



DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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Founded in 1898 by the Catholic Bishop of Limerick Edward O'Dwyer and the Sisters of Mercy, Mary Immaculate College (MIC) is the largest Catholic higher education institution in Ireland. The Department of Theology and Religious Studies was established in 1999. It has seven full-time academic staff working on both MIC campuses (Limerick and Thurles) as well as the main University of Limerick campus, all with international teaching and research expertise. They are supported by several part-time academic staff with specialisms in all the major areas of theological scholarship.



WHY STUDY THEOLOGY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

The study of theology and religion aims to reflect critically on life's biggest questions. It explores questions about God, about the world around us, and about ourselves. In studying theology and religion we reflect on our beliefs and question whether they are reasonable. This is a challenging and rewarding process, and can even be a transformative and life-changing experience.

No previous study of theology and religion, nor any particular denominational affiliation, is required to study Theology & Religious Studies as a subject. If you have a real interest in exploring life's deepest questions, and if you want to help other students to do so too, then this subject is for you!

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Theology and Religious Studies is offered on several of MIC's undergraduate degree programmes (MI002, MI010 and MI011) in Limerick and Thurles. Modules cover all the sub-disciplines of the subject: philosophy of religion, historical theology, Christian ethics, pastoral theology, sacramental theology, ecclesiology and so on. The programme is designed to ensure that all the requirements of the Teaching Council for the teaching of religion are met. Those taking primary teaching degrees can specialise in Theology & Religious Education.

SAMPLE PROGRAMME

- Religion and World Religions
- Introduction to Systematic Theology
- Theology of the First (Old) Testament
- Theology of the Second (New) Testament
- Christology (Who is Jesus?)
- Fundamental Moral Theology
- Ecclesiology (What is the 'Church'?)
- Foundations and Approaches to Religious Education
- Approaches to God
- Ritual and Sacraments
- Selected Topics in Applied Moral Theology

POST-PRIMARY TEACHING QUALIFICATION

Staff from the Department of Theology and Religious Studies teach on the post-primary concurrent teacher education degrees (MI010 and MI011) on our MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles. These programmes are accredited by the Teaching Council and graduates are qualified to teach Religious Studies to honours Leaving Certificate level after the completion of their four year degree programme.

POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES

The Department of Theology and Religious Studies offers the following postgraduate programmes:

- MA & PhD by Research & Thesis
- Master of Arts in Christian Leadership in Education
- Graduate Certificate in Christian Leadership in Education

In addition to various college awards and financial supports, postgraduate students may also be eligible for funding from the Bonaventure Trust, a private charity, which was founded a decade ago to support Catholic theology at Mary Immaculate College.

Postgraduate Studies in Arts by Research and Thesis

Staff of the Department of Theology & Religious Studies offer research supervision for both MA and PhD degrees by research and thesis.

Prospective students are invited to review the research interests and expertise of department members on the department homepage and contact the relevant staff member directly or else contact the Head of Department.

Master of Arts in Christian Leadership in Education

The Masters of Arts in Christian Leadership in Education is an innovative postgraduate programme leading to a professional qualification. The programme will build much needed leadership capacity at both primary and secondary levels within the faith-based school sector. For further information about the course, please contact:

Dr Eugene Duffy at: T: +353 61 204968 E: eugene.duffy@mic.ul.ie

Graduate Certificate in Christian Leadership in Education

The programme is designed to augment other qualifications participants may have achieved in areas of leadership and management so that they have the knowledge, competence and skills needed to lead a faith-based school.

For more information about the course, please contact:

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All programme details can be viewed at www.mic.ie

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