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BA THEOLOGY PROSPECTUS





ABOUT US

Birmingham Christian College (BCC) is the place where minds and hearts are harmonised under the powerful leadership of the Holy Spirit to inspire discerning and obedient responses to the movement of God in a rapidly changing world.

At BCC, we create an empowering learning environment where students are intellectually challenged and spiritually equipped to become true disciples of Christ. Our aim is to cultivate Christian character and develop sound theological understanding for effective service in churches, communities, and the wider marketplace.

We embrace the call to follow God wherever He leads in mission. Recognising the significant shifts in the global landscape of Christian commitment, we actively engage in missional conversations that address emerging needs and contexts, both locally and globally. This commitment informs our theological education and the way we prepare students for real-world ministry.

Whether you are interested in a short course, a weekend refresher package, a lay-leadership programme for your church, or a full academic study, we have a wide range of options to meet your individual needs. Our programmes are designed to accommodate various study preferences, including part-time, full-time, distance learning, and flexible study options. From vocational and certificate programmes to graduate and postgraduate levels, our diverse offerings ensure that you can find the perfect fit for your individual journey.

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Hear what our students had to say...

Birmingham Christian College has been a wonderful place of training for ministers and individuals who want to know more about God, and it has served as a very safe space, not just giving knowledge, but uniting knowledge with zeal, where everything is done under the direction of the Holy Spirit. It has served as a very wonderful encouragement even to ministers and many who want to grow in the truth, of whom I can count myself boldly as one. I would want to recommend it for anyone who wants to broaden their understanding of the Christian faith. I have received so much so far and still receiving, and I can assure you this is a great place to be.



Leslie Agyeman Appiah
Level 5 Student

My time here has been transformative, not just academically but also spiritually. The environment here is very supportive and provides deep learning and growth. Now, whether you're seeking a short course or a full academic study, Birmingham Christian College offers something for everyone.



Michael Owusu
Level 4 Student



I'm a missionary in Azerbaijan and a level four student in Birmingham Christian College, where I am receiving my ministerial training in order to fulfil my calling, to be strong and firm, and to be well equipped for the Kingdom business. Birmingham Christian College is a very good institution. The lecturers and staff are very good. They have time for every student, and so I recommend Birmingham Christian College if you want to receive ministerial training or any professional training, including counselling and theology.

Thomas Ofori
Level 4 student

BA THEOLOGY

Validated by Birmingham
Newman University



BA THEOLOGY

(VALIDATED BY BIRMINGHAM NEWMAN UNIVERSITY)

The BA programme is validated by Birmingham Newman University and students who successfully complete the programme will be eligible for a Birmingham Newman University award.

Students can choose from 2 distinct BA (Hons) Theology degree pathways:

- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Theology (Biblical & Pastoral Theology)
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Theology (Theology & Missional Leadership)



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND REQUIREMENTS:

The standard pathway consists of three levels—Level 4, Level 5, and Level 6. Students normally progress through these levels sequentially, with each level carrying 120 credits and together forming the 360-credit Honours degree. Each level also functions as a self-contained qualification: Certificate (Level 4), Diploma (Level 5), and Honours Degree (Level 6).

If a student fails a level, they may either exit with the award corresponding to the last successfully completed level or resit the failed modules through Directed Studies, during which a tutor is assigned to support them. Students progress to the next level only after successfully completing their current level.

AVAILABLE AWARDS:

The following awards are available to students who meet the requirements for each level, based on the number of credits successfully completed.

Certificate in Higher Education

- Biblical & Pastoral Theology
 - Theology & Missional Leadership (Level 4 award)
- A minimum of 120 credits awarded at Level 4.

Diploma in Higher Education

- Biblical & Pastoral Theology
 - Theology & Missional Leadership
- Level 4 progression requirements met, and a minimum of 240 credits awarded overall.

Degree

- Ordinary Bachelor's (Level 6 award)
 - BA (Hons) Theology
 - Biblical & Pastoral Theology
 - Theology & Missional Leadership (Level 6 award)
- Level 4 and 5 progression requirements met, and a minimum of 60 Level 6 credits passed.
- Level 4 and 5 progression requirements met, and a minimum of 360 credits awarded overall.

Level 4 MODULES



CORE MODULES

Tracks:

- **Biblical & Pastoral Theology**
- **Theology & Missional Leadership**

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BIBLICAL & PASTORAL THEOLOGY

BCU448 Introduction to Hermeneutics & Homiletics (20 CREDITS)

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BCU446 INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE (20 CREDITS)

This course is an introductory course in biblical studies in which the primary focus is the survey of the Bible. It will introduce you to the books of Christian Scripture and the methods that scholars use to understand them. It will cover the history of the periods in which various biblical books were written. By exploring the messages, the form and background of the books the course will discover what the biblical writers were trying to accomplish through their writings. It provides the major doctrines and passages; key events and significant characters mentioned in the Bible. This survey will provide understandings of the world in relation to the place of humanity and the role of God in the world, and how the Old and New Testament relate to one another historically and theologically.

BCU447 INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY (20 CREDITS)

This module offers a comprehensive survey of Christian doctrines, including that of God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Human Beings, Salvation, the Church, and Eschatology. An Introduction of Christian Theology will be given to define theology, its various streams, and sources. Particular attention will be given to the doctrines of God, Christ and Holy Spirit.





BCU412 PASTORAL STUDIES (20 CREDITS)

This module is an exploration of the biblical and theological basis for pastoral ministry and a reflection on various approaches and qualities necessary for the pastor. It will offer an understanding of the basic principles and practices of Christian pastoral care from a biblical and theological basis, using biblical text, examples and contemporary case studies. It will involve a systematic and practical study of the nature and approaches of pastoral ministry in the church and an examination of the pastor's role as leader, administrator, shepherd, counsellor, and trainer, as well as his relationship to church officers and fellow ministers. This module aims to also introduce you with an introduction to Christian Counselling within the broader framework of pastoral care. It introduces you to the basic tools needed in helping people to overcome emotional and psychological difficulties so that they will function in the way God originally created them. The module will explore gender roles, and appropriate measures in approaching diversity in a multicultural church setting. Spiritual and pastoral caring as an expression of the love of God towards others in communal and individual relationships will be the highlight of the module. Christian practices such as celebration of love and marriage, incarnational visitation, pastoral prayer and baptism of the Holy Spirit, spiritual friendship, public worship, Holy Communion, baptism, preaching and teaching of God's word will be reflected upon.



OPTIONAL MODULES

BIBLICAL & PASTORAL THEOLOGY

BCU441 THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION (20 CREDITS)

This module explores the relationship between practical and theoretical experience in addressing key theological issues that arise in mission and ministry. You will engage with different methods of Theological Reflection (TR) and its role within Practical Theology, gaining critical knowledge of how TR informs pastoral care, ethical decision-making, mission, and daily Christian practice. You will develop a framework for understanding the pastoral cycle and how scripture, tradition, personal experience, and community narratives shape theological reflection. The module will also examine the role of TR in ethical reasoning, chaplaincy, and public life, helping you develop reflective skills that are essential for real-world ministry settings.

Through interactive discussions, case studies, and structured debates, you will practise applying theological reflection to concrete issues in mission, pastoral care, and congregational life. The module will also emphasise reflective writing, enabling you to articulate your theological insights effectively. By the end of this module, you will be equipped with both the theoretical understanding and practical skills necessary to integrate theological reflection into ministry, fostering growth in both personal faith and community leadership.



BCU450 CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP (20 CREDITS)

This module explores contemporary theories and practices of leadership, enabling you to critically apply biblical and theological values to shape a distinctively Christian model of leadership. A key focus is on addressing the question of how Christian leadership differs from other perspectives and trends. The module also helps you develop a biblical worldview of character and ethical leadership, emphasising integrity, service, and responsibility. Through an integration of biblical, theological, and philosophical studies, you will be equipped to respond to contemporary moral, intellectual, and social challenges while maintaining ethical and spiritually grounded leadership principles in various ministry and organisational settings. The module also incorporates historical perspectives on Christian leadership, Pentecostal leadership structures, and servant leadership models to provide a well-rounded foundation for leadership in church and ministry contexts. Additionally, the module encourages personal leadership development by fostering self-discipline and self-reflection as key aspects of Christian leadership.

Furthermore, you will critically examine different ethical perspectives, evaluating their implications for leadership in contemporary society. This module provides an opportunity to engage with theological and philosophical viewpoints, assessing their relevance for ethical decision-making and governance within Christian leadership.

BCU449 CHURCH HISTORY (20 CREDITS)

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BCU443 ACADEMIC SKILLS AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT (20 CREDITS)

The module aims to ensure you are adequately prepared for HE level study within your chosen subject area, which will include developing associated academic skills such as presentation skills and referencing conventions. It also aims to develop your ability to organise, manage and practise a range of learning approaches to improve your performance as a self-directed learner in preparation for university, work or for further career development. The module emphasises the needs of the individual but within the context of how the development of self-management corresponds with effective teamwork in a work and study context. You will be able to improve your own learning, be involved in teamwork and be more capable of problem solving through the use of case studies, role play and real-life activities.



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BCU442 MISSIONS AND MIGRATION (20 CREDITS)

This introductory module aims at helping you explore the relationship between Christian missions and the phenomenon of the diaspora, or the experience of people moving, being moved and living in contexts that are different from their origin. The focus will be on the challenges and opportunities this phenomenon presents to Christian mission in the globalised contemporary world. The module will expose you to some of the other main world religions and how to minister to, minister through, and minister with people from and beyond the diasporas.

OPTIONAL MODULES

THEOLOGY & MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP

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Level 5 MODULES



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- **Theology & Missional Leadership**

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CORE MODULES

BIBLICAL & PASTORAL THEOLOGY

BCU513 PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (20 CREDITS)

Building on the knowledge and skills learnt from Pastoral Studies, the aim of this module is to provide you with a more robust understanding of the essentials of Practical theology by examining the issues and challenges related to pastoral care in our contemporary contexts. The biblical and theological basis and the practical implications of the pastoral ministry will be examined critically to show the difference between pastoral ministry, practical theology and other caring professions. A historical survey of pastoral care and contemporary application will provide case studies for critical analysis of the pastoral role today.

BCU510 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (20 CREDITS)

The aim of this module is to explore an understanding of Christian environmental stewardship that helps you to see contemporary environmental issues of global warming as a challenge to the church's mission and equips you to offer a Christian response to it. The focus will be on demonstrating how available literature and debates in the fields of ecology and eco-theology help Christians to develop a way of life that makes stewardship, especially environmental stewardship, a necessary aspect of living a Christian life.

BCU521 PENTECOSTAL AND CHARISMATIC THEOLOGY (20 CREDITS)

This course offers students a comprehensive understanding of the history and theology of the global Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements. Particular attention is given to examining some key issues relating to the emergence and developments (history), theology and missions of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements.



BCU522 RESEARCH METHODS

This module will explore a range of different methods suitable for conducting research in theology. You will be introduced to qualitative and quantitative research methods and will explore broader methodological questions, including how humans gain knowledge and the ethical implications of different research approaches. You will practice developing a research question and analysing their chosen topic to determine the most appropriate research methods to explore it theologically. You will learn how to form a logical and persuasive argument in their writing and how to analyse data. By the end of the module, you will be equipped to conduct their own research and introduced to tools which will help them at postgraduate level.

OPTIONAL MODULES

BIBLICAL & PASTORAL THEOLOGY

BCU523 CONTEMPORARY APOLOGETICS (20 CREDITS)

This module deals with introducing you to the principles and varieties of Christian apologetics. The course discusses contemporary objections to the Christian faith and critically evaluates the different approaches to doing effective apologetics in the contemporary culture. The course will introduce you to some of the other main religions and how to engage with different religious groups in evangelism and apologetics.





BCU524 CHURCH AND MISSION IN A DIGITAL AGE (20 CREDITS)

This module explores and examines how churches can effectively utilise digital technologies in Missio Dei. In this module, you will investigate different digital technologies, evaluate their effectiveness and analyse how they can be used to expand the mission of the church in spreading the gospel and building communities. The module explores how churches and faith communities use online platforms, including social media, to enhance their liturgy, discipleship, and evangelism, and to build community cohesion. In this module, you will explore the philosophical and ethical aspects of the digital technologies for example AI and its use in spiritual context.

BCU525 CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING FRAMEWORK (20 CREDITS)

The module aims to provide students with an understanding of how to use Counselling skills ethically and safely within the Church context. It will introduce participants to the basic tools needed in helping people to overcome emotional and psychological difficulties so that they will function in the way God originally created them. It combines psychological theories with Christian beliefs to help people who are struggling. Specific areas such as interpersonal relationships, identity issues, common mental health issues and conflict in marriage, family issues and psychological effect on different forms of abuse will be looked at.



BCU526 THEOLOGY AND WELLNESS (20 CREDITS)

This module examines the intersection between Theology and wellbeing and how Cristian spiritual traditions contribute to wellness and health. In this module, you will investigate theological perspectives on health, suffering, and healing. The module explores perspectives of health and wellbeing from the Old and New Testaments and engages with contemporary discussions on issues and solutions on Health and Wellbeing.

THEOLOGY & MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP

CORE MODULES

BCU520 CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY

This course is intended to help you understand the intricacies and dynamics of cross-cultural ministry, especially that of Africans and other non-Westerners serving in Western contexts. The focus will be on contextualisation of the Gospel message and Pentecostal practice within Western contexts

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BCU511 MISSIONS IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE (20 CREDITS)

This module is intended to help you understand the missionary context of Europe. It explores the issues in helping you to engage in multicultural ministry in Europe and the challenges involved in cross cultural and multicultural mission in multifaith Europe. The module also discusses leadership and church growth strategies in the West

BCU522 RESEARCH METHODS (20 CREDITS)

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OPTIONAL MODULES **THEOLOGY & MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP**

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Level 6 MODULES



TRACKS:

- **Biblical & Pastoral Theology**
- **Theology & Missional Leadership**

At Level 6, students will take 6 modules. Two (2) core modules (20 credits each), a dissertation module at 40 credits and 2 optional modules at 20 credits each.

CORE MODULES

BIBLICAL & PASTORAL THEOLOGY

BCU632 DISSERTATION/PROJECT (40 CREDITS)

You may choose any topic related to the various fields of Theology. A suitable title and reading programme is to be approved by an appropriate staff tutor who will act as the supervisor, although for specific sections or aspects of the dissertation, consultation with other staff members may be recommended.

BCU603 PLACEMENT (20 CREDITS)

Ministry placement modules are designed to enhance students learning experience, develop their ministerial formation and allow practical application of the taught elements of the course. Placements are a partnership between students, placement supervisors, and BCC staff. The Placement Handbook contains information and guidance relating specifically to students and supervisors involved in formal placements that are taken for academic credit as part of a student's University-validated course. We actively encourage students to be involved with churches and other organisations on an informal basis during the time they are studying.

BCU630 JESUS AND THE GOSPELS (20 CREDITS)

This module introduces you to the canonical gospels, in their historical, cultural and theological context, as sources for the historical reconstruction of Jesus' life and mission and compare these gospels with each other. In this module, you will explore the life and teachings of Jesus as presented by the gospel writers in the New Testament, by engaging primarily with the gospel writers. You will also examine other historical sources that shed light on Second Temple Judaism during the time of Jesus. The module will encourage students to critically reflect on the relationship between the various gospel writers and their own faith and cultural context.

OPTIONAL MODULES

BIBLICAL & PASTORAL THEOLOGY

BCU631 PNEUMATOLOGY (20 CREDITS)

This module critically explores the person, nature and work of the Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments. It is designed to develop your awareness and critically examine various descriptions and roles of the Holy Spirit in the Bible. The module will also explore the continuity of the Spirit's role from the Old Testament to the New Testament and the church. Furthermore, the unit takes a critical examination of the role of the Holy Spirit in the church today and of how this understanding enhances spirituality and faith.

BCU633 EVANGELISM AND CHURCH PLANTING

This course is designed to give the students an introduction to the ministry of church planting, growth and renewal. The emphasis will be on equipping students with the principles and strategies needed for starting and developing gospel-centred missional communities that result in the spiritual, social and cultural transformation of cities and regions.

BCU634 CHRISTIAN ETHICS (20 CREDITS)

This module offers a rigorous exploration of Christian Ethics, providing a deep understanding of ethical principles, theories, and their practical application in contemporary society. To deepen this understanding, the module integrates biblical, theological, and philosophical studies, drawing on Old Testament and New Testament narratives to develop a robust, biblically grounded ethical framework that enables you to critically engage with today's moral, intellectual, and social challenges.

As part of this framework, you will explore various ethical traditions, their historical foundations, and their relevance to real-world dilemmas. Building on this foundation, the module places a strong emphasis on practical application, guiding you to analyse contemporary ethical issues within the Church and wider society, using case studies to refine your analytical and evaluative skills. Through this process, you will cultivate a distinctively Christian approach to ethics—one that is intellectually rigorous, practically engaged, and ethically transformative, equipping you to actively respond to contemporary ethical challenges.



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BCU609 MISSION AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION (20 CREDITS)

This module aims to equip you with the required tools for critical study and evaluation of how Christian missions and ministry achieve social transformation through programmes of practical compassionate service in cross-cultural and urban settings. Some economic and social development initiatives and activities of certain Christian organisations will be evaluated in light of their relevance for Christian missions today.

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THEOLOGY & MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP

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This course is designed to give the students an introduction to the ministry of church planting, growth and renewal. The emphasis will be on equipping students with the principles and strategies needed for starting and developing gospel-centred missional communities that result in the spiritual, social, and cultural transformation of cities and regions.

BCU634 CHRISTIAN ETHICS (20 CREDITS)

This module offers a rigorous exploration of Christian Ethics, providing a deep understanding of ethical principles, theories, and their practical application in contemporary society. To deepen this understanding, the module integrates biblical, theological, and philosophical studies, drawing on Old Testament and New Testament narratives to develop a robust, biblically grounded ethical framework that enables you to critically engage with today's moral, intellectual, and social challenges. As part of this framework, you will explore various ethical traditions, their historical foundations, and their relevance to real-world dilemmas.

Building on this foundation, the module places a strong emphasis on practical application, guiding you to analyse contemporary ethical issues within the Church and wider society, using case studies to refine your analytical and evaluative skills. Through this process, you will cultivate a distinctively Christian approach to ethics—one that is intellectually rigorous, practically engaged, and ethically transformative, equipping you to actively respond to contemporary ethical challenges.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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3 A levels at grade C or above (or equivalent) in a humanities/social science related subject, and 5 GCSEs at grade 4/C or above, including English at 5/C or above, or recognised equivalents are required.

Mature applicants (21+), with considerable length of practical ministry experience who do not have formal qualifications, may be admitted to the programme if the Admissions Committee deems them able to complete the programme successfully. As part of this assessment process, such applicants will normally be required to submit an essay on a Biblical subject.

Those seeking admission to the BA programme will normally be accepted only subject to satisfactory references and interview.

For students wishing to transfer credits into the programme from other UK universities and recognised institutions, the rules followed will comply with Birmingham Newman University's credit -transfer process. The eligibility of credits gained from overseas institutions will be assessed using UK NARIC guidelines.

Students with a bachelor's degree from another subject may enrol directly to level 6 for a full classification with Honours degree programme provided that they have a first or second classification degree. Such students may be required to write a short theological paper and an interview to assess their suitability for the programme.

English Language requirements:

All students must provide evidence of appropriate competency in written and spoken English. For students whose first language is not English, and who have not studied in English up to at least Level 2, the normal requirement will be IELTS 6.0 (with no less than 5.5 in any band) or equivalent.

Other requirements:

All students will have the maturity of character and motivation to be involved in the overall ethos of the course. This is normally ascertained from the application, interview and references.

A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) will be required before students can begin their placement.

International Admissions:

Those applicants with overseas qualifications in place of the standard academic entrance requirements will be assessed using UK ENIC and UCAS Guides to International Qualifications. Such qualifications would need to be of a standard equivalent to a second-class honours degree or above in order to ensure parity. Overseas students might also be admitted on the basis of professional experience.

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Courses	2025/26	2026/27
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HECert/HEDip/Bachelorof Arts (Hons) Theology (PT)	£3,400	£3,600
Non-UK or International students fee for BA/MA Programmes	£13,800	£14,600
Accommodation for Residentials	£35pppn	£40pppn
Stand-alone MA Modules: starting Sep 2025	Incl. Assessment	Lectures Only
20 Credit modules	£400 per module	£300 per module
Single Modules Concessions*	£300 per module	£225 per module
Stand-alone BA Modules: starting Sep 2025	Incl. Assessment	Lectures Only
20 Credit modules	£350 per module	£250 per module
15 Credit modules	£280 per module	£230 per module
10 Credit modules	£250 per module	£175 per module

Funding your studies

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For UK students, Student Loan for Full-time or Part-Time Tuition Fee is the best way to fund your undergraduate studies, regardless of age or income, might be with a student loan. In fact, 80% of students in England fund their studies this way.

You don't have to pay anything upfront. Repayments only start when your salary exceeds the income threshold, which is currently £25,000. Repayments are deducted automatically from your salary. You can pay off the loan early without any penalties.

Self-funded study

If you're not eligible for student loan or grant funding, or you live outside the UK, we offer a range of other funding options.

- **Instalments:** Pay your fees in instalments.
- **Card payments:** Pay for each module with a debit or credit card in one quick payment
- **Mixed payments:** Combine your payment options to fund your studies the way you want.

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