

SWMTC New Encounters in Theology module details for 2018-19

LEVEL 4

Introduction to Christian Doctrine (TMM1111) 20 credits

This module introduces students to the key literature, and orients them to the critical study of doctrine; it considers the interface between doctrinal theology and Christian living, with input around Church and mission.

Wednesdays 7–9pm

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 31

November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12.

Study Day – Saturday 22 September 2018, 10 – 4.

Introduction to Christian Ethics (TMM1167) 10 credits

In this exploration of key theories of ethics, and a critical overview of Christian-specific approaches such as situation ethics, natural law and divine command theories, we look at ways in which the Bible shapes what we believe and how we live now. The module considers practical issues such as violence and nonviolence, economics, sexual ethics and beginning and end of life issues.

Wednesdays 7–9pm

January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13,

Study Day – Saturday 26 January 2019, 10 – 4.

Brief Introduction to Church History (TMM1147) 10 credits

How have the 2000 years since Christ shaped the church as we know it? This module introduces methods of historical enquiry and theological reflection through chronological study of the major events and movements of Church history, from Pentecost to the present day. Including analysis of primary and secondary sources, independent research, lectures and small group work, with in-depth analysis of a chosen topic.

Wednesdays 7–9pm

February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3.

Study Day – Saturday 23 March 2019, 10 – 4.

Introducing Theological Reflection (TMM 1437) 10 credits, [Supported on-line learning](#), January 2019 – June 2019 (No Study Day)

Introducing methods of theological reflection in the areas of faith and spirituality, theology, and ministerial skills. Instilling reflective, self-critical habits and encouraging students to integrate their learning experiences into their lives and ministry.

Introduction to Spirituality (TMM1517) – Supported on-line learning, one study day September 2018 – June 2019

Christian spirituality via traditional texts in historic, ecclesial and contemporary settings. Students will be encouraged to reflect upon their own experiences by means of a reflective journal.

Study Day – Saturday October 6, 10 – 4

LEVEL 5

Biblical Studies (TMM2021)

This module uses the specific texts of the Old Testament Festival Scrolls and New Testament 1 Corinthians to examine and discuss the use of Scripture in the public life of the Church; for example in feasts and in the Eucharist, in death, dying and funerals, in attitudes to creation, and in church discipline around sexual ethics and gender.

Tuesdays 7–9pm

September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 30,
November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11.

Study Day – Saturday 3 November 2018, 10 – 4.

Topics in Christian Doctrine (TMM2121)

This module will enable students to explore some major areas of doctrine in relation to their biblical foundations, historical expressions and how they link together in a contemporary faith.

Tuesdays 7–9pm

January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26
March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2.

Study Day – Saturday 2 February 2019, 10 – 4.

Texts and Traditions (TMM2581)– Supported on-line learning, one study day

Within a contemporary and historical perspective, this module builds on work already achieved to explore in greater depth the impact of Christian spirituality on current cultural idioms. One non-Christian tradition will be included depending on the make-up of the group.

Study Day – Saturday 19 January 2019, 10 – 4.

Further information

Programme

SWMTC's academic programmes are validated by Durham University, as part of the Church of England's Common Awards.

New Encounters in Theology allows independent students to study part-time. This year, students already embarked on study towards a Certificate (120 credits over 2 years) or a Diploma (240 credits over 4 years) in Theology, Ministry and Mission will be able to complete their studies.

New students will be able to study this year for a Foundation Award in Theology, Ministry and Mission (60 credits). Subject to proposed programme changes they may be able to continue their studies further next academic year.

For further information visit: www.dur.ac.uk/common.awards/

Qualifications

Please note that those embarking on study for a Foundation Award in Theology, Ministry and Mission are normally expected to have at least one 'A'-level or equivalent while a Certificate is a prerequisite for study at Diploma level. Other qualifications may be considered. Classes may be taken in Exeter or Truro (Old Cathedral School) and may be run also in Plymouth (TBC; Certificate only).

Fees 2018-2019

Certificate level £100 registration + 3 x £275 = £925

Diploma level £100 registration +3 x £395 = £1,285

Sitters-in £100 – per 20 credits

Please check our website for further information on the classes, a provisional programme for future years, registration forms and maps showing class locations.

PLEASE NOTE: Module options and class times and locations for 2019-20 are yet to be confirmed.

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