

The MA in Member Care is a taught postgraduate programme, studied for between two and four years. This MA is validated by the University of Gloucestershire.

Course outline

To gain an MA in Member Care, you will need to complete CM1, MAM1, MAM2 and either CM2, CM4, CM12, CM13, CM15, CM16 or GL1. You will also need to complete your dissertation, CM3.

You can gain a PGDip if you complete CM1, MAM1, MAM2 and either CM2, CM4, CM12, CM13, CM15, CM16 or GL1. Completion of CM1 and either MAM1 or MAM2 would lead to a PGCert.

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 one summer school study intensive, or several shorter study intensives throughout the year. If you live and work closer to Oceania, you can attend our two-week intensive currently delivered in late January, early February. You will usually complete two modules per year.

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/ma-in-member-care.

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 compulsory for the PGCert, PGDip and MA in Member Care.		

MAM1	The Mission Worker as a Person: Building life-skills and interpersonal skills	30 CATS points
The module provides an in-depth introduction to the nature of the challenges facing the individual cross-cultural worker at personal, family, team and work levels. The module will explore these issues from a variety of cultural viewpoints, specifically introducing non-Western perspectives.		
This module is optional for the PGCert and compulsory for the PGDip and MA in Member Care.		

MAM2	The Member Care Worker: Equipping Self and Others	30 CATS points
<p>The module will explore and evaluate issues and approaches for Member Care practitioners, both in the 'West' and in the majority world. Biblical, missiological and cultural perspectives will be drawn on to do this.</p>		
<p>This module is optional for the PGCert and compulsory for the PGDip and MA in Member Care.</p>		

CM3	Dissertation	60 CATS points
<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 the particular theme of the MA course you are undertaking.</p>		
<p>This module is compulsory for the MA in Member Care</p>		

CM2	Global Missiological Issues in Intercultural Contexts	30 CATS points
<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>. 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 optional for the PGDip and MA in Member Care.</p>		

CM4	Crucial Issues for European Mission and Theology	30 CATS points
<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 Member Care.</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 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 PGDip and MA in Member Care.</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 PGDip and MA in Member Care.</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 PGDip and MA in Member Care.</p>		

GL1	An Introduction to Global Leadership	30 CATS points
<p>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.</p>		
<p>This module is optional for the PGDip and MA in Member Care.</p>		