



## MA in CHRISTIAN LITURGY

(Validated by The University of Winchester)

### FURTHER INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS JOINING THE PROGRAMME IN 2012/13

Please read the following carefully.

#### Dates and Times

The MA will normally be completed in three years (two years for the taught part and a further year for the dissertation) but students may take a maximum of five. Students who satisfactorily complete three taught modules (60 credits) obtain a Postgraduate Certificate. Students who satisfactorily complete six taught modules (120 credits) obtain a Postgraduate Diploma. Students who satisfactorily complete six taught modules and a dissertation (180 credits) gain an MA of The University of Winchester. Further details of student registration and progression are available in The University of Winchester's *Common Academic Regulations for Taught Masters Programmes*.

Most students begin the MA in September, but a January start is also possible. Students attend six **3½ day intensive modules** at Sarum College supplemented by **preparatory reading, individual study, tutorial support, access to the Sarum College Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)** and assessed **written work**. Students are also required to attend a **research skills training course** at the start of their second year prior to beginning their dissertation.

All taught modules are worth 20 credits. Students are expected to complete one Core Module (compulsory) and five Optional Modules.

#### CORE MODULE

##### Introduction to Liturgical Study (20 credits)

Monday 22 - Thursday 25 October 2012

This module introduces students to the sources and methods used by liturgical scholars in the evaluation of liturgical history and contemporary worship events. It will equip students with skills in the critical evaluation of various sources and create awareness of the presuppositions which lie behind much liturgical scholarship. As further preparation for the degree, students will be introduced to the research and writing skills needed for work at Master's level.

#### OPTIONAL MODULES

The MA at Sarum College offers an exceptionally wide range of Optional Modules. Modules on the major topics (Eucharist and Christian Initiation) normally run at least every other year, the others will run every two or three years. Dates of the Optional Modules are available two years in advance to help students plan their programme of study. For an up-to-date list of module dates, please see the *Academic Diary*.

##### The Eucharist (20 credits)

This module explores the development of eucharistic worship from the New Testament to the contemporary church through an analysis of the most significant primary and secondary sources. Students will gain an understanding of the theological, historical and social influences upon the eucharist and be equipped for independent study of the topic.

##### Christian Initiation (20 credits)

The major Western Churches have significantly revised their baptismal liturgies in the last fifty years in response to the changing place of the church in society, the fruits of liturgical scholarship in assessing patterns of the early church and ecumenical exchange. This module will examine key historical periods which provide a context for the contemporary rites and the theologies which lie behind them.

**Liturgy, Mission and Cultures (20 credits)**

This module will investigate the relationship between liturgy and mission, and attempt to identify the changing understanding of how these two ecclesial actualities interact. And to chart the role of culture in relation to the missionary imperative expressed in the liturgy. Reflection on these issues will be in relation to theological concepts and to the published policy documents of the church and their critics. Students will be encouraged to reflect critically on the pastoral implications of the material discussed

**Music in Christian Worship (20 credits)**

Music is a core feature of much Christian worship, whether chanted psalms, congregational hymns, liturgical texts arranged for choirs or contemporary worship songs. This module explores the variety of musical styles in Christian worship from both historical and contemporary perspectives and draw upon critical themes in musicology, theology and pastoral liturgy. It will equip students to make informed assessments of music choices in the liturgical events of different ecclesial settings. Musical skills, while beneficial, are not required.

**Liturgy and Time: Calendar and Daily Prayer (20 credits)**

This module will explore the ways in which Christian worship has been influenced by its relationship with time. The study of Daily Prayer and the Church's Year (Calendar) provide the twin foci for this exploration. The way Christians have developed daily patterns of prayer will be investigated, together with the constituent elements of this form or prayer: the use of psalms, scripture and intercessory prayer. The historical origins and evolution of the Christian festivals together with their theological and ritual meaning will form the basis of an analysis of annual rhythms of prayer. Students will be encouraged to relate their study to their own and other church contexts, and to evaluate the ways in which liturgical prayer might relate to the contemporary experience of time.

**Worship, Art and Architecture (20 credits)**

The space in which Christian worship takes place is influenced by the culture of the age and place as well as ecclesiology. This module will investigate the Church buildings and their art in selected and typical historical periods in order to highlight the key interpretative issues. It will consider 20<sup>th</sup> century and contemporary responses to social and theological change demonstrated in Christian architecture. Students will be encouraged to reflect upon the use of liturgical space in specific contexts.

**Guided Reading in Liturgical Studies (20 credits)**

This module provides the student with an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the relevant sources and methodologies of Liturgical History or Pastoral Liturgy through independent research and writing. Students will be supported by tutorials and selected relevant reading before identifying their own topic for assessment.

**ADDITIONAL MODULE INFORMATION*****Additional Module Information***

All modules begin on Monday\* afternoon and then run from 9.15 am until 5.15 pm on each full day over the next three days. Students may be residential or non-residential. On the first afternoon there is an important induction session and the first class takes place on the Monday evening. On each of the following days there will be two classes in the morning and two in the afternoon, each lasting 1½ hours. Each intensive course will thus involve 20 classroom hours. In classroom sessions, learning will occur through a variety of methods, including lectures, discussion groups, and student-led seminars. During the residential portion of the course there will also be time for meeting with tutors and use of the library. There is an 80% attendance requirement at modules. Tutorial support (by visits, Skype, telephone or email) for each module will be available until the completion of the assessed written work. Students receive further support through the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which will offer students access to key reading materials, discussion groups, module-specific knowledge bases, and formative assessment exercises. Each module is completed over a three month period: three weeks of pre-course reading; the intensive at Sarum College and a further two months to complete the assignments.

\*Except in the instance of a bank holiday week

*Please note:* This course demands a real time commitment for individual reading, study and written work. This involves preparatory reading prior to each intensive and significant work afterwards to complete the additional reading and written work.

### **How to choose your Optional Modules**

Please note that in addition to the Core (Compulsory) Module, five Optional Modules are needed to complete the taught part of the MA course and progress to the Dissertation or complete your studies with a Postgraduate Diploma. These may be obtained in the following ways.

1. Choosing five of the Optional Modules offered in the Christian Liturgy programme at Sarum College.
2. Substituting one Optional Module from other MA Programmes at The University of Winchester, or from one of the other MA pathways at Sarum College.
3. Substituting one Optional Module from another compatible British university course, subject to approval by the programme leader.

Students may only take one external Optional Module and this must be agreed by the Course Management Group.

### **Studying Individual Modules for Credit**

With the agreement of the Programme Leader and individual module teachers, students may study a single module for academic credit without registering for the degree as a whole. Such students will be expected to participate fully in the same way as degree students and will be expected to complete the written assignment. The fee is available upon enquiry. Individual modules may be registered at the University under the Credit Accumulation & Transfer Scheme (CATS).

### **Attending Modules as General Study Courses**

In addition, the optional (not core) modules are available to participants who are not seeking academic credit. For this, no assessed work is needed. A separate rate of residential and non-residential fees will be available when individual courses are publicly advertised.

### **Library, Information Technology & Bookshop**

Registered Certificate/Diploma/MA students will have membership of the College library for the duration of their course. They will also have access, when the College is open, to the IT facilities. Sarum College Bookshop is a unique theological resource. Students registered for the MA automatically receive a discount. Books may be purchased by mail order.

### **Fees and Methods of Payment for entry in autumn 2012**

On accepting the offer of a place on the MA Programme, you will be asked to pay a non-refundable registration fee of £100 to secure your place.

The fee for each of the three years of the MA programme for students starting in autumn 2012 is £1850 (£2700 non-EU students), so the total fee for 3 years excluding registration fee is £5550 (£8100 non-EU students).

Students usually complete the MA within three years. If they take longer than three years a further charge of £500 per year will be payable.

Fees are due 1<sup>st</sup> September each year. There are three payment options available to pay in full or spread the payment of fees over the three years of the programme. If a student withdraws during the year the fees due will be either the cost of the number of individual modules/dissertation started or the cost of the number of academic years started, whichever is the greater.

The fees include: classroom teaching, supporting materials, essay and dissertation supervision, assessment of and feedback on written assignments, academic advice and support, research training, use of the Sarum and Winchester University libraries and word processing facilities, membership of the college research seminars, and administration.

The fee does not include meals or accommodation, for which a separate charge is made, which will be invoiced in advance of any module and payable four weeks before the start of the module. Modules can be taken on a residential or non-residential basis and the current prices are £206.00 (en-suite room) and £47.00 respectively. Suites are available at extra cost but there is limited availability. The College regrets that it cannot refund meals or accommodation not taken up. These prices are reviewed at the beginning of July each year.

You may pay the fees for the programme by one of the following three methods:

1. **By one lump sum of £5550\*** (£8100 for non-EU students).  
\*If the whole fee for the programme is paid before 1 September 2012, there is a discount of £150 i.e. £5400.
2. **Six instalments of £925** (£1350 for non-EU students).  
The instalments are payable: 1 September 2012, 1 March 2013, 1 September 2013, 1 March 2014, 1 September 2014, 1 March 2015.
3. **Three annual instalments of £1850** (£2700 for non-EU students).  
The instalments are payable: 1 September 2012, 1 September 2013, 1 September 2014.

Please make cheques payable to '**Sarum College**'. If you decide to pay by standing order you will be asked to complete a Standing Order Mandate.

### **Withdrawal from study**

If you withdraw from the course, you will be charged the full year's fees for the number of years of study that you have commenced, plus any additional modules over and above 3 modules in Year 1, 6 modules in Year 2 and 6 modules and the dissertation in Year 3. The date of withdrawal will be the date of receipt of a formal notification of withdrawal by the validating university.

### **Period of study**

The fees are calculated on the basis that the Masters degree will be completed within three years of commencing the course, the Postgraduate Diploma will be completed within two years of starting the course and the Postgraduate Certificate will be completed within one year of starting the course. Students who take longer to complete their studies will be charged £500 (£750 non-EU students) per year of continuing study.

Continuation fees will be applied as follows:

- Postgraduate Certificate – continuing beyond 1 September 2013
- Postgraduate Diploma – continuing beyond 1 September 2014
- Masters – continuing beyond 31 July 2015

### **Audit Fees**

Students may attend modules in addition to those which they are studying for credit, by permission of the Programme Leader. The hospitality rates will be the usual student rates (£206, residential, en-suite) and £47 (non-residential), with an added administration fee of £20. Please note that students must give clear information on whether they are attending modules as part of their accredited study in advance of attendance. Should the module be oversubscribed, preference will be given to students taking the module for credit.

### **Application Procedure**

Application for the course is made through the written application form. Interviews are normally held in the winter and spring before the commencement of the course. Candidates will be notified by the Academic Registrar or the Programme Leader when a suitable time has been arranged. After interview the Programme Committee will consider all applications and students will be notified of their decision as soon as possible after that meeting. Owing to the demand for places, on being offered a place we require that students send us a £100 non-refundable registration fee to secure their place. The course will run subject to satisfactory student recruitment.

### **Students with Disabilities and/or Special Needs**

Sarum College has an equal opportunities policy and welcomes students with disabilities onto its courses. The suitability of college facilities will be discussed during the application process separately from other discussions. Please fill in the necessary parts of the application form to facilitate this process.

### **Non-UK/EU students**

Our studies can only be offered on a part time basis, meaning that a student's status must be that of a Visiting Student.

For more information on student visitors, please go to: <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/visiting/student/>

Please note that the responsibility to adhere to the UK Border Agency's Rules and Regulations sits firmly with the student applicant – we have no influence/advice available as to whether a Student Visitor Visa can/will be granted.

If remaining in the UK whilst studying, students from outside with the EU must provide evidence of their legal right to remain and study in the UK prior to being accepted on this course.