



Study Theology by Distance Learning

Degree, Higher Certificate,
Diploma and Certificate courses



THE PRIORY INSTITUTE
A Dominican Centre for Theological Studies

Overview of Courses

Our courses are aimed at those who wish to study their Christian faith at an academic level with the intention of deepening their understanding of the central themes in Christian theology following the 800-year old Dominican tradition.

All courses begin with Module 1, 'Learning to Learn: Critical Skills', which introduces students to distance learning, and continue with one of the following groups of modules

Course Title	Modules	Course Title	Modules
BA (Honours) in Theology	2-17	Diploma in Philosophy	5, 9, 11 & 17
BA in Theology	2-13	Diploma in Scripture	4, 8, 10 & 15
Higher Certificate in Theology	2-9	Certificate in Theology	2-5
Diploma in Theology	2,7,12 & 16	Single Subject Certificate	As selected

Modules

1. Learning to Learn: Critical Skills

STAGE ONE

Autumn Semester
2. Doing Theology
3. Spirituality and the Moral Life

Spring Semester
4. Scripture
5. Philosophy

STAGE TWO

Autumn Semester
6. Christian Anthropology
7. The God of Christian Faith

Spring Semester
8. The Gospel of Mark
9. Themes in Modern Philosophy

STAGE THREE

Autumn Semester
10. Psalms and Prophets
11. Philosophical Theology

Spring Semester
12. Church and Sacraments
13. Life and Justice Issues

STAGE FOUR

Autumn Semester
14. Theology of World Religions
15. Pauline Writings

Spring Semester
16. Christology, Soteriology and Eschatology
17. Integrative Project

Check out prioryinstitute.com for more information about our courses and the content of each module.

Studying by Distance Learning

Delivery is through 'blended' learning, with a mixture of onsite and online study. Attendance at semester launch days is required. In addition, each module has two study days and two tutorial days, which students must attend either in person at St Mary's Dominican Priory, Tallaght, Dublin 24, or later online. Ongoing support is available from a coordinator and in-depth help from specialist academic tutors.

Course Duration

Each module is studied during a fifteen-week semester. The BA (Honours) in Theology is achievable in four years if you study two modules per semester. You may, if it suits you, work at a different pace, e.g. one module per semester.

Assessment Method

Students submit a written assignment for each module during the semester and, at the end, sit a written examination. For some modules other forms of continuous assessment may be required.

Accreditation

Our courses are validated and our degrees awarded by Technological University Dublin.

Further Education

You may prefer to follow our courses simply for your own interest, without doing the examinations that lead to academic credit. In this case, you attend the launch day and are welcome at other onsite lecture days as you work through your module texts. Throughout the fifteen-week semester, you keep a journal of reflective exercises which are submitted at the end of the semester.

Postgraduate Studies

The information in this brochure relates to our undergraduate courses. If you would like to know about studying for our Master of Arts in Biblical Studies or Master of Arts in Aquinas Studies degrees, please consult our website.



Admission Requirements

Mature students (aged 23 or over) do not need formal qualifications to undertake one of our courses. Applicants are asked to submit a 500-word account of why they would like to study theology. Applicants should have basic computer skills.

When to Apply ?

By early September for the autumn semester and early February for the spring semester. You can find the cut-off dates on our website prioryinstitute.com

Additional Activities

We sometimes offer online retreats and short courses and evening and weekend onsite events. These activities are advertised on our website prioryinstitute.com

Fees

Fees are payable at the beginning of each semester and vary depending on the number of modules, and whether or not you are studying for academic credit.

Consult prioryinstitute.com for our current fees.

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The Priory Institute is a centre for theological, biblical and philosophical studies established by the Irish Province of the Dominican Order, and is Catholic and ecumenical in its approach. It seeks to engage with the best thinking of our time and aims to bring the insights of philosophical and religious thinkers to bear on the study of theology and related subjects.

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