



South West
Ministry
Training
Course



THEOLOGY FOR LIVING

MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission

Aims & Purpose

The aim of this programme is to offer postgraduate education in theology, ministry and mission:

1. for candidates for public ministry who have already studied theology to degree level;
2. as continuing professional development at an advanced level for individuals engaged in ministry and mission;
3. for individuals wishing to pursue further study in theology, ministry and mission at postgraduate Level.

The purpose of the programme is to offer personal and professional development for a range of Christian ministries as well as to satisfy the aspirations of those students who undertake their studies to enhance, broaden and deepen their discipleship and ministry in other contexts.

The course is delivered by SWMTC in partnership with the Common Awards programme. Common Awards is the three-way partnership between a Theological Education Institution (TEI), in this case, SWMTC, the Church of England (and other participating churches) and Durham University.

Further information on the programme can be found on the [Durham University website](#).

Duration & Attendance

The MA runs across 3 academic years, 60 credits per year. This programme is available at SWMTC in part-time mode of study. Each year consists of 7 Saturdays of face to face teaching in Plymouth plus online learning and research.

Syllabus outline

All students will study the following modules:

Year 1 - The Bible and Christian Faith
Christian Faith and the Environment
Research and Reflection: Resources and Methods

Year 2 - Advanced Biblical Studies
Advanced Topic in Christian Doctrine
Independent Learning Project (Long)

Year 3 - Dissertation in Theology, Ministry and Mission

Pre-course requirements

Normally **an upper second class Honours degree** or equivalent in a subject relevant to the proposed course of study. Normally students will need a good degree (or other Level 6 qualification, such as a Graduate Diploma) in theology. Graduates (classed as first-class or 2:1 Honours) in other disciplines with experience of Theology or Religious Studies to at least FHEQ Level 4 (undergraduate Certificate level, awarded with credit or distinction, or with an overall mark of at least 60%) may also be admitted to the programme.

However, especially for mature students, prior professional experience will be taken into account as well as educational qualifications.

Costs

The Fee for Year 1 of MA 2024-25 is £2,500 for the year (£100 registration fee followed by three instalments of £800 due on 1st October 2024, 1st January 2025 and 1st April 2025). Fees for future years may be subject to inflation but are likely to be similar to Year 1.

Application Procedure

Please contact SWMTC for an Application Form – admin@swmtc.org.uk or tel: 07895 964513

An interview may be required depending on prior learning.

Closing date for applications: