Higher Education
Online Courses 2024
Dear MBIT friend, we are delighted to present our new course brochure, offering a diverse range of enriching learning opportunities.

**Regular Updates: Stay Informed**
This brochure will evolve in accordance with our students' needs. Expect regular updates to ensure you have the most recent information.

**Course Availability: Subject to Change**
Please bear in mind that the availability of courses may vary. While we do our best to maintain consistency, unforeseen circumstances can occasionally impact availability. Some events are currently being configured on Eventbrite to facilitate your registration process. As soon as these events are ready, we will share the corresponding links with you.

Thank you for being a part of our learning community,

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WHO WE ARE

FEATURED COURSES

MA DEGREE
SPIRITUALITY EAST & WEST

MA DEGREE
CONTEMPORARY ETHICS

MA DEGREE
CONTEMPORARY FAITH & BELIEF

MA DEGREE
PASTORAL CARE & CHAPLAINCY

The following colours correspond to different course categories:

- Posgraduate Module
- Short Course
- Study Day/Conference
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UPCOMING COURSES 2024

SPIRITUALITY IN THE IGNATIAN TRADITION
Starting 13/01/2024
Learn more

SPIRITUALITY & THE ARTS
Starting 15/01/2024
Learn more

CLASSICS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY
Starting 18/02/2024
Learn more

CELTIC AND MEDIEVAL SPIRITUALITY
Starting 23/01/2024
Learn more

BEGGARS FOR HEAVEN: THE INHERITANCE OF JACQUES AND RAÎSSA MARITAIN
13/03/2024
Learn more

DISCOVERING JESUS THROUGH THOMAS AQUINAS
Starting 23/04/2024
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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
04/05/2024
Learn more

ETHICS IN THE PROFESSIONAL CONTEXT
07/05/2024
Learn more
Who we are

We are a vibrant Catholic learning community that promotes the flourishing of people through study, research, and pastoral outreach.

On 2023 we celebrate our 30 year anniversary and we are proud that we have actively engaged in theological dialogue on social, ethical, political and spiritual matters during this time.

We resource schools, parishes, hospitals, prisons and other institutions with expertise, training and pastoral support. Our theology engages with different professional and community-based (service) needs and perspectives. This is enriched and enabled by an interdisciplinary approach that is at the heart of our educational work. Many of our students gain qualifications from the University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University (DTM, BA, MA, MPhil, Prof Doc, PhD).

We hope that our programme will whet your appetite for studying with us – both in terms of your personal interests and your professional, pastoral or voluntary service needs.

All our courses will have online facility – providing access to students from all over the world.
MA in Christian Spirituality East & West

Programme Leader:
Dr Louise Nelstrop MBIT

Join a lively debate on the meaning and the role of spirituality in the context of the Christian traditions as well as in today’s multi-cultural environments.

Students will be supported to:

- Progress in critical understanding and knowledge of aspects of the Christian spiritual traditions;
- Explore and evaluate contemporary manifestations of Christian spiritual belief and practice;
- Develop a critical understanding of the human condition as it shapes different approaches to Christian spirituality;
- Relate the discourse of Spirituality to a wide range of contemporary personal, professional and vocational questions.

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MA in Contemporary Ethics

Programme Leader: Dr Anna Abram MBIT

Our approach goes beyond textbooks, inviting you to explore ethical dilemmas from multiple perspectives, enriching your grasp of moral complexities.

Students will be supported to:

- Formulate moral arguments
- Research of models of moral decision-making and the recognition of the complexity of moral truth
- Understand the moral condition of oneself and society
- Identify the relevance of ethics for various professions, including teachers, health professionals, business professionals, social service professionals, religious ministers, and anyone interested in exploring ideas related to the ‘good life.’

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MA in Pastoral Care & Chaplaincy
Deputy Programme Leader:
Dr Sue Price MBIT

This Programme will give you an in-depth understanding of Pastoral Theology as it relates to the goals of chaplaincy and pastoral care.

Students will be supported to:

- Familiarize themselves with diverse cultural, philosophical, and religious sources for reflective engagement with pastoral practice.
- Evaluate and situate their own practices in relation to broader theological themes and commitments.
- Develop as independent researchers in a specialist area.
- Reflect critically on their own and others’ professional practices in chaplaincy and pastoral settings.

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Students will be supported to:

- Acquire theological skills to interpret the world from a theological perspective
- Gain an in-depth understanding of some areas of theological and philosophical discourse in the contemporary academy, church and society
- Undertake a detailed exploration of some issues of theological significance in the contemporary context

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Building on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, this module will explore the dynamics of spiritual direction and issues that arise in the pastoral ministry of spiritual accompaniment.

Students will examine the theory and practice of Christian spiritual direction with a specific focus on the Ignatian Tradition, engage with the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius, reflect on pastoral ministry through the lens of spiritual direction, explore the issues that arise in the pastoral ministry of spiritual accompaniment, understand the dynamics of spiritual direction, and identify the processes within spiritual direction and the roles of director and directee.
During this course we will be looking at how Christian spirituality relates to the arts - literature, music and visual arts, including film. We will consider this relationship in the socio-historical and theological contexts in which it has developed.

Students will engage with theological ideas underpinning ekphrasis, images and icons, the relationship between literature and spirituality as academic disciplines, reflect critically on relationship between theoretical approaches to film, aesthetics, music and spiritual awareness, and examine the contemporary phenomenological thinking on the ways in which the arts create access points to the transcendent and spiritual.

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CLASSICS of CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

**Dates:** From 18th January to 7th of March 2024  
5:15 to 6:45 pm  
**Cost:** £230  
*Early bird discount available

**Online Course**  
**Course leader:** Dr Gemma Simmonds & Dr Edward Howells

This course introduces some of the great figures in the history of Christian Spirituality.

Common themes of personal transformation and of relationship with God, self and others will emerge across a wide time period from the third to the twentieth centuries.

The focus on six figures and movements will allow portions of the texts to be examined in some detail, as well as following wider spiritual themes.

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Please Click **HERE**
Examine the intricate interplay among spirituality, theology, ecclesiology, science, politics, literature, and art within medieval and Celtic thought.

This course will delve into the connections between Celtic and Medieval Christian spirituality and those found in other religious traditions, notably Paganism, Judaism, and Islam. Additionally, it will explore the significance of women within the Celtic and medieval church, their profound impact on spirituality, as well as the significance and functions of the eremitic and coenobitical traditions.

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This study day will consider the origins of the eucharistic prayer and its development in different geographical areas in the early centuries of the church.

The day will be led by Dr Peter Coughlan. In August 1965 Peter was appointed to the Vatican’s Consilium for the Implementation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy and thus followed closely the development of the three new eucharistic prayers. In 1973 he was appointed as a member of the commission charged with drawing up three new eucharistic prayers for use with children and two new eucharistic prayers on the theme of reconciliation.
The conference aims to explore the legacy of the Maritains, and the ways in which their work still addresses the cultural and political spheres, the academy and Church.


Call for papers: Please share your proposals or abstracts, limited to 500 words, with Dr. Christopher Grey by 01/01/24 at christopher.grey1@outlook.com

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DISCOVERING JESUS through TOMAS AQUINAS

**Dates:** From 23rd April to 11th of June 2024
4:30 to 6:00 pm
**Course leader:** Sr Magdalene Eitenmiller
**Cost:** £ 230
*Early bird discount until the 4th of March
**In person and Online**

Join us as we navigate through the rich teachings of St. Thomas's Summa Theologiae, with engaging discussions and opportunities for questions.

The course will introduce students to the mystery of the Incarnation, the Person and Natures in Christ (including major heresies to be avoided), Christ’s grace and knowledge, his unity of being, unity of two wills and two operations, his prayer, Christ as priest and mediator, certain mysteries of Christ’s life such as his baptism and Transfiguration, as well as his passion, death, resurrection, ascension, and coming again as judge.

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Ethics in the Professional Context

**Dates:**
Spanning from May 7th to June 4th, 2024
Tuesdays: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, and a special session on Saturday, October 12th 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm.

**Cost:** £ 230
*Check for Early Bird Discount Availability

**Online Course**
**Course Leader:** Dr Anna Abram

This interactive interdisciplinary course delves into ethical concepts within a professional context, aiding students in building their own ethical foundations and reasoning tools.

Elements such as sources of ethical thinking and moral imagination; central concepts such as equality, common good, human dignity; the value and spirituality of work; the role of ethics in society, all contribute to the theological context in which a particular profession will be approached.

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"It was a delight to find this hidden gem. MBIT has a very welcoming and caring atmosphere. It’s also been great to work alongside students of different faith backgrounds (...) The taught Masters programme offered much flexibility, giving the opportunity to attend lectures, study online or a combination of the two. Everyone is very supportive, give quick responses to your queries and there are plenty of resources available to make studying from home possible. It feels like everyone wants you to do well. Working full-time, I would never have had the opportunity to study without this flexibility and support. The staff have been wonderful and I very much consider it a blessed time.”

Nalini Nathan, a graduate of the MA in Contemporary Ethics.

"Chaplaincy in its diverse sectors is now one of the most common ways in which the Church encounters and ministers to lay people and those beyond her boundaries, so it matters that we understand what we are doing and why (...) Our Course Director and tutor, Dr Sue Price and Anne Marie O’Riordan, are experienced pastoral practitioners as well as good academics. I was struck by how their pastoral experience informed the way they taught as well as the quality of their input. As we explored together different models of theological reflection, I gained the skills for a more coherent practice of reflection both on my life and on continuing pastoral encounters."

Roberta Canning, a student of the MA in Pastoral Care & Chaplaincy

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