



## MA in Christian Liturgy

### FURTHER INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/14

*Please read the following carefully.*

#### **Dates and Times**

The MA can be completed full-time over 12 months or, more typically, part-time over a minimum of 11 months and a maximum of five years. Students at Sarum College usually study part-time and complete the degree within three years (two years for the taught part and a further year for the dissertation). Students who satisfactorily complete three taught modules (60 credits), and exit, obtain a Postgraduate Certificate. Students who satisfactorily complete six taught modules (120 credits), and exit, obtain a Postgraduate Diploma. Students who satisfactorily complete six taught modules and a dissertation (180 credits) gain an MA awarded by 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 will begin the MA in September, but a January start could be available in 2014. 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 the Core Module (compulsory) and five Optional Modules. With prior approval of the programme leader, students may also choose to take a co-validated Optional Module from another MA programme offered by Sarum College or a Guided Reading Module under supervision.

For a list of module dates, please refer to the 'Academic Diary 2013-15' document.

#### **CORE MODULE**

##### **Introduction to Liturgical Study (20 Credits)**

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.

**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, 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 of 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.

Students may ALSO take ONE module from another MA programme with the agreement of the Programme Leaders of both the MA in Christian Leadership AND the MA Programme Leader of the programme from which the optional module is taken.

**Research Skills Training** – not for credit but compulsory for all students

This 2 day training session will provide students from across the Sarum College postgraduate academic programmes to further develop their research skills. Students will become familiar with a variety of research methodologies and techniques, become conversant in the regulations associated with the planning, research, writing, and submission of their dissertation, and engage in small group activities designed to support the initial stage of dissertation topic-selection and planning.

**Dissertation** (60 Credits)

In 20,000 words, candidates must argue and discuss with a full critical method a stated proposition concerning faith-based leadership, which is to be presented and defended by demonstration of appropriate materials and the proper use of evidence. The proposition must be one which relates to the subject matter of the programme and which permits the demonstration of independent research, study and reflection.

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

Most 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 and not in the case of the Dissertation Research Skills Training

*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.

**Attending Modules as General Study Courses (Auditing)**

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 £202.50 (residential, en-suite) and

£44.50 (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.

### **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**

Please see the separate document 'Fees and Methods of Payment 2013/14' for full information about fees and payment methods.

### **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 Sarum College.

### **Period of study**

The fees are calculated on the basis that the Masters degree will be completed within 3 years of commencing the course, the Postgraduate Diploma will be completed within 2 years of starting the course and the Postgraduate Certificate will be completed within 1 year of starting the course. Students who take longer to complete their studies will be charged £525 per year of continuing study.

Continuation fees will be applied as follows:

- Postgraduate Certificate – continuing beyond 1 September 2014.
- Postgraduate Diploma –continuing beyond 1 September 2015.
- Masters – continuing beyond 31 July 2016.

### **Application Procedure**

Application for the course is made through the written application form. (Please refer to the Application Checklist for full instruction on requirements.) Interviews are normally held in the winter and spring before the commencement of the course. Candidates will be notified by either 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 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.

### **Re-validation**

Please note that all four MA programmes at Sarum College are scheduled for revalidation towards the end of 2013. There may therefore be some changes made to modules and other aspects of the programmes. Students will of course be kept fully informed during all stages of the revalidation process.

**Non-UK/EU students**

Sarum College is presently unable to sponsor non-EU students and are therefore not able to accept non-EU applicants onto its postgraduate programmes.

*Academic Registrar, February 2013*