

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time (MTh).

Content: The components of the degree are **(please note that only up to 30 credits can be chosen from a Level below Level 5):**

FULL TIME ROUTE

PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)

Plus 120 credit points, 60 per half session, to be chosen from the list below:

- DR504D Core Themes in Christian Ethics (30 credit points)
- DR504F Awakened Nation: Revival in Modern Scotland (30 credit points)
- DR504U Topics in Systematic Theology: God, Christ and Salvation (30 credit points)
- DR505C New Testament Studies in Process: Currents and Themes (30 credit points) *
- DR505M Israel's Scriptures at the Turn of the Common Era (30 credit points) *
- DR5045/DR5545 Special Subject (15 credit points)
- DR502X/DR552X Special Subject (30 credit points) †
- DR554E Contemporary Issues in Christian Ethics (30 credit points)
- DR554U Topics in Systematic Theology: Spirit, Church, and World (30 credit points)
- DR555R Significant Figures and Places in Early Christianity (30 credit points)
- DR555U Close Readings in Early Christian Literature (30 credit points) *
- DR556B From Creation to New Creation: The Great Themes of the Old Testament (30 credit points)

* These courses run in alternate years. Please note that only DR505C and DR555R are running in 2026-27.

† Students require special permission from the programme coordinator to take 30-credit Special Subject courses. For those on the MTh Biblical Studies pathway, 15-credit Special Subject courses may be selected when taking a 15-credit language course each term. These 15-credit Special Subject courses will focus on extending critical engagement with biblical texts.

Biblical Languages options:

- DR1042 Hebrew Language 1 (15 credit points)
- DR1536 Hebrew Language 2 (15 credit points)
- DR103X Ancient Greek Language 1 (15 credit points)
- DR153X Ancient Greek Language 2 (15 credit points)
- LT1009 Latin 1 (15 credit points)
- LT1507 Latin 2 (15 credit points)

A maximum of 30 credits of Biblical Languages may be chosen.

In addition, students must complete:

DR505W Research Skills and Dissertation Writing (60 credit points)

Depending on their specialisation, and on approval of the School, students who successfully complete all 180 credits will be able to exit with one of the following:

MTh Biblical Studies
MTh Church History
MTh Systematic Theology
MTh Theological Ethics

Students who choose the Biblical Studies specialist route will be required to take 30 credits of biblical language courses in order to have facilities in either Greek or Hebrew. The programme of study will be decided on an individual basis in consultation with the programme coordinator and will take account of demonstrable previous language learning. In cases where the student can demonstrate proficiency in both Greek and Hebrew, this requirement may be waived.

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PART TIME ROUTE

This route will run over two years. Up to 120 credit points can be taken in a single academic year, with students taking a maximum of 180 credits in total over the two years.

PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points) must be taken in Year 1.
DR505W Research Skills and Dissertation Writing (60 credit points) must be taken in Year 2.

Plus 120 credit points, 30 per half session, to be chosen from the list below:

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DR505C New Testament Studies in Process: Currents and Themes (30 credit points) *
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DR5045/DR5545 Special Subject (15 credit points)
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LT1009 Latin 1 (15 credit points)
LT1507 Latin 2 (15 credit points)

A maximum of 30 credits of Biblical Languages below level 5 may be chosen over the two years.

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Assessment: Students must acquire 180 credit points (**which involves 180 credit points including at least 150 at level 5 and a dissertation**) over the course of the year. Assessment is by course work, by written examination, or by a combination of these, as prescribed for each course. Appropriate personal supervision is arranged for the dissertation. The degree of MTh shall not be awarded to candidates who fail to complete the dissertation at an appropriate standard, irrespective of their performance in other courses. Such candidates may, at the discretion of the Examiners, be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma or Certificate.

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If students do not wish to undertake the full Master's Degree (which involves 180 credit points including at least 150 at level 5 and a dissertation), other exit points include the Postgraduate Diploma (based on 120 credit points, 90 of which must be at level 5), or the Postgraduate Certificate (based on undertaking 60 credit points, 40 of which must be at level 5).