

The MA programme

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The St Augustine's MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission is a specially tailored programme of theological learning and research that deepens and enriches theological knowledge. Our MA builds on previous theological learning while engaging with your daily life and ongoing experience of the Body of Christ.

Accredited and awarded by Durham University, the degree includes both taught modules and guided research in a theological discipline of your choice. Often our MA students take modules in a variety of subject areas, including Biblical Studies, Doctrine, Theology and the Arts, Christian Ethics etc. From September 2020, however, you can also enrol for our new MA in Christian Spirituality (see below).



MA in Christian Spirituality

'Christian Spirituality' addresses the heart and substance of faith and practice. Our new MA programme opens up the traditions of Christian Spirituality as well as its vigorous contemporary forms. Spirituality also connects in multiple relationships with other aspects of Christian theology. Your MA programme will help you integrate your understanding of spirituality with doctrine and ethics, Biblical studies, worship, psychology, community life, the arts, and interfaith conversation. Most importantly, perhaps, you will learn to extend the range of your own spiritual practice, and to guide others as they respond to God's grace in Christ.

Who is it for?

To undertake the MA, you must have completed either a degree in theology or ministry, a degree in religious studies with a significant focus on Christianity, or a degree in another subject combined with an additional qualification in theology or ministry.

The programme is also ideal for ministers, lay and ordained, interested in pursuing continuing ministerial development (CMD).

How long will it take?

You can study for your MA in the following ways:

- one calendar year (full-time): six modules followed by dissertation over the summer period
- two years: six modules in year one (full-time) followed by dissertation in year two (part-time)
- three years (part-time): six modules in years one and two, followed by dissertation in year three

Where can I study?

At present we deliver the MA programme mainly during teaching days at our Malling Abbey centre (West Malling). As student numbers grow, we shall start offering parts of the programme at our Southwark centre.

"The non-competitive, supportive ethos is reflected by the student population and illuminated by the diversity of church traditions among them. St Augustine's is a place where all are truly welcome."

Philip Dawson

Too big a jump?

If you're concerned about the time and energy needed for an MA, or if you wonder about your readiness for this level of study, then you can approach postgraduate learning more gently by way of our:

- Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) in Theology, Ministry and Mission
- Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Theology, Ministry and Mission

PGCert students take three MA level modules, and PGDip students take six, but they are not required to undertake a dissertation. You can pursue either of these qualifications for itself or as a stage in your progress toward an MA.

Fees

£2,700 (part-time) and £5,400 (full-time)



For further details see our website www.staugustinescollege.ac.uk or contact Rebecca Young at either r.young@staugustinescollege.ac.uk or 01732 252 656.



"I have done lots of courses in the past but I can honestly say that the teaching I have had at St Augustine's College ranks amongst the best I have ever had – a real joy to chew the theological fat with Alan Gregory, Chris Irvine and fellow students. Exactly what I hoped for."

Paul White



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