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Post Graduate Programme (NFQ Level 9)

MA in Theology



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MATHEO - MA IN THEOLOGY (NFQ Level 9)

Programme Coordinator: Dr. Ethna Regan

Duration: 1 year (full-time) or 2 years (part-time)

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.

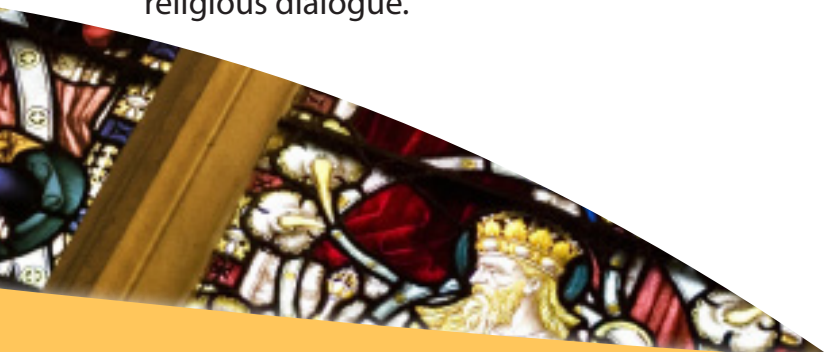
Postgraduate programmes in theology are open to students interested in research in the areas of systematic theology, theological ethics, philosophical theology, biblical theology and pastoral theology. The MA (Theology) is of particular interest to those aiming to progress to doctoral research, but it 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.

For further programme details visit the Graduate Studies section of our website www.materdei.ie

Learning Outcomes

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.



"The programme explores Theology in an engaging and practical way and develops creative and critical thinking"
Caymon Flynn, MA Student

Programme Fees: Visit www.materdei.ie

Scheduling: 1-2 evenings per week

Closing Date: June 30th, 2010



Course Content

Students are required to take six of the following 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
- Faith and Culture in Ireland: 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

Participants continuing to MA level are required to complete a 30 credit research module and minor thesis.

Awards

While the programme is designed as a complete Masters Degree with 90 ECTS credits the following alternative exit routes may be awarded:

- Graduate Certificate - 30 ECTS Credits (3 taught modules)
- Graduate Diploma - 60 ECTS Credits (6 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.
- For programme fees and application forms, visit the Graduate Studies section of www.materdei.ie

Completed applications should be forwarded to:

Admissions Office,
Mater Dei Institute of Education,
Clonliffe Road,
Dublin 3

E: admissions@materdei.dcu.ie

Tel: +353 1 8086518

“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

Want to find out more?

Make an appointment with the Programme Coordinator to discuss the programme in further detail.

Contact: Dr. Ethna Regan
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Admissions: 01 808 6518

The Mater Dei Institute of Education (MDI), a college of Dublin City University (DCU), is a small, friendly college, with approximately 700 students, centrally located minutes from Dublin City Centre, in the heart of Drumcondra.

