy, Religious Education, Theology

Brochures are available online and from the Admissions Office.