

The MA in Contemporary Missiology is a taught postgraduate programme, studied for between two and 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 two modules, normally 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
- CM5 – The Practice of European Mission in European Contexts;
- CM6 – Advocacy, Reconciliation and Peace-Building in Intercultural Contexts
- CM7 – Just Mission: Justice Issues in Intercultural Contexts;
- CM8 – Reading the Bible Missionally
- CM9 – Scripture Engagement: Approaches and Issues
- CM10 – Scripture Engagement: Professional Project;
- CM12 – Independent Study
- CM13 – Professional Project
- CM15 – Gender and Mission
- CM16 – Life and Work in Muslim Contexts
- CM17 - Vulnerable Children Bible, Theology and Society
- GL1 – An Introduction to Global Leadership

You will receive a PGDip in Contemporary Missiology (please note that CM10 and CM13 cannot both be taken).

Masters (MA)

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

Study options

You have between two and four years to complete the MA. Taught modules are offered in intensive teaching blocks, with online support before and after the taught period of study. Supervision and online support continues during the dissertation stage of your programme. On a typical week you should expect to devote the equivalent of one day to 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 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.ac.uk/contemporary-missiology-ma

CM1	Research Methods and Approaches to Missiological Study	30 CATS points
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.		
This module is optional for the PGCert and compulsory for the PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.		
CM2	Global Missiological Issues in Intercultural Contexts	30 CATS points
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> . 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.		
This module is optional for the PGCert and compulsory for the PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.		
CM3	Dissertation	60 CATS points
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.		
This module is compulsory for the MA in Contemporary Missiology.		
CM4	Crucial Issues for European Mission and Theology	30 CATS points
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.		
This module is optional for the PG Cert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology. Combine this with CM5 The Practice of Christian Mission in European Contexts to receive the exit award MA in Contemporary Missiology (European Mission).		

CM5	The Practice of Christian Mission in European Contexts	30 CATS 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 PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology. Combine this with CM4 Crucial Issues for European Mission and Theology to receive the exit award MA in Contemporary Missiology (European Mission).</p>		

CM6	Advocacy, Reconciliation and Peace-building in Intercultural Contexts	30 CATS 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 PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology. Combine this with CM7 Just Mission: Justice Issues in Intercultural Contexts to receive the exit award MA in Contemporary Missiology (Justice, Advocacy and Reconciliation).</p>		

CM7	Just Mission: Justice Issues in Intercultural Contexts	30 CATS 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 and 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 PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology. Combine this with CM6 Advocacy, Reconciliation and Peace-building in Intercultural Contexts to receive the exit award MA in Contemporary Missiology (Justice, Advocacy and Reconciliation).</p>		

CM8	Reading the Bible Missionally	30 CATS 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 PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology. Combine this with CM9 Scripture Engagement: Approaches and Issues to receive the exit award MA in Contemporary Missiology (Bible and Mission).</p>		

CM9	Scripture Engagement: Approaches and Issues	30 CATS 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 PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology. Combine this with CM8 Reading the Bible Missionally to receive the exit award MA in Contemporary Missiology (Bible and Mission), or with CM10 Scripture Engagement: Professional Project to receive the exit award MA in Contemporary Missiology (Scripture Engagement).</p>		
CM10	Scripture Engagement: Professional Project	30 CATS points
<p>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.</p>		
<p>This module is optional for the PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology. Combine this with CM9 Scripture Engagement: Approaches and Issues to receive the exit award MA in Contemporary Missiology (Scripture Engagement). It cannot be taken together with CM13.</p>		
CM12	Independent Study Module	30 CATS points
<p>The module gives you the opportunity to undertake an approved project of independent study on a specific issue or aspect of missiology.</p>		
<p>This module is optional for the PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.</p>		
CM13	Professional Project	30 CATS points
<p>You will develop and complete a project for their professional setting (e.g. a change management plan, or an apologetics handbook) and reflect academically on why you included the content and format that the project took. You will explore the current thinking around the topic and engage practically with scholarship and critique.</p>		
<p>This module is optional for the PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology. It cannot be taken together with CM10.</p>		
CM15	Gender and Mission	30 CATS points
<p>This module addresses aspects of gender in contemporary cultures, and explores biblical reflections and missional implications of gender issues. You will look at topics including western societal change, majority world cultures and practices, gender in the Bible, Christian feminism and gender-based violence. With this module, you will develop an in-depth knowledge of the complexities found between gender and mission, and be able to critique contextualised responses to gender issues across the world.</p>		
<p>This module is optional for the PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.</p>		
CM16	Life and Work in Muslim Contexts	30 CATS points
<p>This module is for people engaged in mission in Muslim contexts and will focus on issues of context with a view of exploring appropriate missional responses for your context today. Issues of contextual importance looked at include honour, shame and other socio-cultural issues; textual issues; theological issues; and missional approaches both historic and present. You will learn to critique these approaches and apply this critique to your mission and work.</p>		
<p>This module is optional for the PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.</p>		

CM17	Vulnerable Children Bible, Theology and Society	30 CATS points
This module is designed for students working with or on behalf of vulnerable children to advance their understanding and practice.		
This module is optional for the PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.		

GL1	An Introduction to Global Leadership	30 CATS 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 PGCert, PGDip and MA in Contemporary Missiology.		