

MA THEOLOGY PROSPECTUS







ABOUT US

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

At BCC, we create an empowering environment where men and women are intellectually challenged and enabled spiritually to become true disciples with Christian character to serve in churches, communities, and the marketplace. We embrace the journey of following God wherever He leads in mission. We recognise the significant shift in the demography of Christian commitment in the world and initiate missional conversations aimed at addressing the emerging needs.

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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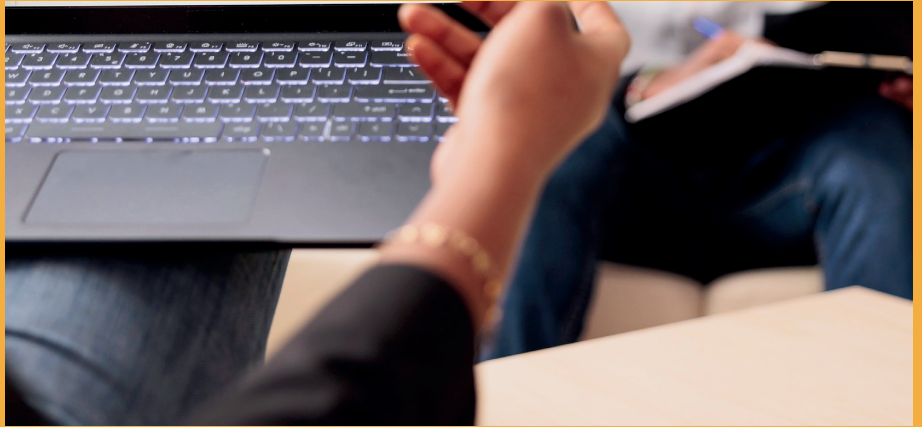
What Masters Degree are available?

BCC offers a unique taught Masters programme in Applied Theology that focuses on providing a solid biblical, theological and missional understanding of the church's role and the responsibility of Christians in God's transforming activities in the world.

Following successful completion of the programme, graduates will be able to analytically address a range of current questions in their chosen pathways, apply advanced and critical understanding, and interpret a range of knowledge sources, using various tools and systematic methods from the discipline to address issues in churches, society, and the marketplace.

Duration

Course duration: 1 year full-time or up to 4 years part-time.



Entry Requirements:

Evidence of candidates' academic ability to work in the area of theological and ecclesiological praxis at an appropriate level and their potential to complete the programme may be provided in one of the following ways:

- A second class (or above) degree in Biblical Studies, Religious Studies, Theology or a cognate subject. A second class (or above) degree in another subject area, together with certificated learning (e.g. a Graduate Diploma) in Biblical Studies, Religious Studies, Theology or a cognate subject or a BCC Pre-Masters course.
- At least two years' professional experience in a senior position in a Church or Mission context. In such cases, where candidates do not have formal academic qualifications, an access module or written assignment may be used to help assess suitability for the programme. A transparent policy will be followed to ensure equity and parity with regard to student admissions.

- Accredited RPL/RPeL and in some cases where the RPL/ RPeL is certificated will be considered for students wishing to transfer into the scheme with previously obtained part or intermediate qualifications from other UK HE institutions or their equivalent. This will follow the rules and processes for RPL/RPeL set out by Newman University, which allows for 90 credits of RPL for Master's degrees.

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.

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 3, the normal requirement will be IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 575 or equivalent.



| MA Pentecostal/ Charismatic Missions | MA Practical Theology and Leadership | CREDITS |
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| 3 CORE MODULES | 3 CORE MODULES | |
| BCU709 Pentecostal/ Charismatic Missions History | BCU709 - Theological Reflections | 20 |
| BCU710 - Pentecostal/Charismatic Missions History | BCU712 - Strategic Leadership in Christian Ministry | 20 |
| BCU711 - Research Methods | BCU711 - Research Methods | 20 |
| OPTIONS | OPTIONS | |
| BCU706 - Mission and Social Transformation | BCU706 - Mission and Social Transformation | 20 |
| BCU702 - Contemporary Biblical Pneumatology | BCU702 - Contemporary Biblical Pneumatology | 20 |
| BCU701 - Biblical, Historical and Theological Foundations of Mission | BCU707 - Pastoral Theology | 20 |
| BCU704 - Generations and Missional Leadership | BCU704 - Generations and Missional Leadership | 20 |
| BCU708 - Pastoral and Missional Hermeneutics | BCU708 - Pastoral and Missional Hermeneutics | 20 |
| BCU705 - Missions and Migration in Contemporary Context | BCU705 - Missions and Migration in Contemporary Context | 20 |
| BCU703 - Contemporary Religions | BCU703 - Contemporary Religions | 20 |
| BCU714 - Dissertation | BCU714 - Dissertation | 60 |

MASTERS IN APPLIED THEOLOGY 3 PATHWAYS

- MA Pentecostal/Charismatic Missions
- MA Pastoral Theology and Leadership
- MA Strategic Leadership in Christian Ministry

AVAILABLE EXIT AWARDS:

Master of Arts (MA): Awarded upon the successful completion of six modules within a chosen track and a dissertation.

Post Graduate Diploma (PG. Dip): Awarded upon successful completion of six modules within a chosen track.

Post Graduate Certificate (PgCert): Awarded upon successful completion of three modules within a chosen track.



Core Modules

All MA students are required to complete Research Methods and Study Skills in addition to their core modules in their chosen tracks.

Research Methods and Study Skills

Module Code: BCM711

The module aims to ensure students are adequately prepared for Master's level study within their chosen subject area, which will include developing academic skills such as presentation skills and referencing conventions. The module offers understanding of theological research skills and methods. It also aims to develop learners' ability to organise, manage and practise a range of learning approaches to improve their performance as self-directed learners in postgraduate studies, work or for further career development.

MA Pentecostal/Charismatic Missions

This course offers an analytical overview of the history of the global Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements. Particular attention is given to the examination of key issues that were responsible for the emergence of Pentecostalism and Charismatic movements. The contemporary relevance of the mission impetus and methods used by the Pentecostal movement will be evaluated. The module will examine some of the key players in Pentecostal history and the significance of their work in global Pentecostalism. Further attention will be given to the rise of the neo-Pentecostal and Charismatic movements.

BCU709 Pentecostal/Charismatic Theology

This Module offers students an analytical overview of the history and theology of the global Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements.



MA Pastoral Theology and Leadership

BCM707 Pastoral Theology

This module offers a systematic and critical analyses of the nature and approaches of pastoral ministry and an analytical evaluation of the pastor's role as leader, administrator, shepherd, counsellor, and trainer. It critically explores how gender roles, various diversities and vulnerabilities are handled in multicultural church settings and how useful psycho-social skills are employed in the processes. The module will offer skills for spiritual discernment of relevant pastoral care need and skills for evaluating such care practices.

BCM713 Theological Reflections

The aim of this module is to help students you discover the insight that practical and theoretical experience offers on the theological issues that arise in mission and ministry. It will enable students to develop theoretical frameworks and essential selected practical skills required necessary for ministry in diverse of settings. The focus will be to provide critical knowledge and understanding of how theological reflection fits into the pastoral cycle by showing how reflecting theologically on situations for and contexts of pastoral care is essential for effective ministry that brings growth.

MA Strategic Leadership in Christian Ministry

Core Modules

BCU712 Strategic Leadership in Christian perspectives

Through an analytical evaluation of contemporary strategic leadership theories and practices, this module offers understanding and critical leadership skills needed for God's mission in the world.

BCU718 Strategic Management in Christian Ministry

This module takes a particularly Christian perspective on human nature and uses management theories to provide students with understanding and skills for managing God's people and resources.





Optional Modules

BCU705 Missions and Migration in Contemporary Context

This module offers students skills to critically analyse the challenges and opportunities involved in doing multicultural ministry, with a particular focus on multicultural ministry in diaspora contexts.

BCU714 African Diaspora Christianity

This module offers an understanding and theoretical framework for examining the origin and nature of African Diaspora Christianity and its role in shaping the identity, values, worldviews, and Christian practices of African diasporic communities.

BCU716 Organisational Behaviour in Christian perspectives

The module offers students analytical skills for understanding organisational behaviour and practical skills for guiding the Church's mission in the world.

Optional Modules

BCU719 Managing Change in Christian contexts.

The module integrates a biblical view of transformation with extant change management theories to equip the student with knowledge and skills for initiating and driving effective change in churches and other organisations.

BCU703 Contemporary Religions

The module gives an overview of contemporary world religions and examines the relationship between religion and social integration, social morality, gender, sexuality and environmental care.

BCU704 Generations and missional Leadership

This module is intended to help students understand the missionary context of Europe, particularly in the area of intergenerational and multicultural church leadership. It explores the issues surrounding multicultural ministry in Europe and the challenges involved in cross cultural and multicultural mission in multifaith Europe. The module also discusses the role, importance, and strategies in leading multicultural and intergenerational churches in the West.

BCM702 Contemporary Biblical Pneumatology

This module critically explores the person, nature and work of the Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments. This module is designed to engage students' awareness and to critically examine various descriptions and roles of the Holy Spirit in the Bible.

BCM708 Pastoral and Missional Hermeneutics

This module offers a critical understanding and practical skills for applying the principles of biblical interpretation in the context of pastoral and missional leadership. It covers the hermeneutical principles applied in historical-cultural, theological and contextual analysis. Analyses of theological material, lexical syntax and special literary forms provide the student with the relevant critical skills necessary for applying the Bible from its historical contexts to the contemporary multi-cultural environment.

BCM706 Missions and Social Transformation

This module aims to equip students 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.

Why Study at BCC?

1. Experienced Faculty & Inspiring Teaching: Our friendly faculty, who are experts in their fields, deliver high-quality education and mentorship. Drawing from their extensive ministry experience, they effectively guide students on their academic journey.

2. Serene and Conducive Environment: BCC's location, facilities, and resources create an excellent academic experience. We support your personal and spiritual growth.

3. Academic and Pastoral Support: Our academic and pastoral support guarantees student success, while our close-knit family atmosphere ensures your well-being as you thrive academically.

4. Practical Courses and Ministry Training: Our programmes emphasise practical ministry training, preparing students for real-world settings. Subjects include social justice, environment, and spirituality.

5. Spiritual Impact: BCC focuses on both academic and spiritual growth. Regular prayer and ministry experiences shape students' maturity and calling.

6. Diverse Community: Students from various nations, backgrounds and cultures enrich the dynamic learning environment at BCC. Join our global community of students from over 25 countries.

7. Transformational Learning: Under the Holy Spirit's guidance, BCC harmonises minds and hearts. This transformational approach inspires obedient attitudes toward God's movement in our ever-changing world.

HEAR WHAT ONE OF OUR STUDENTS HAD TO SAY...

"I've always been interested in projects and programme in church, so when I saw Masters for Strategic Leadership in Christian Ministry, I had to get involved"

I reached out and because I already have a degree in another subject area, I just needed a few modules in theology before my Masters. And these modules have been amazing.

It's been so interesting to learn how theology and things like doctrine of the last days can actually inform my project management in church today.

And so, I'm really, really grateful to the college for giving me the opportunity, and I look forward to starting my Masters later on this year.

Catherine Sarpong



Your fees and funding options

We believe cost shouldn't be a barrier to achieving your potential. That's why our tuition fees are among the most competitive in the UK. Whatever your circumstances, we'll help you find a funding method that suits you. How much does it cost? How much your studies will cost depends on your mode of study and your residence status. We've given you an idea of the costs below:

POSTGRADUATE TUITION FEES

| Courses | 2026/27 | 2027/28 |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| MA FT (1 Yr) | £7,400 | £7,500 |
| MA 2 yrs (P/T) | £4,760 | £4,885 |
| MA 3 yrs (PT) | £3,142 | £3,225 |
| MA 4 yrs (PT) | £2,360 | £2,440 |
| International students fee for BA/MA Programmes* | £13,400 | £13,800 |
| Accommodation for Residentials | £40 per person per night (pppn) | £45pppn |
| Stand-alone MA Modules (starting Sep 2026) | Incl. Assessment | Lectures only |
| 20 Credit modules | £820 per module | £500 per module |
| Single Modules Concessions** | £500 per module | £400 per module |



Breakdown of fees:

These fees include a yearly Birmingham Newman University validation fee, 15% of the tuition fee.

** All CoP sponsored students are classed as home students for fee paying purposes.

* To support our international students who do not have right to work in the UK under our current probational sponsorship license status, we are glad to offer all international students a bursary worth £4,000 per year for all postgraduate courses.

To qualify, you must choose the Birmingham Christian College as your firm or insurance choice before 5.00pm (UK time) by 30th June for September start or by 30th November for January start.

The scholarship will be awarded automatically – no scholarship application is required in the first or any subsequent years.

Deposits UK domiciled :

Full-time - A deposit of £600 is required on acceptance of place. UK domiciled

Part-time – A deposit of £300 is required on acceptance of place.

International Students – 50% Payment of tuition fee and evidence of remaining fee in your account is required before CAS may be issued for student visa. EU Students may be eligible for discounts.

Single Modules – Payment in full is required before the course commences

Futher details regarding fees can be found on our website.

What we offer:

Our recently refurbished campus with varied facilities have everything you need, including an on-site hotel, self-catering, indoor and outside spaces, state-of-the-art AV, and support from our dedicated team.

Make BCC your venue of choice for your event or your retreat, where everything you need to run a meeting or an impressive event, is right here on-site.

Your venue for:

- Conferencing
- Meetings
- Youth camps
- Indoor and outdoor spaces
- Catering and eateries
- Accommodation



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to recharge and be refreshed in
body and spirit*





