

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time (MTh)
9 months full-time or 18 months part-time (PGDip)
6 months part-time or 12 months part-time (PGCert)

Content: The components of the degree are::

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:

AH501A Art and Christianity (30 credit points)

DR505D New Testament Studies in Process: Currents and Themes (30 credit points) *

DR505N Israel's Scriptures at the Turn of the Common Era (30 credit points) *

AH551G Theology and Aesthetics (30 credit points)

DR555S Significant Figures and Places in Early Christianity (30 credit points) *

DR555V Close Readings in Early Christian Literature (30 credit points) *

* These courses run in alternate years. Please note that only DR505N and DR555V are running in 2025-26.

In addition, students must complete:

DR505X 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

MTh New Testament and Early Christianity

Depending on their specialisation, and on approval of the School, students who successfully complete 120 credits of coursework will be able to exit with one of the following:

PGDip Biblical Studies

PGDip Church History

PGDip Systematic Theology

PGDip Theological Ethics

PGDip New Testament and Early Christianity

Depending on their specialisation, and on approval of the School, students who successfully complete 60 credits of coursework will be able to exit with one of the following:

PGCert Biblical Studies

PGCert Church History

PGCert Systematic Theology

PGCert Theological Ethics

PGCert New Testament and Early Christianity

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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.

DR505X 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:

AH501A Art and Christianity (30 credit points)

DR505D New Testament Studies in Process: Currents and Themes (30 credit points) *

DR505N Israel's Scriptures at the Turn of the Common Era (30 credit points) *

AH551G Theology and Aesthetics (30 credit points)

DR555S Significant Figures and Places in Early Christianity (30 credit points) *

DR555V Close Readings in Early Christian Literature (30 credit points) *

* These courses run in alternate years. Please note that only DR505N and DR555V are running in 2025-26.

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

MTh New Testament and Early Christianity

Depending on their specialisation, and on approval of the School, students who successfully complete 120 credits of coursework will be able to exit with one of the following:

PGDip Biblical Studies

PGDip Church History

PGDip Systematic Theology

PGDip Theological Ethics

PGDip New Testament and Early Christianity

Depending on their specialisation, and on approval of the School, students who successfully complete 60 credits of coursework will be able to exit with one of the following:

PGCert Biblical Studies

PGCert Church History

PGCert Systematic Theology

PGCert Theological Ethics

PGCert New Testament and Early Christianity

MTh 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 (FTE). 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 entry and 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).

PGDip Assessment: Students must acquire 120 credit points **(which involves 120 credit points including at least 90 at level 5)** over the course of the year (FTE). Assessment is by course work, by written examination, or by a combination of these, as prescribed for each course.

PGCert Assessment: Students must acquire 60 credit points **(which involves 60 credit points including at least 40 at level 5)** over the course of the year (FTE). Assessment is by course work, by written examination, or by a combination of these, as prescribed for each course.