

1. Introductory Programme Information

Award	BA (Hons) Degree in Theology and Ministry	
UCAS Code	Cliff College: C72 BA Theology and Ministry: V610	
Awarding body	University of Manchester	<i>The agreement between the University and the College is reviewed every five years. It was renewed in January 2016, and is in effect until December 2020.</i>
Course Duration	Up to three years, full-time Level 4 – Higher Education Certificate (exit award) Level 5 – Higher Education Diploma (exit award) Level 6 – Bachelor’s Degree	<i>It is possible to exit with a lesser award than the full degree, subject to achievement of required credits.</i>
Location	Cliff College, Derbyshire	<i>Students are usually residential.</i>
Teaching weeks	Teaching is over two semesters, comprising a total of 24 weeks including study weeks.	<i>Teaching week dates are available at the beginning of each academic year and available on the Moodle VLE.</i>
Timetabling	During each semester, level-specific units are taught once a week over the semester, or in week-long intensive blocks. Students are also encouraged to engage in non-timetabled events like Discipleship groups.	<i>Timetables are made available to students at the beginning of each semester, and can be accessed on the Moodle VLE.</i>

2. Entry Requirements

Academic entry requirements	Two A levels at grade E or above, or equivalent qualifications that amount to 32 UCAS tariff points (new tariff); two positive references	<i>Students will need to list all their qualifications on the application form, and provide the original certificates for a copy to be made by the College.</i>
Non-standard entry requirements	If students do not have the appropriate qualifications but their experience and understanding is deemed appropriate, applicants may be given the opportunity to complete a piece of work for assessment and/or attend a short course provided by the College.	<i>The Programme Leader will be responsible for assessing whether it is appropriate for an applicant to commence study based on the likelihood of their successful completion of the course.</i>
Occupational health requirements	It is expected that students will be involved in some kind of mission and ministry* at some point during their programme. For this reason, all students enrolled on the BA Theology and Ministry programme must apply for DBS clearance – the College will assist with this process.	<i>*It is expected that the church or agency will be responsible for health and safety compliance and safeguarding for this practice.</i>
Usual application and offer process	Those applying before the end of June are expected to complete the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) application form and submit it directly to www.ucas.com . All students applying this way will also need to complete the Cliff College BThM UCAS top-up application form, available on the Cliff website (BThM Programme page) and send it to the Registrar. After the end of June, applicants must complete a full application form, available on the Cliff website (BThM page) and submit it to the Registrar. All applications will be assessed by the Programme Leader, who will commonly invite a candidate for an interview before any offer of a place on the course is made. On occasions, further action by the applicant is required.	<i>Upon receipt of application, students can expect a response within a week during term time, and a fortnight during holiday periods. Dependent on the nature of the application, offers or conditions are likely to be made within one month of receipt of application and references.</i>

3. Programme Structure and delivery

Purpose of the programme	To develop students' knowledge and understanding of theology and biblical studies, as well as practical instruction and experience in mission and ministry	
Key features of the programme	Theological, biblical and practical learning which provides a solid foundation for further study or to engage in mission and ministry in related fields	<i>The full-time nature of the programme enables students to engage in the rhythms of community life which enhances their learning environment.</i>
Employability	Students who successfully complete their BA (Hons) in Theology and Ministry could be employed by churches as, lay workers, community workers, evangelists or pastoral workers. They can work for Christian charities in policy departments, or in fundraising and events organisation. They can study for a PGCE to become a teacher, or pursue other further study. They can also explore a wide range of other graduate professions.	<i>Former graduates of the BA in Theology and Ministry Programme are now employed in a number of key roles in Christian ministry, within the UK and overseas.</i>
Organisation of academic year	The course is delivered over two semesters: September to December and January to early May.	<i>The General College Timetable for the current year is available on the Moodle VLE, including dates for teaching weeks, study weeks and holiday periods. Start and end dates for each academic year are available a year in advance.</i>
Course structure	Students are required to complete and pass 120 credits per level of the programme. Units are worth either 10, 20 or 30 credits. During the teaching period, students are taken through the assessment for that unit, and given tutorial support. Assessment deadlines are spaced during the term according to the number of tasks.	<i>Students can exit with a Higher Education Certificate on successful completion of 120 credits at Level 4, or a Higher Education Diploma on successful completion of 120 credits at Level 4 and 120 credits at Level 5. A student will graduate with a BA (Hons) on successful completion of an additional 120 credits, including a 20-credit dissertation or extended ministry placement project.</i>

4. Module Information

	Compulsory Units (offered every year)	Optional Units (a selection offered each year)
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Theology – 20 credits • Introduction to New Testament – 10 credits • Introduction to Old Testament – 10 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Skills – 10 credits • Introduction to Evangelism – 10 credits • Introduction to Practical Theology • Worship and Spirituality • Introduction to Church History – 10 credits • Introduction to Preaching – 10 credits • Christian Leadership – 10 credits • Christian Discipleship – 10 credits • Christian Spirituality – 10 credits • Resourcing Worship – 10 credits • New Testament Exegesis – 10 credits • Old Testament Exegesis – 10 credits • Methodist Local Preaching – 10 credits • Pioneer Ministry – 10 credits • Children’s and Youth Ministry – 10 credits • Pioneer Ministry – 10 credits • Mission Placement – 10, 20, or 40 credits • Issues Facing Children/ Youth/Families – 20 credits
Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission and Evangelism 0 20 credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblical Hermeneutics – 10 credits • Theology in the Contemporary World – 10 credits • Major World Faiths – 10 credits • Missiology – 10 credits • Apologetics – 10 credits • Contextual Evangelism – 10 credits • Holy Spirit, Spiritual Gifts and Pentecostalism – 10 credits • Philosophy and the Contemporary World – 10 credits • Explorations in Biblical Languages: Greek – 10 credits • Explorations in Biblical Languages: Hebrew – 10 credits • New Testament Exegesis – 10 credits • Old Testament Exegesis – 10 credits • Exegesis for Biblical Communication – 20 credits • Children, Youth and Third Age Ministry – 20 credits • Principles in Christian Mentoring – 20 credits • Mission Placement – 20 or 30 credits • Luke in the Holy Land (trip) – 20 credits • 1 option from CMM/YMM/FAMM – 20 credits

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- Dissertation – 20 credits OR
- Extended Ministry Placement Project – 30 credits
- Approaches to Sanctification – 10 credits
- Hebrew Textual Exegesis – 10 credits
- Mission and Religious Plurality – 10 credits
- New Testament Exegesis – 10 credits
- Narrative Readings of Gender in the Bible – 20 credits
- Community Engagement - 10 credits
- Congregational Studies -10 credits
- Church Planting and Pioneer Ministry – 10 credits
- Applied Christian Ethics – 10 credits
- Advanced Christian Leadership – 10 credits
- Doctrine of Scripture – 10 credits
- Biblical Theology – 20 credits
- Public Theology – 20 credits
- Wisdom Literature and the Psalms – 20 credits
- Christology: Person and Work of Christ – 20 credits
- Mission and Evangelism: History and Context – 20 credits
- Leading and Pioneering the Emerging Church – 20 credits
- Mission Placement – 20 credits
- Independent Study Unit – 20 credits

5. Teaching and Learning

In class teaching and learning activities	Teaching includes a combination of lectures, seminars, interactive activities, and tutorials. There are daily devotions, and opportunities for students for students to enjoy fellowship and learning from each other.	<i>Lecture notes and additional resources to support classroom activity are available on the Moodle VLE.</i>
Independent learning required	Each 10-credit unit is made up of 100 notional hours of learning, only 15 of which are from lectures. Students are expected, therefore, to dedicate a significant amount of time to private study and reading.	<i>Students have access to the online journals and library catalogue.</i>
Learning support	All students receive tutorial support from their unit tutors. Students who have an adult assessment of dyslexia and associated conditions will be entitled to a wide range of support prescribed by the Disability Support arm of Student Finance.	<i>Please contact the Academic Dean for more information about disability support.</i>
Teaching staff	Programme Lead – Dr Sandra Brower Faculty – please see the Cliff College website, where each of our faculty members has a personal biography, including their areas of expertise	<i>Sessions are led by a variety of faculty members and, where appropriate, external expert practitioners.</i>

6. Assessment and feedback

Types of assessment

There are no exams (with the exception of L5 Greek and L5 Hebrew, each of which have an in-class element for the final assessment); all assessment is done via coursework. On average students are required to write up to 3000 words per 10 credits. This is sometimes through more than one assessment.

Students are able to access all assessment questions and deadlines for all units on commencement of the course, via the Moodle VLE.

Formative assessment

Students are encouraged to engage with their personal tutor and are able to submit up to 500 words per assessment for formative feedback prior to final submission.

Class discussion and activities, like informal presentations, are a natural part of assessing learning, and helping tutors to facilitate additional learning where required.

Marking and feedback

Work is graded from 0–100% with and A grade being 70%+. Student submissions will be annotated with helpful comments and corrections, and a header sheet attached with feedback on how to improve the grade. A selection of work is moderated in accordance with the University of Manchester regulations.

Students can reasonably expect to receive their grade and comments three weeks after submission.

Students who are given a D (under 40%) will be required to resubmit but capped at 30% in order to be awarded the credit required to pass the course, subject to not exceeding the maximum resubmission regulations.

The student handbook contains full information about these regulations.