



Pontifical University
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Maynooth

STUDY AT ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE MAYNOOTH

THEOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY & CANON LAW

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WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAYNOOTH



Since 1795, St Patrick's College, Maynooth has been a specialised university focusing on Theology, Philosophy and Canon Law. Each year, students from all over the world come to study here. Some come from neighbouring EU countries such as Germany, France and Poland, while others come from Asia or Africa.

The quality of the teaching, the academic staff, and the facilities ensure an education at the highest level, offering students every opportunity to develop and grow. We are proud of our solid educational programmes, which include a three-year bachelor's degree programme in Theology and Arts, run in conjunction with Maynooth University. Within the Masters programmes, there are options which allow students to prepare for a wide range of careers such as in pastoral care, developmental work, education or in academia. As a student of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, you will be joining an international community of students and leading academics carrying forward this 220+ years of tradition in the highest-quality teaching and research.

There is much to discover in this prospectus about what makes St Patrick's College, Maynooth unique and special: the faculty and our location, the education and research programmes we have to offer, our small size and warmth within a larger academic environment, not to mention the open and relaxed atmosphere.

We would like to welcome you to St Patrick's College, Maynooth's student community. This prospectus is a brief guide to our study opportunities. If you'd like to know more about St Patrick's College, visit us online at www.maynoothcollege.ie

Michael Mullaney
President

WHY STUDY AT ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAYNOOTH?

Students at St Patrick's College, Maynooth have the best of both worlds. On one hand, they have the attention of a small learning College and, on the other, they have all the resources and excitement of a large university. We support and challenge our students to achieve their potential. Our graduates develop a set of skills necessary to succeed in the world.

Studying at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, you will be encouraged to engage critically, so that you can form your own ideas and conclusions. You'll become more skilled at expressing yourself, and gain the confidence to communicate powerfully and eloquently. Our staff are friendly and approachable, and give personal care and attention to each student. You'll learn in small classes and seminars, quickly getting to know your tutors and classmates. You'll graduate as a confident, informed and well-grounded person, capable of making real change in your own life and in wider society.

What we offer:

- > Programmes taught by leading theologians
- > Small classes
- > An international environment with students from various countries, religions and academic backgrounds
- > Located in Ireland's only university town
- > Opportunities to study abroad
- > Modern facilities shared with Maynooth University
- > Dedicated and helpful lecturers
- > International recognition
- > Career prospects and development

CAREER OUTCOMES

Students at St Patrick's College, Maynooth go on to pursue a wide variety of careers, including pastoral ministry, chaplaincy and teaching. A qualification in Theology is valued by areas such as NGOs, Journalism, Marketing, Civil Service, and Academia, to name but a few. The skills learnt in the course of your studies, such as critical reflection and personal integration, are attractive in the modern workplace.

WHY STUDY THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY?

The fundamental questions of human origin and destiny cannot be resolved purely from the technological or the human sciences. There is always more to life than the sciences are capable of determining. Discovering a meaningful life is a new challenge for many in our culture. Philosophy and Theology are disciplines that deal with such questions and that propose avenues for their critical exploration. They probe the human condition through various traditions of practice and reflection. Students can look forward to not only being challenged at the level of personal intellectual growth, but also to learning new critical skills.



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

With over 800 undergraduate and postgraduate students (including those on affiliated courses), St Patrick's College, Maynooth is a small university with a big heart. Sharing a campus with Maynooth University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, offers the best of both worlds. Lectures are held on the picturesque South Campus, while on the North Campus, students can access all the facilities of a large modern university: the student hub, the extensive John Paul II Library, restaurants, and cafes

JOY VICEROY (MLM Liturgical Music)

"What's wonderful about studying at St Patrick's College, Maynooth is that you can avail of Maynooth University as well. I've met students from both schools and have friendships across campus. I can always find someone to say hi to or have a cup of tea with."



JANE MELLETT, Parish Pastoral Worker, Dublin Diocese (BATH)

"I was quite happy to put Theology on my CAO form, and it turned out to be the best decision I ever made."

GARETH CUMMINS (BATH)

"It's been the best year of my life so far. I've made so many new friends. Theology is not just about faith or studying the Bible. It's much more than that. If you're confused about the meaning of life, you should definitely do this course."



MEGAN BYRNE (BATH)

"Theology opens doors and is a springboard to excelling in a wide range of careers, including teaching at both primary and secondary level or to pursue an interest in chaplaincy and pastoral care. Graduates have also gone on to work in other diverse areas, such as business, journalism and social work."

PATRICK WILSON (BATH)

"One of the things I appreciate about studying at St Patrick's College, Maynooth is being part of a smaller community. Doing the BATH, you're also part of Maynooth University, so you get the best of both worlds. Studying Theology has helped me in terms of critical thinking. The areas I'm interested in are systematic and moral Theology. Both subjects are very relevant today, as they explain how our culture understands fundamental values."



FROM THE FACULTY

Michael Shortall, Registrar

“Our students are people who want to contribute in a valuable way to society. Graduates of Theology and Arts can be found in a diverse range of fields, including teaching, charity and development work and journalism. They are sought out as people who have critical minds, with the ability to see the biggest possible picture.”



Declan Marmion, Dean

“Theology means faith seeking understanding. We study the Bible, ethical questions, and how the Christian faith has developed over time. Today’s world is pluralist, so we also need to be able to dialogue with different religious traditions and philosophies, including Judaism, Islam, and Buddhism. Theology is thus a dialogical enterprise. We learn from the wisdom of the past and bring this into dialogue with the questions of our time. In so doing we come to a deeper understanding of the Christian faith tradition in a way that makes it coherent and attractive for today.”



Séamus O’Connell, Postgraduate Director

“Study at postgraduate level is about independence, confidence and insight. Gaining a postgraduate qualification not only enables learners to have a new perspective on their discipline, it also offers them new work and life horizons. Postgraduates work in better jobs, with improved prospects. From a personal point of view, one’s “take on things” becomes more nuanced and one’s critique becomes deeper.”



MATURE STUDENTS

St Patrick's College, Maynooth welcomes mature applicants and encourages their studies at the University. Whatever your motivation is for returning to education, we hope you will choose to study at St Patrick's College Maynooth.

As a mature student, you may be interested in getting a taste of Theology by completing the part-time, one-year Certificate in Theology course. Or, if you already have completed a bachelor's degree, you could consider the part-time, one-year Higher Diploma in Theological Studies. This course is also an entry-route into our Master's programmes.

Alternatively, if you have day-time availability, our "Occasional Studies" option may suit your needs. Using this route, you will choose modules from undergraduate or postgraduate courses, taking modules either for credit or for audit, either for one semester or an academic year. Choosing the for credit option means you will need to complete assignments and examinations. If you choose to continue your studies, the credits awarded can then be put towards the achievement of another one of our qualifications.



ERASMUS+ & INTERNATIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

With exchange agreements with almost 30 recognised universities across Europe, St Patrick's College is actively engaged in the Erasmus+ programme. We also welcome international students directly, as well as those who access our Theology courses via Maynooth University.

Students of St Patrick's College, Maynooth who choose to spend a year abroad graduate with a BATH or BTh International, enhancing both their CV and career prospects.



DIARMUID HENEGHAN
- Catholic University of
Leuven, Belgium (BATH)

"What I enjoyed most about my Erasmus exchange was the wonderful opportunity to meet such amazing people from all around Europe. It was a life changing experience to meet these new life-long friends and travel throughout Belgium and beyond, experiencing things I could only have read of at home. In a similar way it was of a great advantage to my studies allowing me to experience a new perspective and way of thinking about Theology."



CHRISTOPHER DONNELLY Pontifical
Biblical Institute, Rome
(BATH, MTh)

"Studying at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome can have its challenges, but it has given a greater sense of discipline in my own concentration and work ethic. The PBI itself is an exceptionally well run institute, with lecturers and students who are extremely dedicated and energetic when it comes to their disciplines. Seeing how immersed the other students are— from Introductory to Doctorate level—is something I will bring back to Maynooth, and endeavour to replicate in my own studies."



YVONNE MYLES University of
Salamanca, Spain, Graduate
(BATH International)

"When I arrived in Madrid, one thing that was noticeable from the outset was the sheer beauty of the city. Also known as the city of gold, Salamanca resembled an old Roman film set. When I saw the Pontifical for the first time I was in awe at its beauty and felt so grateful at the chance to study there.

Going to Salamanca for my Erasmus year proved a challenge but it was one of the best years of my life. I would highly recommend that students avail themselves of the opportunity as, not only will you broaden your theological studies, you will also engage with a different culture and language. The experience will retain a special place in your heart that will last a lifetime."



STEFANO ZORDAN, Graduate

“Coming from a small town in the Italian Alps, choosing to apply to Saint Patrick’s College was certainly not something common or expected. Ever since I came across the prospectus from Maynooth, I had been enchanted by the Neo-Gothic architecture of the campus. I had no ties whatsoever to Ireland; my new life there had to be built from scratch. I had come to study Theology with a very limited notion of what that would have really involved. My final year in Maynooth was certainly the most rewarding and memorable.

Grounded in the millennial living tradition of the Catholic Church, St Patrick’s College is surely the place where to critically explore and enrich one’s faith.”



APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR ERASMUS+

Outgoing students: 1st March

Incoming students: 15th May for semester 1 / 15th December for semester 2

For more information about Erasmus+, see: <http://maynoothcollege.ie/erasmus>

For more information about studying as an international student see:

<http://maynoothcollege.ie/international>

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES IN THEOLOGY

Our three-year undergraduate courses allow students to follow a course of study which nurtures their personal interests while allowing them to develop important life skills, such as critical thinking, and developing a wealth of other skills and knowledge which are directly applicable and transferable to the workplace. A leaving certificate or equivalent is required for admission into these courses. For more information, visit: www.maynoothcollege.ie/undergraduate



HOW TO APPLY

Applications for Baccalaureate in Theology & Arts (BATH - MU001) and Baccalaureate in Theology (BTh - MU002) are made through the CAO, visit: www.cao.ie.

International students must apply directly to the university. For more details, visit: <http://maynoothcollege.ie/international-students-eu>

Applications for the Bachelors in Divinity (BD) should be made directly to the College.

BACCALAUREATE IN THEOLOGY & ARTS (BATH – MU001)

The BATH combines Theology with a wide variety of Arts subjects from Maynooth University, allowing you to create the perfect degree to meet your needs. This programme will prepare you for a variety of careers and also provides a foundation for postgraduate study.

BACCALAUREATE IN THEOLOGY (BTh – MU002)

The BTh aims to provide students with a solid intellectual formation in Theology. The course has a wide scope, covering the main theological subjects, so that students are introduced both to the breadth of the Catholic tradition and the variety of questions raised for Theology at the present time.

BACCALAUREATE IN DIVINITY (BD)

The BD aims to provide a theological education suited particularly, but not exclusively, to those intending to work in Christian ministries; it meets the requirements of academic formation for ordination to priesthood in the Catholic church, while also building a foundation for further study in theology.

DR LIAM WALDRON, Lecturer, Robert Gordon University (BD)

“While my current work is not theological in nature, it has strong pastoral elements, the foundations of which were laid during my time studying for the first year of the BD at St Patrick’s College, Maynooth. The course provided me with an invaluable introduction to Divinity which I built on later when I studied for a PhD in Pastoral Theology. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to begin the BD at Maynooth which nudged me along the pathway to my current career in higher education.”



OCCASIONAL STUDIES CERTIFICATES DIPLOMAS

Our part-time and full-time occasional, certificate and diploma courses will appeal to those with an interest in learning more about Theology. These courses also have the potential of leading into other levels of study offered by the university. These courses may be accessed by those who have a Leaving Certificate qualification, or equivalent.

OCCASIONAL STUDIES

Our “Occasional Studies” option, which allows you to take modules of interest either on an audit or credit basis, is ideal for those who have day-time availability and who wish to create a “Theology Taster” programme which best suits them. It is for those who are interested in learning more about Theology but who do not wish to commit to a full-time course.

Duration: 1 semester or longer

For more information, see: <http://www.maynoothcollege.ie/occasional-studies>



CLARE GORMLEY - Occasional Student

“I attended St Patrick’s College, Maynooth on an occasional basis and was delighted with the module I took. Every effort was made to make the lectures interesting, relevant and engaging. Lots of contemporary references were used to explain key concepts, such as Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter. The learning experience was most enjoyable.”

CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

This one-year course aims to provide a dynamic learning environment for those seeking a foundation in Catholic Theology, or for those who wish to develop and broaden their theological knowledge. Participants will gain a more thorough understanding of their lived faith and its application to both parish and public life. Key areas of study include Sacred Scripture, Ethics, Sacramental Theology, Liturgical Theology, Spirituality, and Pastoral Theology.

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Lectures: Tuesday evenings (7pm – 9pm)

DIPLOMAS WITH A PASTORAL FOCUS

Our Diplomas with a Pastoral Focus provide a route for those who have secondary level educations and who are interested in working in the area of pastoral ministry.

DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY

This is an introductory programme for someone preparing for ministry leadership in the Church. It forms a part of a person's initial formation, preparing him/her for exercising the responsibilities of ministry. It covers the academic study of topics related to pastoral theology and ministry as well as placement experiences in parish, school, and hospital settings.

Duration: 1 year, full-time

Lectures: Thursday and Friday, with possible seminars outside of these times. Pastoral placement is usually 10 to 12 hours per week, with several block placement experiences throughout the year.

Admission Requirements: Candidates who have experience in parish-based or other pastoral ministry but do not hold a primary degree may be considered for entry. They may be required to take courses in theology to qualify for admission.

DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL LITURGY

The Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy is a year-long programme* designed to provide a foundational theological and liturgical formation for those who wish to prepare for liturgy-based ministry in parishes (e.g., baptismal preparation, funeral ministry, ministry to the housebound), or who wish to study liturgical and sacramental theology out of personal interest. Undertaken in collaboration with the National Centre for Liturgy, the daily Liturgies of the Centre provide an immediate opportunity and context to practice and explore what is presented in lectures and allied presentations, liturgies, and visits.

Duration: 1 year part-time (two days per week on campus)

Lectures: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Admission Requirements: This programme is offered at NFQ Level 6 (Higher Certificate) and usual NFQ Level 6 requirements apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the majority of these courses can be made directly to the college by downloading the relevant application form from our website and submitting it by 1st June. Late applications may be accepted, subject to there being room on the course in question.

Applications for the Pastoral Theology courses must be made in April.

Please check our website for further details www.maynoothcollege.ie

HIGHER DIPLOMAS & POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS

Our part-time and full-time courses will appeal to those with an interest in learning more about Theology. These courses also have the potential of leading into other levels of study offered by the university. A degree is required for entry.

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

This one-year part-time course covers a comprehensive range of theological subjects, and will appeal to people interested in furthering their theological understanding.

The programme offers a foundation in Theological Studies to students who hold a primary degree in another discipline. For those who already hold a recognised teacher-training qualification, it fulfills the requirements set out by the Teaching Council of Ireland for teaching religious education at post-primary level.

On successful completion of the programme, students who achieve a Second Class Honours Grade I, or better, may apply for admission to the Masters in Theology.

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Lectures: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6.30pm – 9.30pm.

Six Saturdays throughout the year (four Saturdays in semester 1, and two Saturdays in semester 2).

DIPLOMA IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION (DCE)

Utilising the pillars of professionalism, community and spirituality, this one-year course supports and enriches primary and post-primary teachers, both in their own faith and in their role as Catholic educators.

Duration: 1 year, part-time

Lectures: Tuesdays 6.30-8.30pm, plus three Saturdays per semester. One week summer school at the Notre Dame Centre, Kylemore. Three community nights per semester, three weekend retreats throughout the year.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the majority of these courses can be made directly to the college by downloading the relevant application form from our website and submitting it by 1st June.

Late applications may be accepted, subject to there being room on the course in question.

Applications for the Pastoral Theology courses must be made in April.

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HIGHER DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY

This programme provides students with an opportunity to develop their understanding of pastoral theology and ministry and further pursue their competencies and skills appropriate for ministry in parish, school, and hospital settings. Graduates are expected to be able to demonstrate their ability to integrate their learning from their ministry and academic study; and to interact intelligently and empathically within their ministerial context.

Duration: 1 year, full-time

Lectures: Thursday and Friday, with possible seminars outside of these times.

Pastoral placement is usually 10 to 12 hours per week, with several block placement experiences throughout the year.

Admission Requirements: Candidates are required to have a recognised degree qualification where theology is at least a minor component. Students with other degrees may be admitted if they have experience in pastoral ministry. They may be required to take courses in theology to qualify for admission.

MARY CLAVIN, Volunteer Parish Worker (Higher Diploma Pastoral Liturgy)

"I came to Maynooth to learn more about liturgy and it opened up a whole new world for me. I really enjoy my studies no matter how challenging the subject. The support of professors and fellow students make that possible. I am now studying for a Masters in Theology and my daughters think that I will never leave here!"



POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA PRACTICE

Media has evolved from being a powerful but external influence mediated by the various mediums of print, radio and television, into a far more pervasive, all encompassing force that permeates every aspect of existence. Taught by media professionals, this course will provide students with a strong practical knowledge of a wide range of media practise such as camerawork, editing, TV Studio, Live Radio production, blogging, script writing, presentation and social media engagement.

Duration: 1 year, full-time

Lectures & Workshops: Monday—Thursday (usually 10:00–1:00pm full days Tuesday 2:00–5pm)

Admission Requirements: A primary degree or equivalent



MASTERS & STL PROGRAMMES

A Masters degree is a much more than a qualification; it is deepening of a person's knowledge and critical skills in an area of particular interest. Such a degree requires a thorough, broad, and interdisciplinary academic training. It is in this perspective that the Pontifical University brings the wide experience and expertise of its theologians to bear. Masters degree programmes are generally two years study on a full-time (120 ECTS) or part-time (90 ECTS) basis.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The basic admissions requirement is a 2:1 in an undergraduate honours degree of which Theology comprises at least an equal joint honours component. An alternative entry route exists through the Higher Diploma in Theological Studies programme (see relevant section). In special circumstances, the Faculty of Theology may also consider candidates who have equivalent qualifications.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available at maynoothcollege.ie and the application deadline for most courses is 1st June. Late applications may be considered, at the discretion of the college.



TAUGHT MASTERS PROGRAMMES

The Taught Masters (90 ECTS) programmes provide students with an expertise in religion, theology, church and society.

MASTERS IN THEOLOGY: THE BIBLE AS SCRIPTURE

As Scripture, the Bible is a collection of writings that nourishes and makes sense of people's lives. This Masters reads the Bible in this perspective, and out of conviction that the most fruitful reading begins with a deep and prolonged engagement with the biblical text. It also offers the knowledge and skills for an engagement with the Bible that unlocks its literary and theological depth, as well as its challenge and spiritual power.

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Lectures: Wednesdays

MASTERS IN THEOLOGY: CHRISTIANITY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIETY

In an increasingly globalised world we are confronted with complex questions about identity, human rights, and the role of religion in the public sphere. This part-time Taught Masters explores the interface between the Christian theological tradition and contemporary society. Particular attention is given to areas such as Healthcare Ethics, Human Rights, Virtue Ethics and Public Life, and the Ethics of Globalisation.

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Lectures: Wednesday afternoon and evening



MASTERS IN THEOLOGY: HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

This Masters offers a comprehensive overview of the evolution of Christian thought and practice over two millennia and explores the general principles necessary for understanding the history of the Christian Church, and their application, with particular reference to Britain and Ireland. Students will be introduced to the practice of writing church history, a critical approach to primary source documents, and the use of historical archives. There are also modules on the literary and theological culture of early medieval Ireland, the writing of Church History from the Reformation to the present day, and the Renewal of Theology in the 20th century.

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Lectures: Wednesday evenings, 6.30pm-9.30pm

MASTERS IN THEOLOGY: GENERAL THEOLOGY

This one-year Taught Masters programme is designed for those who wish to spend one year in deepening their theological expertise and skill in a number of areas. With the guidance of a mentor, candidates choose from the palette of modules on offer across various theological disciplines in any particular year.

Duration: 1 year, full-time

ANTHONY SHANAHAN (Masters in Theology: History of Christianity)

“Returning as a mature student to complete my Masters in Theology at St Patrick’s College, Maynooth was one of the best decisions I have ever made. The staff were friendly, knowledgeable and accessible, and acted very much as guides through a fascinating field of study. Furthermore, upon completion of my MTh, I found my career prospects greatly enhanced”.



PROFESSIONAL MASTERS PROGRAMMES

These professional programmes are designed to offer those interested in pursuing careers related to pastoral theology, liturgical music or pastoral liturgy. They provide a solid basis from where students can begin or expand their career.

MASTERS IN LITURGICAL MUSIC

The Masters in Liturgical Music is a joint academic and practice-based programme which qualifies holders to undertake posts as organists, cantors, or directors of music at parish or diocesan level. Offered in association with the National Centre for Liturgy, this programme consists of theological and theoretical study of the Church's liturgy, with specific attention to the area of liturgical music. This academic component is balanced by an intensive course of supervised practical training in a number of core liturgical music disciplines.

Duration: 2 years full-time

Admission Requirements: Candidates are to comply with the general entry requirements for Masters programmes within the Faculty of Theology. Given its orientation, this course is especially suited to applicants who have studied Theology and Music to honours degree level. However, the Faculty of Theology may also accept candidates whom it deems to have an equivalent standard.



MALACHY MCKEEVER (MTh Pastoral Liturgy)

"For me it's a great privilege and pleasure to be studying Liturgy at the Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. The quality of the teaching is of the highest calibre, and my colleagues and I from Ireland, Pakistan, Nigeria and Sri Lanka are made to feel most welcome here."

MASTERS IN THEOLOGY: PASTORAL LITURGY

The Masters Degree in Pastoral Liturgy, offered in collaboration with the National Centre for Liturgy, aims to lead candidates to deepen their theological knowledge and insight through specialised study of Liturgy, with a particular focus on its historical, pastoral and practical dimensions. Because of its particular focus and emphasis, this Masters simultaneously provides a pastoral formation for those who are preparing to work in pastoral or liturgical ministry at parish or diocesan level.

Duration: 2 years part-time (two days per week)

Lectures: Tuesdays and Wednesdays



“In Liturgy it is the repetition of the pattern, a ritualised form, that moulds people’s lives as a community of faith.”

(John Baldovin SJ)

MASTERS IN THEOLOGY: PASTORAL THEOLOGY

This programme ideally forms part of a minister’s continuing journey of growth and development. Through honing skills of analysis and reflection, the course aims to develop the students’ capacity for ongoing systematic theological reflection on experience in life and work. It further provides an opportunity for students to research an issue of pastoral concern and to deepen their theological understanding of the practice of ministry.

Duration: 2 years full-time; 3 years part-time

Lectures: Thursdays and Fridays, with possible seminars outside of these times. Pastoral placement is usually 10 to 12 hours per week

Admission Requirements: Applicants must have the minimum requirements to apply for a MTh, plus significant experience in ministry practice. The Faculty of Theology may also accept applicants whom it deems to have achieved an equivalent standard. Such candidates may be required to take additional courses in Theology to qualify for admission.

CAOIMHE DOHERTY, Healthcare Chaplain (MTh Pastoral Theology)

“By participating in parish, school and hospital ministry my eyes were opened to the beliefs and values of others, which in turn helped me grow in my own faith. The skills I developed during the Masters in Pastoral Theology such as teaching, self-reflection and leadership are imperative to my work in hospital ministry today and will be a continued influence in my future years of pastoral service.”



RESEARCH MASTERS

Research Masters programmes form the foundation of enduring postgraduate study at the College. The Research Masters (120 ECTS) is aimed at giving a student the necessary skills and knowledge to permit them to acquire an initial mastery in their field of interest. Therefore in a Research Masters, candidates exercise far greater choice in the shape of their study and personal research, in contrast to Undergraduate Study or a Taught Masters where a student follows a course of study determined to a huge extent by the degree they have chosen. There are two Research Masters routes—the Masters by Shorter Dissertation and Allied Courses (Mode A), and the Masters by Major Dissertation (Mode B).

MODE A: MASTERS IN THEOLOGY - SHORTER DISSERTATION

Candidates complete five seminar courses over two academic years (four semesters) and write a shorter dissertation thesis on an agreed research topic. The Masters (Mode A) is an excellent foundation for doctoral studies, and for careers which require a level of insight, expertise, research skill, and academic independence not acquired in taught programmes.

Duration: 2 years full-time

MODE B: MASTERS IN THEOLOGY - MAJOR DISSERTATION

Candidates write a major dissertation on an agreed topic under the direction of a member of the Faculty of Theology.

Normally research for the dissertation and writing takes between three and four semesters. Masters (Mode B) is recommended only for candidates who have a clear research focus and a proven ability to work on their own.

Duration: 2 years or a minimum of three semesters

It is possible to undertake a Research Masters in Fundamental (or Philosophical) Theology, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, Sacred Scripture, Sacred Liturgy (Mode B only), Ecclesiastical History (Mode B only).

LICENTIATE IN SACRED THEOLOGY (STL)

The Licentiate in Sacred Theology (Sacrae Theologiae Licentiatus) is a pivotal postgraduate degree in the Pontifical University, as the STL qualifies candidates to teach theology in a major seminary, and in the canonical programmes of a Roman Catholic university. Consequently, as well as providing the student the necessary skills and knowledge to permit them to acquire mastery in their field of interest, the STL has a demanding cycle of seminars and reading courses that ensure a rigorous grounding in a particular theological discipline. The programme takes at least 4 semesters, during the final two semesters of which the candidate undertakes a dissertation, which is examined *viva voce*.

The Pontifical University awards the Licentiate in Fundamental Theology, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, Sacred Scripture, Sacred Liturgy, and in Philosophy (LPh or PhL).

Duration: 2 years full-time, 3 or 4 years part-time

SARAH BOSS (STL)

“The thing that has impressed me the most at St Patrick’s College, Maynooth is the staff - their learning, knowledge, competence and willingness to pass on their scholarship. As a place to stay and study, St Patrick’s College is excellent.”



PhD PROGRAMMES

Undertaking doctoral studies demands not only academic ability, but also dedication, focus, and an ability to hold to one's academic path. Doctoral candidates at St Patrick's College, Maynooth have the benefit of a large, research-active faculty in the Catholic tradition that is part of a dynamic academic network across Europe's premier theology faculties, in an institution where theology has been taught since 1795. They also have access to a contemporary research library (the John Paul II University Library) and a venerable archival library (the Russell Library), while sharing research facilities with Maynooth University, ranked as one of the top 50 new universities in the world.

PhD IN THEOLOGY

Under the supervision of a member of the Faculty of Theology, a candidate undertaking the PhD in Theology delineates and investigates a question or the aspect of a question in a way that permits her or him to acquire an overarching mastery and competence in their chosen theological discipline, so as to formulate a thesis, write a dissertation thereon, and thus contribute to the development of theological understanding. The Faculty of Theology currently supervises the PhD in Theology in all principal theological disciplines.

Duration: A Doctoral Foundation Year, followed by a 2 to 3 years full time research and writing

Admissions Requirements: Masters degree in Theology with 2:1 (Magna cum laude) or a Licentiate in any theological discipline (STL, SSL, LCL, SLL).

ANNE LANIGAN (PhD)

"Undertaking a doctoral dissertation in Maynooth is challenging, demanding, and rigorous, but is also worthwhile, rewarding, and enjoyable. I am learning that working on a PhD is very different to earlier periods of study. The commitment and ownership required are on an entirely different level: researching a dissertation is a constant process of questioning, clarification, revision, and refinement. My research moves through an endless cycle: from apparent simplicity, through complexity, and into clarity, before the entire process begins again!"

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available at maynoothcollege.ie and the application deadline is 1st June. Late applications may be considered, at the discretion of the college.



DOCTORATE IN DIVINITY (DD / STD)

The STD (DD) is a canonical doctorate in Theology. Like the PhD in Theology, it is completed under the supervision of a member of the Faculty of Theology who guides the candidate to delineate and investigate a research question in a way that permits her or him to acquire an overarching mastery and competence in their chosen theological discipline, write a dissertation thereon, and thus contribute to the development of theological understanding. In contrast to the PhD in Theology, the STD (DD) demands that candidates develop the deep theological synthesis necessary for the teaching of theology in Catholic seminaries and centres of formation. Currently the DD may be undertaken in Fundamental Theology, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, Sacred Liturgy, and Sacred Scripture.

Duration: A Doctoral Foundation Year, generally followed by 3 years full time research and writing

Admissions Requirements: Licentiate in any theological discipline (STL, SSL, LCL, SLL) with a 2:1 award.

**DR JONATHAN BURROUGHS, Lecturer in Theology and Religious Studies,
Mary Immaculate College (PhD, 2014)**

“Studying Theology at the St Patrick’s College, Maynooth provided me with the necessary critical skills for an academic career.”

COURSES IN PHILOSOPHY

The Department of Philosophy at St Patrick's College has a vibrant graduate community. Our courses in philosophy, which combine the strengths and expertise of the philosophy faculties of St Patrick's College Maynooth and Maynooth University, integrate a rigorous taught component with a serious research element, giving them a unique and comprehensive character.

DIPLOMA IN PHILOSOPHY & ARTS

Provides an introduction to the field and history of philosophy, while also introducing students to the kind of critical thinking that is beneficial for other disciplines.

Duration: 2 years

Admission Requirements: A pass grade in five subjects of the Leaving Certificate, or equivalent, three of which must be academic subjects in the Maynooth University matriculation syllabus.

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN PHILOSOPHY

Provides an introduction to the field and history of philosophy, while also introducing students to the kind of critical thinking that is beneficial for other disciplines.

Duration: 2 years

Admission Requirements: Applicants must have completed an Honours or Ordinary Bachelor's Degree

BACCALAUREATE IN PHILOSOPHY (BPhil)

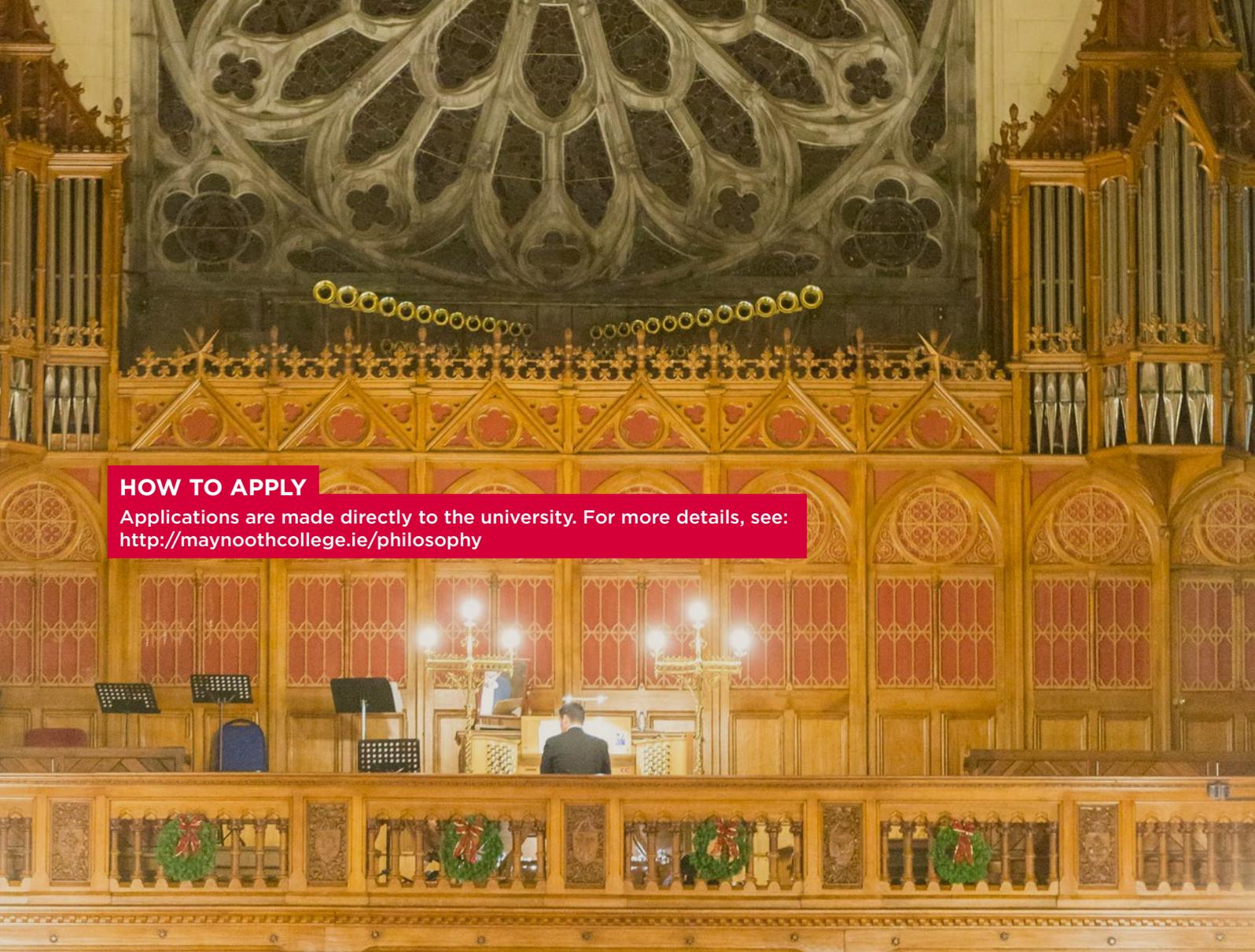
Provides an opportunity to study Philosophy in the Christian and Western Intellectual traditions.

Duration: 1 year, full time

Admission Requirements: Applicants must have successfully completed Diploma or Higher Diploma in Philosophy

REV. PROF. TOM CASEY, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy

"The Philosophy Faculty at the Pontifical University in St Patrick's College is specifically designed to explore and engage with Philosophy in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and beyond. It will be of particular interest to those interested in further ministry or education within the Catholic Education Sector. We work closely with our colleagues in the Philosophy Department of Maynooth University."



HOW TO APPLY

Applications are made directly to the university. For more details, see: <http://maynoothcollege.ie/philosophy>

LICENTIATE IN PHILOSOPHY (LPh)

The Licentiate in Philosophy (LPh) is a full-time Level 9 Award. It is a specialised licentiate in the systematic study of Philosophy.

Duration: 1 – 3 years, full-time

Admission Requirements: Masters in Philosophy with 2:1 (Magna cum laude)

DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY

The principal requirement for the award of the Doctorate in Philosophy (DPh) is a major dissertation which proves the candidate's capacity for scientific investigation and which makes a real contribution to philosophy.

Duration: 3 years, full-time

Admission Requirements: Masters in Philosophy with 2:1 (Magna cum laude)

CANON LAW



The Licentiate in Canon Law (JCL) is a distance-learning course run in conjunction with St Paul University, Ottawa. The JCL is designed for those with a minimum of two years of study in philosophy and Theology, either at undergraduate or graduate level, who wish to learn more about Canon Law. Through this course, graduates will explore the complexities of canonical governance through a familiarity with its principles and engagement with contemporary case studies. This programme will be of interest if you are interested in further skills and knowledge in governance, ministry and leadership in the Catholic sector.

Why choose this option:

- > Study from home
- > Retain current ministry / employment
- > Flexible and manageable programme
- > Excellent Canon Law resources
- > Team of internationally renowned and dedicated professors
- > Superb range of affordable accommodation on a historic and attractive campus during summer semester
- > Easy access to Dublin city and airport



HOW TO APPLY

Applications may be sent directly to the college using the application form found at:
<http://www.maynoothcollege.ie/courses/canon-law>



“Omnia disce, videbis postea nihil esse superfluum – Learn everything! Afterwards you will see that nothing is superfluous”

(Hugh of St. Victor, Didascalicon, VI, 3).

“Half of the truth is a falsehood.”

(Blessed John Henry Newman)

“We are able to arrive at the inquiry concerning the...truth only on the basis of a great deal of labour spent in study. Now, those who wish to undergo such a labour for the mere love of knowledge are few...”

(Thomas Aquinas, Summa contra Gentiles, Cap. 4)

“Nothing is too vast, nothing too subtle, nothing too distant, nothing too minute, nothing too discursive, nothing too exact, to engage (a University’s) attention.”

(Blessed John Henry Newman)

“Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth”

(Saint John Paul II, Fides et Ratio)



“A habit of mind is formed which lasts through life, of which the attributes are, freedom, equitableness, calmness, moderation, and wisdom...This then I would assign as the specific fruit of the education furnished at a University.”

(Blessed John Henry Newman)

“L’Église fait L’Eucharistie, l’Eucharistie fait l’Église” — “The Eucharist makes the Church, the Church makes the Eucharist.”

(Henri de Lubac SJ)

“Quidquid recipitur, ad modum recipientis recipitur” — “What is received is received in the manner of the receiver!”

(see Aquinas, De Veritate, Q. 10, a. 4c)



RESEARCH

The largest Theological Faculty in Ireland provides the widest expertise in support of insightful research.

For more information about research at St Patrick's College Maynooth, see: <http://www.maynoothcollege.ie/index.php?p=research>

SCHOLARSHIPS

The generosity of the University's donors provides scholarship and grant possibilities that permit broad access to our programmes, ensuring access and new possibilities for promising students from many environments and contexts.

For information about scholarships, see: <http://maynoothcollege.ie/scholarships-funding>

ACCOMMODATION

All first year undergraduate Theology students are offered the option of availing of on-campus accommodation. Temporary on-site accommodation is also available through the Maynooth Conference centre.

For information about accommodation, see: <http://maynoothcollege.ie/accommodation>

STUDENT LIFE

Sharing a campus with Maynooth University, our students have access to all of the University's facilities.

To learn more about life on campus, see: <http://maynoothcollege.ie/campus-life>

TUITION FEES

For information on current fees, see www.maynoothcollege.ie/fees-and-funding



“Anyone who encounters Scripture should not suppose that the single one of its riches that they have found is the only one to exist; rather one might realize that they are only capable of discovering that one out of the many riches that exist in it ... A thirsty person rejoices because she has drunk: she is not grieved because she proved incapable of drinking the fountain dry.”

(St Ephraem the Syrian, Commentary on the Diatessaron)

DR JESSIE ROGERS, Lecturer in Sacred Scripture

“The Scriptures are full of life: they challenge, inspire, surprise and energise! I am always hoping that the Bible will come alive for the students in my class so that they will begin to see the connections between the text and the world in which we live. This is what my lectures—and Theology—are really about.”



“A biblical text is not a reservoir or a cistern, with a fixed amount of water that can be clearly measured. Rather, it resembles a source, where new water constantly emerges from the same place.”

(Ulrich Luz, Matthew as History)



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