

The MA in Contemporary Missiology is a taught postgraduate programme, studied for up to four years. This MA is validated by the University of Gloucestershire.

Course outline

Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert)

To gain a PG Cert, you need to successfully complete CM1 (Research Methods and Approaches to Missiological Study) and CM2 (Global Missiological Issues in Intercultural Contexts). You will receive a PGCert in Contemporary Missiology.

Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip)

To gain a PGDip, you will need to complete CM1 and CM2, plus two of the following modules:

- CM4 – Crucial Issues for European Mission and Theology *or*
- CM5 – The Practice of European Mission in European Contexts;
- CM6 – Advocacy, Reconciliation and Peace-Building in Intercultural Contexts *or*
- CM7 – Just Mission: Justice Issues in Intercultural Contexts;
- CM8 – Reading the Bible Missionally *or*
- CM9 – Scripture Engagement: Approaches and Issues *or*
- CM10 – Scripture Engagement: Professional Project;
- CM11 – The Mission of the Church in the Context of Post-colonialism and Globalisation
- CM12 – Independent Study
- GL1 – An Introduction to Global Leadership

You will receive a PGDip in Contemporary Missiology.

Masters (MA)

To gain an MA, you will need to complete CM1 and CM2, plus two of the module options listed above (for the PGDip). Finally, you will also need to complete your dissertation, CM3. You will receive an MA in Contemporary Missiology.

Study options

You have up to 4 years to complete the MA. The modules are offered in intensive teaching blocks with online support before and after intensive and during your dissertation. You will need on average the equivalent of one day per week for your studies.

Years 1 and 2: You attend either the three-week summer school intensive or several study intensives throughout the year. You will usually complete two modules per year.

If you begin in the Autumn, you attend up to two weekends in the Autumn and part of the study intensive in July.

If you begin in the Summer, you attend the three-week study intensive, which is currently held each July.

Years 3 and 4: You have up to two years to complete your dissertation.

Module information

Brief details for each module are given below. For full information including assessments and indicative resources, please refer to the programme specifications available for download at www.redcliffe.org/contemporary-missiology-ma

| CM1 | Research Methods and Approaches to Missiological Study | 30 CAT points |
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| <p>The research methods element of this module entails an induction into learning skills and critical engagement with a range of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies appropriate for postgraduate study. The approaches element covers different approaches to the missiological concept of <i>missio Dei</i> and engagement with holistic mission.</p> | | |
| <p>This module is compulsory for the PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.</p> | | |

| CM2 | Global Missiological Issues in Intercultural Contexts | 30 CAT points |
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| <p>This module provides you with the opportunity to critically survey and assess several key contemporary missiological issues (such as environmental sustainability, migration, economic and social inequality, the use of the Bible in mission) within the overarching concept of the <i>missio Dei</i>.</p> <p>It will include critical theological and sociological engagement with key contemporary ideologies and concepts such as globalisation, contextualisation, secularisation and integral mission. It will also include critical examination of key missiological documents.</p> | | |
| <p>This module is compulsory for the PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.</p> | | |

| CM3 | Dissertation | 60 CAT points |
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| <p>The dissertation of 18,000 words represents the culmination of the MA student's learning experience. It requires you to frame and negotiate a research question, to select and use appropriate methodologies and primary and secondary sources, to relate these to current academic debate, to arrive at an appropriate and clear overall structure and argument and to present your findings in writing in an academically responsible fashion. You will be required to relate your topic of interest to that of contemporary mission.</p> | | |
| <p>This module is compulsory for the MA in Contemporary Missiology.</p> | | |

| CM4 | Crucial Issues for European Mission and Theology | 30 CAT points |
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| <p>This module takes an interdisciplinary and contextual approach to missiology and aims to equip you with a thorough understanding of the particularities of European contexts and identities. You will engage with a broad range of issues and will examine critically how these issues impact on Christian mission and theology in Europe today.</p> | | |
| <p>This module is optional for the PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.</p> | | |

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| CM5 | The Practice of Christian Mission in European Contexts | 30 CAT points |
| <p>This module takes an interdisciplinary and contextual approach to the practice of Christian mission in Europe. You will explore the diversity and complexity of mission practice in contemporary Europe and will learn how to evaluate mission <i>praxis</i> critically as well as reflect on your own.</p> | | |
| <p>This module is optional for the PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.</p> | | |

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| CM6 | Advocacy, Reconciliation and Peace-building in Intercultural Contexts | 30 CAT points |
| <p>This module aims to equip you with research-based understanding of the key concepts and theories of advocacy, reconciliation and peace-building and to develop a clear biblical, theological and missional understanding of the principles and practices of advocacy, reconciliation and peace-building as integral to Christian mission. It was also enable you to critically examine the practice of advocacy, reconciliation and peace-building processes in different intercultural contexts.</p> | | |
| <p>This module is optional for the PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.</p> | | |

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| CM7 | Just Mission: Justice Issues in Intercultural Contexts | 30 CAT points |
| <p>This module aims to equip you with research-based understanding of a conceptual framework of justice, including philosophical and religious foundations, with a particular emphasis on Christianity's justice hermeneutic, spirituality and missiological praxis rooted in the Biblical text. You will also learn to critically analyse a selection of justice issues in their wider structural and interrelated contexts (e.g. slavery/human trafficking, poverty & inequality) and to profile and evaluate the emerging global justice movement in the three-fold sphere of socio-political, economic and environmental relationships and practices.</p> | | |
| <p>This module is optional for the PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.</p> | | |

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| CM8 | Reading the Bible Missionally | 30 CAT points |
| <p>The module provides an in-depth introduction to the nature and application of a 'missional hermeneutic' to biblical texts. You will receive an orientation to the development of the methodology of missional hermeneutics and then apply it to a reading of the Bible. A number of key biblical themes are explored in relation to a missional reading of the Bible, such as monotheism, election, redemption, covenant, ethics, creation, and 'the nations'.</p> | | |
| <p>This module is optional for the PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.</p> | | |

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| CM9 | Scripture Engagement: Approaches and Issues | 30 CAT points |
| <p>The Bible is sometimes described as a 'tool' of mission. This module will enable you to explore and evaluate a number of approaches for and issues in Scripture Engagement in different cultural contexts, both in the 'West' and in the majority world.</p> | | |
| <p>This module is optional for the PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.</p> | | |

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| CM10 | Scripture Engagement: Professional Project | 30 CAT points |
| The module will provide you with the opportunity to undertake an approved project of independent study relating to a specific area of Scripture Engagement professional practice. | | |
| This module is optional for the PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology. | | |

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| CM11 | The Mission of the Church in the Context of Post-colonialism and Globalisation | 30 CAT points |
| This module examines the practice of Christian mission in the light of the way that colonialism has given way to post-colonialism and also in the light of the ideology of globalisation (political, economic, cultural and religious). The emphasis will lie on the response of societies formerly on the margin to the waning hegemony of the Western centre and the links that make networking possible without recourse to centralisation. The overall aim will be to think missiologically about developments, specifically within postcolonial and neo-colonial (globalisation) frameworks. | | |
| This module is optional for the PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology. | | |

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| CM12 | Independent Study Module | 30 CAT points |
| The module gives you the opportunity to undertake an approved project of independent study on a specific issue or aspect of missiology. | | |
| This module is optional for the PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology. | | |

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| GL1 | An introduction to Global Leadership | 30 CAT points |
| This module is designed for students who ideally have been in a leadership position, or who are likely to commence one shortly, and are looking to enhance their skills for the demands of senior leadership in intercultural contexts. | | |
| This module is optional for the PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology. | | |