

Chapter III

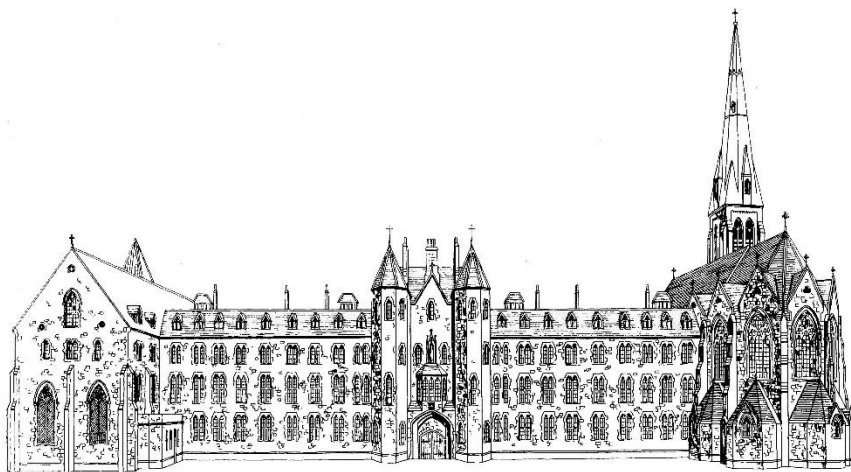
Primary Degree Programmes

in the

Faculty of Theology

at the

Pontifical University



Understanding Modules and Credits

Modules of courses required for the primary degrees of Bachelor's in Divinity (BD), Bachelor's in Theology (BTh) and Bachelor's in Theology and Arts (BATH) are listed in the following pages.

Each course is divided into units known as *modules*. Module-descriptions referred to in this Kalendarium and posted on the website follow the conventions of the Bologna Process, a Europe-wide system of measuring educational attainment in order to permit the recognition of qualifications and facilitate movement of students.

Module Name: Each module has a formal name or description.

Module Code: For administrative purposes, each module has a code made up of letters and numbers. The letters are abbreviations of subject-areas, e.g. ST (Systematic Theology), MR (Moral Theology), SC (Sacred Scripture) etc. The first two digits refer to the NFQ level to which the programme is aligned e.g. 07 is Diploma level, 08 is Degree or Higher Diploma Level, 09 is Masters level. The following three-digit number indicates the year of the programme in which the module is typically offered, e.g. 321 is a Third Year course. As some courses are taught on a cyclical basis, a course with first number 2 may be required in third year and vice-versa. The remaining numbers are for purposes of identification only. (See relevant Policy for Allocation of Module Codes)

Module Leaders co-coordinate delivery across the module taking responsibility for ensuring the module is delivered to plan, on schedule and to the required quality enabling students to be effective learners.

Programme Coordinators are responsible for providing key input to design, delivery, development and enhancement of programmes.

Department: The Department of the Faculty responsible for this module.

Module Level: Aligned with the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), student progress is measured on a scale of 1-10, e.g. Honours Leaving Certificate (Level 6), Honours Bachelor's Degree (Level 8), Masters (Level 9), Doctorate (Level 10).

Credit rating: Each module carries a number of ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) CREDITS. Credit rating is calculated by the amount of time devoted to the module. A course of two formal lectures weekly for one semester, with tutorials, assignments and independent study, is rated at 5 ECTS credits. Shorter courses (e.g. one lecture per week for one semester) are rated at 2.5 ECTS credits. A year's work at Bachelor's level is the equivalent of about 60 ECTS credits.

Pre-requisites: Some modules require prior work in a subject. This is expressed as a *pre-requisite*.

Co-requisites: Co-requisites are modules taken simultaneously with a particular module. Co-requisites are rare in Theology, except for some modules in the BD programme.

Aims: Each module is designed to communicate to students a body of knowledge or a set of skills. These are described as the *aims* of the module.

Learning Outcomes: These are the skills and knowledge a student may reasonably expect to acquire by the end of the module.

Indicative Syllabus: The indicative syllabus indicates the basic structure of the module.

Time Allowance for Constituent Elements: The amount of time a student is expected to devote to a given module. It is measured by lectures, tutorials, research / preparation of written assignment (essay) and private study.

Elements and Forms of Assessment: Each module is assessed for a final grade. For regular modules, this may be through a combination of final examination and/or ongoing assessment (including essay or project). Information on assessment is provided at the commencement of each semester. (See also relevant Policy on Assessment Workload)

Module Descriptors for all courses are available on <http://sppu.ic/courses>

Baccalaureate in Divinity

Programme Co-ordinator: Rev Dr Michael Shortall

The Baccalaureate in Divinity (BD) or the Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) is a Roman Catholic ecclesiastical degree awarded in accordance with the Educational Standards of the Holy See. It ensures a solid knowledge of theology, a foundation in Catholic doctrine, in an ecclesial and ministerial context. The programme prepares learners for ordained ministry, various forms of other pastoral ministry and further academic study.

BD Graduate Attributes

A graduate of the BD programme will be:

Fluent in the Catholic intellectual tradition: Having gained an extensive knowledge of the Christian tradition, the graduate can critically engage with theological ideas and insights; dialogue in a credible way within contemporary society; and confidently engage with issues of faith in pastoral situations and in the public square.

Open: Responsive, adaptable and committed to independent lifelong learning and ongoing formation in discipleship, the graduate is attentive to the complexity of the world and the demands of ministry, and willing to engage with diversity.

Integrated: Recognising that everything in the world is interrelated and having appropriated key convictions across the theological disciplines, the self-reflective graduate integrates this intellectual formation with personal and ministerial experiences, and with ongoing human and spiritual growth.

Socially engaged: Committed to the promotion of peace, justice, and the common good, the graduate is critically, pastorally and collaboratively engaged in society and Church as a responsible citizen and minister, in an informed, Christian and intelligent way.

Programme Learning Outcomes

On completion of the programme, graduates will be able to:

- *MIPLO 1:* Demonstrate a knowledge of, and ability to understand the basic principles of theology supported by the study of sacred scriptures and other normative writings (Cf. *Veritatis Gaudium*, art. 69; *Ratio Fundamentalis*, 165)

- *MIPLO 2*: Communicate coherently the Christian faith in a theological and/or pastorally informed manner (Cf. *Veritatis Gaudium*, art. 72, a)
- *MIPLO 3*: Articulate coherent insights into the spiritual personal and relational aspects of human experience (Cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 11; *Ratio Fundamentalis*, 168)
- *MIPLO 4*: Analyse trends, issues and challenges in contemporary global society from a theological and pastoral perspective (Cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 4)
- *MIPLO 5*: Discuss how theological discourse and ministerial or ecclesiastical practice inform each other and may have impact on social and ecclesial realities (Cf. *Veritatis Gaudium*, art. 74)
- *MIPLO 6*: Demonstrate capacity in theological methodology, academic skills, academic integrity time management and team work.

Admission Requirements

1. In order to register for courses leading to the Degree of Baccalaureate in Divinity (BD), a student:
 - (a) shall have completed a secondary school course and must meet matriculation requirements (Full details of entry requirements may be found on our website: <https://sppu.ie/undergraduate>) or what in the judgement of the Faculty is its equivalent;
 - (b) shall present a transcript that he / she has successfully completed a Level 7 diploma level course in Philosophy.
2. Students who do not qualify under 1 (a) may be considered for admission by the Faculty:
 - (a) if they are of mature age, i.e. if they have reached the age of 23 on or before 1st January of the year of entry into the First Divinity Class;
or
 - (b) if they present a transcript of particular merit from an appropriate institute of Third Level education, containing full details regarding subjects studied, approximate number of lectures, and level of achievement in each subject.

BD Add-On Mode: Students holding a *Diploma in Theology* or equivalent may be admitted to the BD programme in *Add-On* mode. Applicants for the *BD Add-On* mode programme must satisfy the Pontifical University matriculation criteria. Course Content will be based on the syllabus for the BD programme. The specific courses to be undertaken will be decided in advance on an individual basis by the Programme Coordinator in consultation with the Dean and the Registrar. The minimum duration of these programmes will be one academic

year and must be full-time. Permission to extend the duration of studies must be sought expressly from the Faculty of Theology. Assessment will be by examination and course work.

Courses for the Baccalaureate in Divinity

First Year Programme

The following list of modules will be offered for the First Year BD Programme in the current year. Modules are described in full on the St Patrick's Pontifical University website.

MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	LECTURER	SEM	CREDIT
<i>Introduction to Theology</i>				
TH08101	What is Theology?	Furnal	1	5
<i>Systematic Theology</i>				
FC08101	Revelation, Faith and Culture	Conway	1	5
ST08120	Theological Anthropology	Furnal	1	5
ST08119	The Christian God	Furnal	2	5
<i>Moral Theology</i>				
MR08121	Introduction to Moral Theology	Corkery	1	5
MR08127	Conversion, Sin & Virtue	Winright	2	5
<i>Sacred Scripture</i>				
SC08135	Risen Lord in a Pagan Empire	O'Connell	1	5
SC08139	Introduction to Scripture	Corley	1	2.5
SC08138	Beginnings of God's People	Corley	2	5
<i>Ecclesiastical History</i>				
EH08144	History of the Early Church	Ryan	1	5
<i>Liturgy</i>				
LI08151	Introduction to Liturgy & Sacraments of Initiation	Tracey	2	5
<i>Pastoral Theology</i>				
PT08103	An Introduction to Pastoral Theology	McGrath	2	2.5

Liturgical Music				
LM08101	Music in Christian Worship	O'Keeffe	2	2.5

Biblical and Theological Languages				
<i>BD Students are required to choose one Biblical/Theological Language in Year 1.</i>				
BL08181	Introduction to Biblical Greek	Lanigan	1	2.5
BL08182	Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin	Conry	1	2.5
BL08281	Intermediate Ecclesiastical Latin	Conry	2	2.5
BL08183	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew	Corley	2	2.5

Second Year Programme

The following list of modules will be offered for the Second Year BD Programme in the current year. Modules are described in full on the St Patrick's Pontifical University website.

MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	LECTURER	SEM	CREDIT
Systematic Theology & Patrology				
ST08118	Introduction to Patristics	O'Donoghue	1	5
ST08213	Sacramental Theology: An Introduction	J Meszaros	1	2.5
ST08109	Christology and Soteriology	A Meszaros	2	5
Moral Theology				
MR08343	Contemporary Ethical Issues in a Global Society	Corkery	1	5
MR0834	Ministerial and Professional Ethics	Shortall	2	5
Sacred Scripture				
SC08343	Paul Apostle to the Nations	Rogers	1	5
SC08331	Wisdom Literature and Psalms	Corley	2	5
Ecclesiastical History				
EH08243A	History of the Church in the Modern Age I	Ryan	1	5
EH08243B	History of the Church in the Modern Age II	Ryan	2	2.5

Canon Law				
CL08262	Canon Law of Marriage	Mullaney	1	2.5
CL08268	Liturgy Sacraments and the Law	Mullaney	2	5
Liturgy				
LI08202	Preaching & Presiding I	Tracey	1	2.5
LI08203	The Celebration of the Eucharist	Tracey	2	5

Biblical and Theological Languages				
<i>BD Students are required to choose one Biblical/Theological Language in Year 2.</i>				
BL08181	Introduction to Biblical Greek	Lanigan	1	2.5
BL08182	Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin	Conry	1	2.5
BL08281	Intermediate Ecclesiastical Latin	Conry	2	2.5
BL08183	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew	Corley	2	2.5

Elective & Special Courses				
Students in Year II of the BD programme are required to take electives from the following modules in order to attain the required 60 credits for the academic year. Credits earned from earlier years will be taken into account.				
EL08276	Major Essay	Faculty	1&2	2.5
EL08257	Mission Outreach	Kelly	S*	2.5
EL08235	Theology and the Creative Arts	A Meszaros	2	2.5
EL08242	European Humanism in the Making	Shortall	Jul 2025	2.5
S* = Summer Placement				
RW=Reading Week				

Third Year Programme

The following list of modules will be offered for the Third Year BD Programme in the current year. Modules are described in full on the St Patrick's Pontifical University website

MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	LECTURER	SE M	CREDIT
Systematic Theology & Patrology				
ST08311	Sacramental Theology: Eucharist and Orders	O'Donoghue	1	5
ST08118	Introduction to Patristics	O'Donoghue	1	5
ST08315	Missiology, Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Dialogue	A Meszaros	2	5
Moral Theology				
MR08343	Contemporary Ethical Issues in a Global Society	Corkery	1	5
MR08344	Ministerial and Professional Ethics	Shortall	2	5
Sacred Scripture				
SC08343	Paul Apostle to the Nations	Rogers	1	5
SC08331	Wisdom Literature and Psalms	Corley	2	5
Ecclesiastical History				
EH08243A	History of the Church in the Modern Age I	Ryan	1	5
EH08243B	History of the Church in the Modern Age II	Ryan	2	2.5
Canon Law				
CL08262	Canon Law of Marriage	Mullaney	1	2.5
CL08268	Liturgy Sacraments and the Law	Mullaney	2	5
Liturgy				
LI08301	Preaching & Presiding II	Tracey	1	2.5
Pastoral Theology				
PT08301	Practicing Theology	McGrath	2	2.5

Biblical and Theological Languages				
<i>BD Students are required to have completed at least two Biblical/Theological Languages by the end of the programme.</i>				
BL08181	Introduction to Biblical Greek	Lanigan	1	2.5
BL08182	Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin	Conry	1	2.5
BL08281	Intermediate Ecclesiastical Latin	Conry	2	2.5
BL08183	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew	Corley	2	2.5

Elective & Special Courses				
Students in Year III of the BD programme are required to take electives from the following modules in order to attain the required 60 credits for the academic year: Credits earned from earlier years will be taken into account.				
EL08256	Teaching Religion in a Contemporary Irish School	Sheridan	2	5
EL08276	Major Essay	Faculty	1&2	2.5
EL08257	Mission Outreach	Kelly	S*	2.5
EL08249	Good and Evil I	J Meszaros	1	5
EL08248	Good and Evil II	J Meszaros	2	5
PS08101	Primary Text Seminar 1 (Intro)	A Meszaros	2	5
EL08235	Theology and the Creative Arts	A Meszaros	2	2.5
EL08242	European Humanism in the Making	Shortall	Jul 2025	2.5
YM08101	Professional Youth Ministry	Hennesy	2	5
S* = Summer Placement				
RW=Reading Week				

The following modules are offered in a two-year cycle for BD2 and BD3.

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ST08114	Ecclesiology	ST08118	Introduction to Patristics
MR08345	Ethics of Love and Life	MR08343	Contemporary Ethical Issues in a Global Society
MR08346	Justice, Human Rights and Catholic Social Teaching	MR08344	Ministerial & Professional Ethics
SC08241	The Eagle's Vision (The Gospel of John)	SC08343	Paul Apostle to the Nations
SC08242	The Word of the Lord through the Prophets	SC08331	Wisdom Literature and Psalms
EH08244	History of the Medieval Renaissance and Reformation Church I	EH08243A	History of the Church in the Modern Age I
EH08245	History of the Medieval Renaissance and Reformation Church II	EH08243B	History of the Church in the Modern Age II
CL08270	Law, Justice and Rights in the Church	CL08268	Liturgy Sacraments and the Law
CL08271	Governance in the Church: Vatican II to Pope Francis	CL08262	Canon Law of Marriage

Bachelor's in Theology

Programme Co-ordinator: Dr Andrew Meszaros

The Bachelor's in Theology (BTh) is a three-year full time degree, aligned at Level 8 to the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). It provides learners with a holistic formation in theology, especially within the Catholic theological tradition. To this end, the programme: (a) draws upon the wide range of modules available, excluding specific modules for ordained ministry, in a balanced manner; (b) inducts learners into academic and attentive reading, by way of an primary text seminar series.

BTh Graduate Attributes

A graduate of the BTh programme will be:

Fluent in the Catholic intellectual tradition: Having gained an extensive knowledge of the Christian tradition, the graduate can critically engage with theological ideas and insights; and dialogue in a credible way within present day contexts, particularly in the public square.

Open: Responsive, adaptable and committed to independent lifelong learning, the graduate is open to opportunities for active involvement in Church and society, further study or professional development e.g. in postgraduate studies, chaplaincy or pastoral ministry.

Integrated: Recognising that everything in the world is interrelated and having appropriated key convictions across the theological disciplines, the self-reflective graduate makes connections between theological knowledge and personal, interpersonal, and professional life experience.

Socially engaged: Committed to the promotion of peace, justice, and the common good, the graduate contributes to society as a responsible citizen in an informed, Christian and intelligent way.

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of the programme graduates will be able to:

MIPLO 01: Demonstrate an understanding of the core theories, concepts and methods pertaining to theology.

- MIPLO 02:* Communicate detailed knowledge and understanding of key figures, methods, teachings, controversies, and current issues pertaining to specialised areas or theological sub-disciplines.
- MIPLO 03:* Exhibit mastery in theological research skills and tools while applying the relevant professional and ethical standards in order that closely guided research can be conducted, and its results communicated.
- MIPLO 04:* Evaluate argumentation, attending to evidence, presuppositions, and inferences, in order to formulate judgments and draw conclusions in various domains of theology.
- MIPLO 05:* Demonstrate an ability to pursue theological questions in different circumstances, both personally and in a team environment, with sensitivity to, and ability to engage with, different contexts and opinions.
- MIPLO 06:* Articulate a personal worldview that is conscientious, theologically informed, and manifests a concern for and solidarity with others.

Admission Requirements

Applicants under 23 years of age on 1st of January in the year of proposed entry must meet the matriculation requirements. Full details of entry requirements may be found on our website: <https://sppu.ie/undergraduate>. A points system will operate when the number of applicants exceeds the places available.

Application Procedure: Application for the BTh is made through the Central Applications Office, CAO course code: MU002. (CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway. Tel: (091) 509-800 Fax: (091) 562-344). Applications may be made on-line: www.cao.ie. Applications should be received by the CAO on or before 1st February. Late applications will be accepted up to and including 1st May on payment of an additional fee to the CAO. This degree qualifies for Higher Education grants and for Fee Remission..

Under certain circumstances a student may defer entry for one year.

Mature applicants: Applicants 23 years of age or over on 1st January in the year of intended entry who do not fulfil the normal matriculation requirements may apply for matriculation on the basis of mature years. Before 1st February, mature applicants must:

1. Submit their applications to the CAO
2. Late applications will be considered up to the late CAO closing date of 1st May. Please contact the Admissions Office if you wish to either make a late application or if you wish to enter our courses on your CAO application using the Change of Mind Facility.

BTh Add-On Mode: Students holding a *Diploma in Theology* or equivalent may be admitted to the BTh programmes in *Add-On* mode. The specific courses to be undertaken will be decided in advance on an individual basis by the Programme Coordinator in consultation with the Dean and the Registrar. The minimum duration of these programmes will be one academic year. Permission to extend the duration of studies must be sought expressly from the Faculty of Theology. Assessment will be by examination and course work.

St Patrick's Pontifical University provides a mentoring service designed as a support for first year students as they make their transition to university life. The mentoring service is coordinated by the Registrar of the Pontifical University. Students are encouraged to avail themselves of this service, although it is not obligatory. Further information may be obtained from the Theology Office.

Courses for the Bachelor's in Theology

First Year Programme

The following list of modules will be offered for the First Year of the BTh Programme in the current year. Modules are described in full on the St Patrick's Pontifical University Website.

MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	LECTURER	SEM	CREDIT
<i>Introduction to Theology</i>				
TH08101	What is Theology?	Furnal	1	5
Primary Text Seminars				
PS08101	Primary Text Seminar 1 (Intro)	A Meszaros	2	5
Systematic Theology				
FC08101	Revelation, Faith and Culture	Conway	1	5
ST08119	The Christian God	Furnal	2	5
ST08111	Christianity and World Religions	Winright	2	5
Moral Theology				
MR08129	Introduction to Christian Ethics: Roots, Renewal, and Relevance for Today	Winright	1	5
MR08127	Conversion, Sin and Virtue	Winright	2	5
Sacred Scripture				
SC08136	Introduction to the Bible & Its Worlds	Rogers	1	5
SC08138	Beginnings of God's People	Corley	2	5
Ecclesiastical History				
EH08144	History of the Early Church	Ryan	1	5
Philosophy				
PY08145	Introduction to Philosophy	Shanahan	1	5
PY08601	Philosophy of Religion and Secular Thought	Shanahan	2	5
Languages				
BL08182	Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin	Conry	1	2.5

Second Year Programme

The following list of modules will be offered for the Second Year of the BTh Programme in the current year. Modules are described in full on the St Patrick's Pontifical University Website.

MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	LECTURER	SEM	CREDIT
Systematic Theology				
ST08118	Introduction to Patristics	O'Donoghue	1	5
ST08213	Sacramental Theology: An Introduction	J Meszaros	1	2.5
ST08109	Christology and Soteriology	A Meszaros	2	5
Moral Theology				
MR08228	Catholic Social Ethics	Hargaden	1	5
Sacred Scripture				
SC08343	Paul Apostle to the Nations	Rogers	1	5
SC08331	Wisdom Literature and Psalms	Corley	2	5
Ecclesiastical History				
EH08243A	History of the Church in the Modern Age I	Ryan	1	5
EH08243B	History of the Church in the Modern Age II	Ryan	2	2.5
Primary Text Seminars				
PS08202	Primary Text Seminar IIB	A Meszaros	1&2	10
Languages				
BL08182	Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin	Conry	1	2.5

Elective & Special Courses				
Students in Year II of the BTh programme are required to take further electives from the following modules in order to attain the required 60 credits for the academic year:				
EL08276	Major Essay	Faculty	1&2	2.5
EL08257	Mission Outreach	Kelly	S*	2.5
EL08249	Good and Evil I	J Meszaros	1	5
EL08248	Good and Evil II	J Meszaros	2	5
PS08101	Primary Text Seminar I	A Meszaros	2	5
EL08235	Theology and the Creative Arts	A Meszaros	2	2.5

EL08242	European Humanism in the Making	Shortall	Jul 25	2.5
S* = Summer Placement				
RW=Reading Week				
A student may also take one of the following Biblical and Theological Language modules as an Elective and Special Course, with the permission of the Registrar in consultation with the Department of Sacred Scripture.				
Biblical and Theological Languages				
BL08181	Introduction to Biblical Greek	Lanigan	1	2.5
BL08281	Intermediate Ecclesiastical Latin	Conry	2	2.5
BL08183	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew	Corley	2	2.5

Third Year Programme

The following is the list of modules offered for the Third Year of the BTh Programme. Modules are described in full on the St Patrick's Pontifical University Website.

MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	LECTURER	SEM	CREDIT
Systematic Theology				
ST08118	Introduction to Patristics	O'Donoghue	1	5
ST08315	Missiology, Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue	A Meszaros	2	5
Moral Theology				
MR08343	Contemporary Ethical Issues in a Global Society	Corkery	1	5
MR08228	Catholic Social Ethics	Hargaden	1	5

Sacred Scripture				
SC08336	The Human God (Gospel of Mark)	O'Connell	1	5
SC08331	Wisdom Literature and Psalms	Corley	2	5
Ecclesiastical History				
EH08243A	History of the Church in the Modern Age I	Ryan	1	5
EH08243B	History of the Church in the Modern Age II	Ryan	2	2.5
Primary Text Seminars				
PS08202	Primary Text Seminar IIB	A Meszaros	1&2	10

Liturgy				
LI08302	Christian Sacraments	O'Donoghue	2	5

Elective & Special Courses				
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Students in Year III of the BTH programme are required to take electives from the following modules in order to attain the required 60 credits for the academic year. Credits earned from earlier years will be taken into account.

EL08256	Teaching Religion in a Contemporary Irish School	Sheridan	2	5
EL08276	Major Essay	Faculty	1&2	2.5
EL08257	Mission Outreach	Kelly	S	2.5
EL08249	Good and Evil I	J Meszaros	1	5
EL08248	Good and Evil II	J Meszaros	2	5
PS08101	Primary Text Seminar 1	A Meszaros	2	5
EL08235	Theology and the Creative Arts	A Meszaros	2	2.5
EL08242	European Humanism in the Making	Shortall	Jul 25	2.5
YM08101	Professional Youth Ministry	Hennesy	2	5

S = Summer Placement

RW=Reading Week

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Biblical and Theological Languages

BL08181	Introduction to Biblical Greek	Lanigan	1	2.5
BL08201	Intermediate Ecclesiastical Latin	Conry	2	2.5
BL08183	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew	Corley	2	2.5

Bachelor's in Theology and Arts

Programme Co-ordinator: Prof. Tobias Winright

The Bachelor's in Theology and Arts (BATH) is a three-year, full-time, honours degree course comprising Theology and Arts subjects, aligned at Level 8 to the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). The Theology courses are taught in the Faculty of Theology of the *Pontifical University*, while the Arts subjects are taught in the *Maynooth University*.

BATH Graduate Attributes

A graduate of the BATH programme will be:

Fluent in the Catholic intellectual tradition: Having gained a broad knowledge of the Christian tradition, the graduate can critically engage with theological ideas and insights, and dialogue in a credible way within present day contexts, particularly in the public square.

Open: Responsive, adaptive and committed to independent lifelong learning, the graduate is willing to engage with diversity and value multiple perspectives, and is open to opportunities for work, further study or professional development, e.g. in postgraduate studies, teaching, or chaplaincy.

Integrated: Recognising that everything in the world is interrelated and having appropriated key convictions across several academic disciplines, the self-reflective graduate makes connections between multidisciplinary knowledge and personal, interpersonal, and professional life experience.

Socially engaged: Committed to the promotion of peace, justice, and the common good, the graduate contributes to society as a responsible citizen, in an informed, Christian and intelligent way.

Programme Level Learning Outcomes

On completion of the programme, graduates will be able to:

Knowledge (Breadth, Kind)

- Demonstrate a holistic understanding of the Catholic intellectual tradition, rooted in its doctrinal, moral, and biblical components

- Exhibit fluency in key biblical, theological, and philosophical texts and methods
- Articulate relationships between elements of the Christian faith
- Demonstrate familiarity with diverse socio-economic, religious, and cultural contexts
- Demonstrate an understanding of the theory, concepts and methods pertaining to another field of learning.

Skills (know-how, range, selectivity, context)

- Engage critically with theological discourse and that of another discipline
- Formulate a theologically informed perspective on current issues in Church and society
- Dialogue with contemporary culture drawing upon insights gained from theology and their other discipline
- Exercise appropriate judgement in consulting and interpreting various texts and other sources
- Formulate an argument and communicate it clearly and concisely in a variety of formats
- Manage time and tasks independently and co-operatively.

Values

- Pursue wisdom through ongoing learning
- Promote justice and the common good in the professional life and service to society and Church
- Be self-reflective, conscientious, and consistent.

Admission Requirements

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Courses for the Bachelor's in Theology and Arts

First Year Programme

In the first-year students are required to take two or three subjects: Theology, which amounts to half the year's programme, and one or two Arts subjects. The Arts courses are described in the syllabus of the *Maynooth University*

A. Theology Courses:

The following list of modules will be offered for the First Year of the BATH Programme in the current year. Modules are described in full on the St Patrick's Pontifical University website.

MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	LECTURER	SEM	CREDIT
Systematic Theology & Patrology				
ST08116	Introduction to Christianity	J Meszaros	1	5
ST08117	Foundations in Catholic Theology	Furnal	2	5
ST08111	Christianity & World Religions	Winright	2	5
Moral Theology				
MR08129	Introduction to Christian Ethics: Roots, Renewal, and Relevance for Today	Winright	1	5

Sacred Scripture				
SC08136	Introduction to the Bible & Its Worlds	Rogers	1	5
Philosophy				
PY08601	Philosophy of Religion and Secular Thought	TBC	2	5

Arts Courses	
In First Year, two Arts subjects must be taken from the following, with not more than one subject being taken from the same group:	
Group 1	Geography, German, Law*, Mathematics (Pure), Philosophy
Group 2	Business (Management), Business (Marketing), Business (International), Criminology, History, Music
Group 3	English, International Development, Mathematical Studies
Group 4	Anthropology, Economics, Finance, Music Technology, Nua-Ghaeilge,
Group 5	Computer Science, Music, Sociology, Spanish.
<p>*Students taking Law as an Arts subject <u>must</u> achieve a minimum of 40% in the Law examinations in first year to progress into second year.</p> <p>Since subjects in a given group coincide in the timetable, a student can take at most <i>one subject</i> from each group.</p> <p>Circumstances may demand that a limit be placed on the number of students taking a particular subject. For the modules in these subjects see the Syllabus of <i>Maynooth University</i>.</p>	

Second Year Programme

In second year, students are required to take the following modules in Theology and *one* of their first year Arts subjects. The BATH is only available at Honours Level.

A. Theology Courses:

The following list of modules will be offered for the Second Year of the BATH Programme in the current year. Modules are described in full on the St Patrick's Pontifical University website.

MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	LECTURER	SEM	CREDIT
Systematic Theology				
ST08109	Christology and Soteriology	A Meszaros	2	5
Moral Theology				
MR08228	Catholic Social Ethics	Hargaden	2	5
Sacred Scripture				
SC08231	Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament	Corley	2	5
Liturgy				
LI08302	Christian Sacraments	O'Donoghue	1	5
Students must choose <u>two</u> courses from the following options				
Option A				
Liturgy				
LI08204	The Celebrating Church	O'Donoghue	1	5
OR				
Sacred Scripture				
SC08243	Paul Apostle to the Nations	Rogers	1	5
Option B				
Ecclesiastical History				
EH08250	History of Early Christianity	Woods	1	5
OR				
Pastoral Theology				
PT08201	Faith & Practice in Everyday Living	McGrath	1	5
Arts Courses				
Students are required to take 30 credits from <i>one</i> of their first year Arts subjects. The BATH is only available at Honours Level. For details of Arts subjects see the syllabus of <i>Maynooth University</i> .				

Third Year Programme

A. Theology Courses:

The following list of modules will be offered for the Third Year of the BATH Programme in the current year. Modules are described in full on the St Patrick's Pontifical University website.

MODULE CODE	MODULE TITLE	LECTURER	SEM	CREDIT
Systematic Theology				
ST08312	Christian Anthropology and Spirituality	Furnal	1	5
Moral Theology				
MR08342	No Escaping Fundamental Theology	Shortall	2	5
MR08340	Contemporary Issues in Bioethics	Corkery	2	2.5
Sacred Scripture				
SC08336	The Human God (Gospel of Mark)	O'Connell	1	5
SC08337	"Full of Your Creatures": Ecology and the Old Testament	Mellet	2	2.5
Liturgy				
LI08302	Christian Sacraments	O'Donoghue	1	5
Elective & Special Courses				
Students in Year III of the BATH programme are required to take electives from the following modules in order to attain the required 30 credits at SPPU for the academic year. Credits earned from earlier years will be taken into account.				
EL08256	Teaching Religion in a Contemporary Irish School	Sheridan	2	5
EL08276	Major Essay	Faculty	1&2	2.5
EL08257	Mission Outreach	Kelly	S	2.5
EL08249	Good and Evil I	J Meszaros	1	5
EL08248	Good and Evil II	J Meszaros	2	5
PS08101	Primary Text Seminar 1	A Meszaros	2	5
EL08235	Theology and the Creative Arts	A Meszaros	2	2.5
EL08242	European Humanism in the Making	Shortall	Jul 25	2.5
YM08101	Professional Youth Ministry	Hennessy	2	5

S = Summer Placement				
RW=Reading Week				
Biblical and Theological Languages				
A student may also take one of the following Biblical and Theological Language modules as an Elective and Special Course, with the permission of the Registrar in consultation with the Department of Sacred Scripture.				
BL08181	Introduction to Biblical Greek	Lanigan	1	2.5
BL08182	Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin	Conry	1	2.5
BL08183	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew	Corley	2	2.5
Arts Courses:				
The Arts subject will be continued in accordance with your selection in second year. For details of the courses in these subjects see the syllabus of <i>Maynooth University</i> .				