

# DIVINITY

The Bachelor of Divinity degree (BD) is a specialist course in Theology which equips students for handling all of the main theological disciplines. An integrated curriculum ensures a thorough grounding, by the time of graduation, in everything needed for vocational ministry or for postgraduate theological study. First-year (or Level 1) modules initiate students into Biblical Studies (including the biblical languages), Systematic Theology, Church History and Practical Theology. Building on this foundation, and incorporating an element of choice, Level 2 modules enable students to read Greek and Hebrew texts and consolidate their knowledge, skills and tools across the range of Theology's sub-disciplines. In their final year, while Practical Theology modules help all students explore interfaces with the contemporary Church, society or world, students also have opportunity to specialise in one or more areas of Theology. Through the BD programme, students develop sophisticated thinking and communication skills which are suited not only to Christian ministry or mission but to a great variety of professional situations.

## COURSE CONTENT

### Level 1

#### Compulsory (120 CATS)

- Introduction to Biblical Languages
- Beyond Paradise: An Introduction to the Pentateuch
- Early Church History
- Introduction to Systematic Theology
- Introduction to Jesus and the Gospels
- Introduction to Practical Theology

### Level 2

#### Compulsory (40 CATS)

- Greek Texts
- Hebrew Texts

#### Biblical Studies (at least 20 CATS)

- Old Testament Historical Books
- Biblical Theology
- Letters of Paul
- Revelation of John

#### Systematic Theology and Church History (at least 20 CATS)

- The Christian Doctrinal Tradition
- In Search of the Good Life: Ethics from Plato to Postmodernity
- Study of World Religions

- Christianity in Ireland since the Reformation
- Church History Project: Boyne Valley Field Trip

#### Practical Theology (at least 20 CATS)

- Youth Ministry 1
- The Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care

### Level 3

#### Independent Research (up to 40 CATS)

- Dissertation
- Double Dissertation
- Research Project

#### Biblical Studies (at least 20 CATS)

- Old Testament Prophetic Texts
- John
- Thinking and Singing: an introduction to the wisdom and lyrical books of the Old Testament
- Romans
- Hebrews
- Advanced Hebrew
- Advanced Greek

#### Systematic Theology, Philosophy and Church History (at least 20 CATS)

- Trends in Modern Theology
- Current Issues in Philosophical Theology
- Christianity in the Sixteenth Century
- Church History Field Trip to World War 1 Battlefields

## BD Honours

Divinity 3 yrs (V600)

See also: Theology

## Entrance Requirements

### A-level:

BBB

### All applicants:

There are no specific subject requirements to study Divinity.

Those returning to education after a break will be considered individually on their own merits.

### For students whose first language is not English

An IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in each test component or an equivalent acceptable qualification, details of which are available at: [go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs](http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs)

## Practical Theology (at least 40 CATS)

- Missiology
- The Church in the Contemporary World
- Youth Ministry 2
- Reconciliation Studies
- Reformed Spirituality and Worship

## WHY QUEEN'S?

### Global Opportunities

You will have the opportunity to take part in field trips to Belgium or Italy as well as elsewhere in the UK and Ireland. Erasmus exchanges (typically one semester long) are available in Budapest (Hungary) and Kampen (the Netherlands) or you may avail of the Study USA programme.

### Internationally Renowned Experts

By its very nature, and of necessity, Theology is authentically rooted in and focused on its immediate community setting: accordingly, all College staff are experienced and active practitioners in the Irish and British contexts. In addition, some enjoy international recognition and exposure, or have practised, taught or published, in Europe, North America or the developing world.

### Student Experience

Theology student satisfaction at Queen's is 93 per cent, ranked joint 7th in the UK (National Student Survey 2017)

### Prizes and Awards

Top performing students are awarded a scholarship by the Institute of Theology.

## CAREERS/FURTHER STUDY

Gaining your degree from Queen's Institute of Theology will put you in a strong position among UK Theology graduates. The excellent standards of our education are recognised by employers who value the quality of our programmes and recognise the skills of our graduates.

### Close Links with Employers

Theology at Queen's liaises closely with employers to offer guest lectures and on-site visits, amongst other activities. Theology students also take part in tailored employability and skills workshops, developed with the Student Guidance Centre.

## Skills to Enhance Employability

The analytical and communication skills that are essential to Theology are also recognised as important attributes for careers in many other areas, so there are job opportunities in many fields for successful graduates. Holders of a Theology degree will have demonstrated through their studies a capacity for assessing problems, exploring solutions and presenting the results of their work in a variety of media.

### Employment after the Course

- Social and community workers
- Teachers (primary and secondary)
- Civil servants
- Lawyers
- Journalists and media commentators
- Vocational Ministry
- Youth work

Graduate employers include DEL, PCI, Lloyds Banking Group, Housing Executive, Health and Social Care Trust.

“You have the opportunity to learn from some world-renowned scholars at Union Theological College and there is a real sense of community.”

Graham Mullan, BD Divinity

In the most recent National Student Survey (2017), 93% of our Theology students said they were satisfied with the course.



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