

Entry to Ministry and to Religious Education Teaching

A degree in Divinity offers entry to a wide range of professions and is a recognised qualification for those intending to enter the ministry in many branches of the Christian church or to enter the teaching profession as teachers of religious education.

Students intending to enter the ministry are recommended to consult their denominational authorities in order that they may follow the most appropriate course of study. Every effort will be made to enable students to fulfil denominational requirements during their period of study in Aberdeen.

Intending ordinands in the Church of Scotland should apply to the Secretary to Committee on Education for the Ministry, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN, but may also wish to consult the Master of Christ's College, 25 High Street, Old Aberdeen, AB24 5EE.

Accepted candidates for the ministry of the Church of Scotland must ensure that their choice of courses is acceptable to the local liaison committee.

Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity (BD)

1. The degree of Bachelor of Divinity (BD) may be conferred either as the non-Honours Degree of BD or as the Degree of BD with Honours. It shall not be conferred *honoris causa tantum*.
2. Unless granted exemption by the Senatus Academicus, candidates for the non-Honours degree must attend for not less than three sessions of full-time study or the equivalent and candidates for the Honours degree for not less than four sessions of full-time study or the equivalent. However, candidates for the Honours degree who hold a degree recognised by the Senatus Academicus or qualifications approved for this purpose by the Senatus Academicus and are thereafter accepted onto an Honours programme will normally be accorded 60 credit points of recognition for study completed prior to entry, and be exempted from one session of full-time study or the equivalent.
3. Candidates for the four-year degree must attend for not less than three sessions in the University of Aberdeen and candidates for the three-year degree must attend for not less than two sessions in the University of Aberdeen. Candidates must normally attend qualifying courses in the University of Aberdeen during the whole of the final session of their study.
4. All candidates must include in their programme the courses contained in one of the individual programme prescriptions annexed to these regulations.
5. Candidates for the non-Honours degree, irrespective of duration, must obtain at least 360 credit points including at least 60 credit points at Level 3 or above. At least 330 of the 360 credit points must be from courses within Divinity and Religious Studies. The Head of School's approval must be obtained for courses taken from outwith Divinity and Religious Studies.

HONOURS DEGREE

6. Candidates for the Honours Degree must in all cases achieve by award or recognition a total of 480 credit points. Candidates who under Regulation 2 have been granted exemption from one session of study may count 60 credit points of recognition for study completed prior to entry towards this total of 480. Candidates granted such a recognition must obtain not fewer than 180 credit points at level 3 or above; candidates not granted such recognition must obtain at least 240 credit points at level 3 or above. The total of credits required at level 3 or above must in all cases include at least 90 credit points at level 4, and may not include more than 30 credit points from courses outwith Divinity and Religious Studies. The permission of the Head of School must be obtained for courses taken from outwith Divinity and Religious Studies.
7. Candidates shall not be admitted to the Honours programme unless they have secured the approval of the Head of School; candidates in the Honours programme may register for additional courses only after consultation with the Head of School.

Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Theology (BTh)

1. The degree of Bachelor of Theology (BTh) may be conferred either as the Degree of BTh or as the Degree of BTh with Honours. It shall not be conferred *honoris causa tantum*.
2. Unless granted exemption by the Senatus Academicus candidates shall attend for not less than three sessions of study for the Degree, and not less than four sessions of study for the Degree with Honours.
3. Candidates for the Degree must obtain not fewer than 360 credit points. Candidates enrolling during or after 2003/04 must achieve a minimum of 60 credit points from level 3. Candidates for the Degree with Honours must obtain not fewer than 480 credit points including at least 90 at level 4.
4. The minimum 360 credit points for the Degree must include credit points from those courses prescribed in the programme prescription annexed to these regulations.
5. The minimum 480 credit points for the degree with Honours must include credits from those courses prescribed in the programme prescription annexed to these regulations.

Notes: (1) Admission to all courses at Level 3 and 4 is with the prior permission of the Head of School on the advice of the Course Co-ordinator.

(2) Candidates shall normally offer a dissertation in their final year of study.

6. Candidates shall not normally be admitted to the Honours programme unless they have previously obtained 240 credit points from courses at Levels 1 and 2. Only under exceptional circumstances may the Senatus Academicus, on the recommendation of the Head of School, exempt candidates from this requirement.
7. Candidates shall not be admitted to the Honours programme unless they have secured the approval of the Head of School; candidates in the Honours programme may register for additional courses only after consultation with the Head of that School.

Supplementary Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Theology (BA Theology) (with Cert HE and Dip HE Options)

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Theology (BA Theology) (with Cert HE and Dip HE Options) is conferred in accordance with Resolution No. 250 of 2007, which was approved by the University Court, University of Aberdeen, on 13 June 2007.

Bachelor of Arts in Theology

1. The degree of Bachelor of Arts in Theology (BA Theology) is awarded by the University of Aberdeen on satisfactory completion of a prescribed programme of study, validated by the University and managed by the International Christian College ('the College'). It may be conferred in one of two forms: either as the Degree of BA, or as the Degree of BA with Honours. At each level the degree may be awarded with the following titles:
BA Theology
BA Theology with Cross-Cultural Ministry
BA Theology with Children's Ministry
BA Theology with Urban Ministry
BA Theology with Preaching and Pastoral Ministry
BA Theology with Missional Leadership
2. The programme for the degree extends over not fewer than three sessions of full-time study for the Degree of BA Theology, and not fewer than four sessions of full-time study for the Degree of BA Theology with Honours. Candidates may be permitted to count as credit towards the degree examinations passed at, and qualifications awarded by, other institutions approved by the College, provided always that candidates whose credit is thus recognised must attend the College for at least one final year of full-time study for the Degree or for the Degree with Honours. Students who satisfactorily complete year 1 of the degree programme will be awarded a Certificate appropriately designated. Students who satisfactorily complete years 1 and 2 of the degree programme will be awarded a Diploma appropriately designated.
3. Before admission to the programme leading to the award of the degree, each candidate must have satisfied the published academic entry requirements as prescribed by the Senatus Academicus. Candidates shall be eligible for

entry with advanced standing to programme year 2 and programme year 3 respectively, provided that they fulfil the requirements determined by the College in accordance with University policy and procedures.

4. Following admission to the degree, each candidate must satisfactorily complete the prescribed assessments of a programme of study approved by the Senatus Academicus of the University of Aberdeen, and equivalent to 360 SCOTCAT credit points, in order to be eligible for the award of the Degree of BA in Theology. Such candidates are then eligible to proceed with their studies and complete further assessments of the programme, approved by the Senatus Academicus and equivalent to an additional 120 SCOTCAT credit points, successful completion of which shall lead to award of the Degree of BA in Theology with Honours.
5. At Levels 1 to 3, candidates shall normally be afforded in each course not more than four opportunities of degree assessment, including in-course assessment and/or written examinations, as appropriate. Candidates who successfully complete an element of assessment at a second or subsequent attempt cannot be awarded more than a defined maximum mark for that element. At Level 4, candidates shall not be permitted more than two attempts at each of the prescribed assessments in accordance with guidelines approved by the College in consultation with the University. Candidates shall not be permitted to appear for the assessment of any course unless in the session concerned they have attended and duly performed the work of that course. The College shall prescribe in advance the level of attendance required and the requirements for being deemed duly to have performed the work of each course.

Note: For the purpose of this and subsequent Regulations, a 'course' means a defined programme of study which is self-contained and leads to a specified amount of credit.

6. The examiners for the degree shall be the staff of the International Christian College whose courses qualify for the degree, and such external examiners as may be appointed by the University Court.
7. Candidates who persistently fail to attend, or perform the required work of, the courses for which they are registered may have their studies terminated, either during or at the end of the session, in accordance with the relevant regulations in place at the International Christian College. The criteria and procedures governing such termination shall be subject to approval, on behalf of the University, by the Senatus Academicus.
8. Illness and/or other personal circumstances which affect performance before or at the time of any prescribed degree assessment, and which a candidate wishes to have taken into account, must be notified in writing to the Academic Registrar not later than one week after the assessment concerned. Where events prevented candidates from notifying the Academic Registrar within seven days, the candidate must set out in a letter details of the events which prevented him/her from notifying the Academic Registrar within the prescribed period.
9. Any health, conduct, behaviour or other issue that could bear on a BA Theology candidate's suitability or fitness for working with young or other vulnerable people will be investigated by an *ad hoc* committee appointed for the purpose by the College's Quality Assurance Committee. However, where such a case relates to a matter falling within the University's Code of Practice on Student Discipline, it may be referred to the College Committee only after procedures under that Code are exhausted and an allegation has been admitted or found to be proved. The Senatus Academicus, on the recommendation of the College Committee, may suspend or terminate the studies of candidates for the degree of BA in Theology who, following a proper process of investigation, are judged not "fit to practise". In exceptional circumstances only, the University may suspend the matriculation of, or exclude from specified activities of the University, candidates whose case has been referred to the College Committee pending consideration of their case. In all cases, any such suspension or exclusion shall be subject to the procedures detailed in the University's Code of Practice on Student Discipline, as these are prescribed by any resolution of the University Court in force at the relevant time.
10. In each degree with Honours there shall be three grades of Honours denominated respectively the First, Second, and Third Class. The names of the candidates in the Second Class shall be arranged in two divisions. The names of the candidates in the First and Third Classes and in each division of the Second Class shall be arranged in alphabetical order. Candidates for Honours who do not attain the standard required to qualify them for at least the Third Class Honours award shall be awarded the Degree of BA Theology.

Note: Details of the individual Degree Programmes can be obtained from the International Christian College.

Resolution No. 250 of 2007

After consultation with the Senatus Academicus, the University Court of the University of Aberdeen, at its meeting on 13 June 2007, passed the following Resolution:

1. On the recommendation of the Senatus Academicus, regulations for the degrees are approved as set out below.
2. This Resolution shall come into force on the day on which it is passed by the University Court.

Supplementary Regulations for the award of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Youth Work with Applied Theology (BA Theology) (with Cert HE and Dip HE Options)

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Youth Work with Applied Theology (BA Theology) (with Cert HE and Dip HE Options) is conferred in accordance with Resolution No. 250 of 2007, which was approved by the University Court, University of Aberdeen, on 13 June 2007.

Bachelor of Arts in Youth Work with Applied Theology

1. The degree of Bachelor of Arts in Youth Work with Applied Theology (BA Theology) is awarded by the University of Aberdeen on satisfactory completion of a prescribed programme of study, validated by the University and managed by the International Christian College ('the College'). It may be conferred in one of two forms: either as the Degree of BA, or as the Degree of BA with Honours.
2. The programme for the degree extends over not fewer than three sessions of full-time study for the Degree of BA in Youth Work with Applied Theology, and not fewer than four sessions of full-time study for the Degree of BA Youth Work with Applied Theology with Honours. Candidates may be permitted to count as credit towards the degree examinations passed at, and qualifications awarded by, other institutions approved by the College, provided always that candidates whose credit is thus recognised must attend the College for at least one final year of full-time study for the Degree or for the Degree with Honours. Students who satisfactorily complete year 1 of the degree programme will be awarded a Certificate appropriately designated. Students who satisfactorily complete years 1 and 2 of the degree programme will be awarded a Diploma appropriately designated.
3. Before admission to the programme leading to the award of the degree, each candidate must have satisfied the published academic entry requirements as prescribed by the Senatus Academicus. Candidates shall be eligible for entry with advanced standing to programme year 2 and programme year 3 respectively, provided that they fulfil the requirements determined by the College in accordance with University policy and procedures.
4. Following admission to the degree, each candidate must satisfactorily complete the prescribed assessments of a programme of study approved by the Senatus Academicus of the University of Aberdeen, and equivalent to 360 SCOTCAT credit points, in order to be eligible for the award of the Degree of BA in Youth Work with Applied Theology. Such candidates are then eligible to proceed with their studies and complete further assessments of the programme, approved by the Senatus Academicus and equivalent to an additional 120 SCOTCAT credit points, successful completion of which shall lead to award of the Degree of BA in Youth Work with Applied Theology with Honours.
5. At Levels 1 to 3, candidates shall normally be afforded in each course not more than four opportunities of degree assessment, including in-course assessment and/or written examinations, as appropriate. Candidates who successfully complete an element of assessment at a second or subsequent attempt cannot be awarded more than a defined maximum mark for that element. At Level 4, candidates shall not be permitted more than two attempts at each of the prescribed assessments in accordance with guidelines approved by the College in consultation with the University. Candidates shall not be permitted to appear for the assessment of any course unless in the session concerned they have attended and duly performed the work of that course. The College shall prescribe in advance the level of attendance required and the requirements for being deemed duly to have performed the work of each course.

Note: For the purpose of this and subsequent Regulations, a 'course' means a defined programme of study which is self-contained and leads to a specified amount of credit.
6. The examiners for the degree shall be the staff of the International Christian College whose courses qualify for the degree, and such external examiners as may be appointed by the University Court.
7. Candidates who persistently fail to attend, or perform the required work of, the courses for which they are registered may have their studies terminated, either during or at the end of the session, in accordance with the relevant regulations in place at the International Christian College. The criteria and procedures governing such termination shall be subject to approval, on behalf of the University, by the Senatus Academicus.
8. Illness and/or other personal circumstances which affect performance before or at the time of any prescribed degree assessment, and which a candidate wishes to have taken into account, must be notified in writing to the Academic Registrar not later than one week after the assessment concerned. Where events prevented candidates from notifying the Academic Registrar within seven days, the candidate must set out in a letter details of the events which prevented him/her from notifying the Academic Registrar within the prescribed period.
9. The BA(Hons) Youth Work with Applied Theology is professionally endorsed by Community Education Validation and Endorsement (CeVe). In investigating fitness to practise cases, the College Committee will work in consultation with CeVe and report to the University.

10. Any health, conduct, behaviour or other issue that could bear on a BA Youth Work with Applied Theology candidate's suitability or fitness for working with young or other vulnerable people will be investigated by an *ad hoc* committee appointed for the purpose by the College's Quality Assurance Committee. However, where such a case relates to a matter falling within the University's Code of Practice on Student Discipline, it may be referred to the College Committee only after procedures under that Code are exhausted and an allegation has been admitted or found to be proved. The Senatus Academicus, on the recommendation of the College Committee, may suspend or terminate the studies of candidates for the degree of BA in Youth Work with Applied Theology who, following a proper process of investigation, are judged not "fit to practise". In exceptional circumstances only, the University may suspend the matriculation of, or exclude from specified activities of the University, candidates whose case has been referred to the College Committee pending consideration of their case. In all cases, any such suspension or exclusion shall be subject to the procedures detailed in the University's Code of Practice on Student Discipline, as these are prescribed by any resolution of the University Court in force at the relevant time.
11. In each degree with Honours there shall be three grades of Honours denominated respectively the First, Second, and Third Class. The names of the candidates in the Second Class shall be arranged in two divisions. The names of the candidates in the First and Third Classes and in each division of the Second Class shall be arranged in alphabetical order. Candidates for Honours who do not attain the standard required to qualify them for at least the Third Class Honours award shall be awarded the Degree of BA Youth Work with Applied Theology.

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