

Foundation Year

Introduction to Theological English - 20 Credits - Compulsory

This module seeks to introduce students to foundational knowledge, understanding and skills required for the use of academic English and how this differs from other forms of written English expression. The module sets the scene for the use of English in the context of academic studies in UK based higher education. It will provide students with opportunities to develop their use of the English language in order to perform effectively in the college's academic programmes. The module introduces students to theological vocabulary in preparation for later modules.

Academic Skills - 20 Credits - Compulsory

This module extends student knowledge, understanding and skills in the use of academic skills. It also seeks to consolidate learning from other modules, so they are brought together, in order for students to better conceptualise how they work coherently in tandem for the purposes of academic studies. This module is important because it connects different skill sets and seeks to enable students to view them as important to the pursuit of academic learning.

Biblical and Theological Foundations - 20 Credits - Compulsory

This module covers two key areas: Firstly, Biblical Foundations: Biblical knowledge, both of individual books, and an overview of the Bible, is essential for the BA programme. This module requires students to read and critique different biblical texts. Texts will be read through a variety of lenses, primarily historical, narrative, and missional. Secondly, Theological Foundations: Theological reflection is an essential skill that is required in the BA programme. This module requires students to reflect theologically on their work-based learning and events in their lives. It introduces the pastoral cycle, and other tools for reflective ministry.

Critical Thinking - 20 Credits - Compulsory

This module introduces students to the importance of critical thinking and to some important strategies to enable them to engage in it. Academic studies will be explored in the context of the importance of developing the ability to frame critical questions that will at times lead to the student challenging received views which they have assumed to be right without questioning them. Also, the module will develop the student's appreciation of the use of criticality as a foundational practice, and skillset to all other aspects of engagement on a higher education programme.

Christian Beliefs and Practices - 20 Credits - Compulsory

This module sets the scene for theological reflection, by enabling students to begin the journey of exploration of how Christian beliefs and practices influence the people of God in their real-life contexts as followers of Christ. This module will develop student knowledge and understanding of a range of ideas and views regarding the importance of how believers interpret their theological views of God. This module covers key topics in theology.

I

Foundation Year

Continued

Introduction to Mission Studies - 20 Credits - Optional

It is important for the student's views of the Christian faith to be framed and informed with reference to a variety of Christian practices, as primary sources of critical reflection prior to the consideration of what might be learnt in the context of mission studies. This module will provide students with the knowledge, understanding and skills to help them to conceptualise issues and ways to address them in order for them to be effective in mission with others. This module has a particular focus on inter-cultural mission, and introduces topics such as cultural intelligence.

Introduction to Youth Ministry - 20 Credits - Optional

This module aims to introduce some of the main tasks in current youth work within the Christian church. The focus is to enable youth ministers to become missional ministers in their own right as a key ministry in the church, considering the identity, roles, and practice of a youth minister. This module seeks to reinvest this discipline in ministry with the professional and theoretical insights that are needed to help youth ministers understand the importance of this ministry.

Please Note Foundation year is not a stand alone course and on completion of this year all students would continue onto the three year BA Hons course in either Missional Leadership or Missional Youth Ministry