



MTh in Theology

In Partnership with Cardiff University



ABOUT ST PADARN'S INSTITUTE

St Padarn's is the training arm of the Church in Wales. It seeks to play its part in equipping and empowering God's people across the world to communicate God's transformative love.

WHY STUDY THE MTH IN THEOLOGY?

On the MTh in Theology, you will explore and engage with the teachings and traditions of the Christian Church through a balance of academic study and practical application. Choose a pathway (Biblical Studies, Christian Doctrine, Practical Theology, or Children, Young People & Families) to focus your studies and choose modules that suit your interests or background.

Whatever your background, the programme will equip you with with tools for analytical reflection and evaluation of issues and situations that may arise in your present or future workplace. For some students that workplace will be overtly Christian, for others it will not – this programme caters for both contexts.

WHAT MAKES THIS DEGREE DISTINCTIVE?

Our programme is contemporary and engaging: The MTh is rooted in today's world, recognising that our faith comes alive when it is applied to our everyday lives, not least when we engage with contemporary thinking, culture and scholarship.

Our programme is flexible and convenient: The degree is geared towards your needs. The modules are taught through small group tutorials, assuring personal attention from the academic staff, and the timetable aims not to overburden individuals.

Our programme tutors are respected and ecumenical: The MTh draws on internationally-recognised expertise. Your tutors are experts in various theological and biblical fields and their academic work is renowned to be sensitive to current issues in ministry and in the public eye. They include:

Revd Canon Dr Trystan Owain Hughes

Revd Dr Rosa Hunt

Dr John Wilks

Revd Dr Mark Griffiths

Revd Dr Ed Kaneen

Revd Dr Stephen Roberts

Dr Charlie Shepherd

Revd Dr Craig Gardiner

HOW IS THE COURSE TAUGHT?

The MTh Theology is a Cardiff University postgraduate degree delivered through St Padarn's Institute and the South Wales Baptist College. This flexible programme has been designed with the busy life of those working in mind, both lay people and ordained ministers. Teaching for the MTh in Theology normally taking place about one or two days a month during term time. You can also choose whether to undertake the course on a part-time or full-time basis¹.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED?

Our Theology programme is suitable for graduates in Theology or Religious Studies, although significant experience of ministry can also be taken into account. While it is primarily aimed at people engaged in Christian ministry (lay or ordained), members of some other professional groups (e.g. medicine, social work, teaching) will find it equally valuable, as will individuals who have undertaken an undergraduate degree in theology or religious studies and want to further their learning.

WHAT MODULES ARE OFFERED?

To complete this Master's programme you will need to take a total of 180 credits. This includes six taught modules (120 credits), combining core and optional modules designed specifically for your pathway, and on successful completion of this taught stage you will progress to your dissertation (60 credits).

The following are some of the modules on our curriculum:

Research Methods for Theology	Hermeneutics for Research and Ministry
Principles of Practical Theology	Out of Babylon: Old Testament Theology
Leadership in Biblical and Contemporary Perspectives	Contemporary Theologies of Mission
Exegesis of Biblical Texts	Christianity and Contemporary Culture
Independent Learning Project	Theologies of Liberation
Critical Reflection on Practice	New Testament in Social Perspective
Contemporary Mission to Children, Young People & Families¹	The Development of the Church's work with Children, Young People and Families¹
The Theology of the Child¹	Contours of Christian Theology
Horrors We Bless: Old Testament Texts	

¹ The Children, Young People & Families pathway and modules are slightly different and delivered over three intensive weeks (Monday to Wednesday) over two years with the dissertation completed in the early part of year three. There is no full time version of this pathway.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

The MTh (Theology) is accredited by Cardiff University which is part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities. You will, therefore, be applying for the course on the Cardiff University website. We welcome applications year-round but to commence your studies in any given year (starting September), you must submit your application by 31 July.

FUNDING

The MTh qualifies for a student loan if no previous loan exists for study at this level. For further details of possible funding go to:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/funding

APPLYING

To enrol on the Part Time Masters course (two years plus dissertation) please go to:

<https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught/courses/course/theology-mth-part-time>

To enrol on the Full Time Masters course (one year) please go to:

<https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught/courses/course/theology-mth>

To register your interest in the course, to book a phone conversation about the course, or a visit to St Padarn's to explore the MTh further, please contact Revd Canon Dr Trystan Owain Hughes on trystan.hughes@stpadarns.ac.uk

