



## Graduate Diploma in Theology, Ministry and Mission

**St Augustine's  
T4: Module Overview Table  
2024-25**

Students can either attend all teaching in person, or use a blend of in-person and online teaching (though some modules may only be available in either online or in-person format). The Delivery method column refers to the various delivery modes available as follows: (A) in-person delivery; (B) online delivery; (C) a combination of in-person and online delivery.

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits	Compulsory	Summary of Content	Teaching and Learning Methods	Learning Hours	Assessment Methods
1067	Elementary New Testament Greek (level 4)	4	10	No	Introduction to New Testament Greek.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200	<b>Component 1:</b> (30%) Language test (0.5 hours)  <b>Component 2:</b> (70%) Language test (1 hour)
1077	Continuing New Testament Greek: Texts Study	4	10	No	Continuing study of New Testament Greek, focussing on close study of NT texts.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200	<b>Written assignment</b> (2,500 words) - essay or exegesis
1087	Elementary Biblical Hebrew (level 4)	4	10	No	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200	<b>Component 1:</b> (30%) Language test (0.5 hours)  <b>Component 2:</b> (70%) Language test (1 hour)
1097	Continuing Biblical Hebrew: Texts Study	4	10	No	Continuing study of Biblical Hebrew, focussing on close study of OT texts.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200	<b>Written assignment</b> (2,500 words) - essay or exegesis
2021	Biblical Studies	5	20	No	Focused study of specific books and passages from Old and New Testaments; orientation to the genres of material being discussed (e.g. prophecy, narrative, gospel, paraenesis); different critical approaches to the Old and New Testaments; the responsible use of the Bible in Christian theology, preaching and praxis. The texts studied in this module must be different from those studied in other Biblical Studies modules.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Written assignment (exegesis) (2,500 words)
2097	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew	5	10	No	Gaining fluency in Biblical Hebrew.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	Classes: 20 Personal study: 80 Total: 100	<b>Written assignment:</b> (100%) (2,500 words)
2107	Intermediate New Testament Greek	5	10	No	Gaining fluency in New Testament Greek.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	Classes: 20 Personal study: 80 Total: 100	<b>Component 1:</b> (40%) Book review (1,000 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (60%) Language test: (1 hour)

2121	Topics in Christian Doctrine	5	20	No	Typically focussed on Christology and soteriology (when delivered as a Level 5 version of TMM1111 Introduction to Christian Doctrine).  This module examines central Christian theological affirmations about the doctrine of creation, Christology and soteriology, and considers what follows for Christian life and practice. It introduces students to theological debates about these doctrines down the centuries and explores some of the implications of these for Christian life and practice.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200  Class time will be roughly the same for in-person and online classes.	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Written theological reflection (2,500 words)
2171	Christian Faith and Ethical Living	5	20	No	This module explores the basis of moral thinking, particularly the foundations of Christian moral reasoning. It offers a theological account of core Christian moral concepts and applies these to issues which are currently subject to sharp ethical dispute within and outside the Church: sexual ethics, family, distributive justice and poverty, and Christian participation in public life.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200  Class time will be roughly the same for in-person and online classes.	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Resource for others and a written rationale / commentary (2,500 words)
2311	Developing Ministry and Mission in Context	5	20	OM1	Will include attention to Christian witness and other faiths.  This module explores the relationship between the theology of the mission of God, contemporary practices of outreach in the Christian Churches, including Fresh Expressions of Church, and the diversity of contexts within which they seek to witness to Christian faith. The placement-based element of this module involves an extended team mission placement.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person only (A).	Classes: 20 Context: 30 Preparation: 150 Total: 200	<b>Portfolio:</b> (100%) Written assignment (6,500 words)
2401	Mission and Evangelism	5	20	No	The aim of ministry is not to assemble around us a group of like-minded people, but to offer the world the news of God's unconditional love. In this module we explore how modern methods of mission seek to do that. We shall examine contemporary, contextual and pioneer approaches to Christian mission in theory and in practice, aiming better to understand our own call to mission, and how to live that call in our own future ministry.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be online only (B).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Written theological reflection on a text (2,500 words)
2531	Reflective Practice in Context (Long)	5	20	No	This placement based module explores the various contexts of Christian ministry and examines the particular opportunities and challenges arising from them, and develops the skills needed to meet them effectively. A placement offers the opportunity to experience, and reflect upon, the various ways in which theology is understood and Christian responsibility exercised in the realms of business, civic organisation, or politics.	Classes: 10 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	Seminars: 10 Context: 30 Preparation: 160 Total: 200	<b>Portfolio:</b> (100%) written assignment and placement report (6,500 words)
2591	Spirituality and Discipleship (Level 5)	5	20	No	Through this module, students are enabled to put spirituality at the heart of their study of theology, and to integrate their study with their sense of discipleship. It includes a survey of practices of private and corporate prayer and engages with scriptural and doctrinal sources for Christian prayer and spirituality. Practical work includes, for example, the formation or development of a 'rule of life', the keeping of a prayer diary, and the writing of a reflection on these areas.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200  Class time will be roughly the same for in-person and online classes.	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Reflective journal on ministerial practice (2,500 words)
3011	Further Biblical Studies	6	20	No	This module explores the ways in which the Bible has been interpreted within the Christian church down the centuries. It has a particular focus on historical criticism and the challenges to this method of interpreting the text, enabling the student to understand current debates surrounding the interpretation of Scripture.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person only (A).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Essay (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Written assignment - critical appraisal (2,500 words)
3021	Further Old Testament Studies	6	20	No	This module includes an in-depth exploration of selected texts from the Old Testament, highlighting key critical issues in scholarship and in the contemporary interpretation of those texts. This will embrace consideration of the ways the selected texts can be used in ministerial contexts to address contemporary situations.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200  Class time will be roughly the same for in-person and online classes.	<b>Written assignment</b> (100%) essay (5,000 words)

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3061	Issues in Biblical Theology	6	20	No	This module explores some of the main issues involved in studying Biblical theology and engages with some major biblical themes such as the nature of God, God's presence/absence and the people of God. Students will be introduced to the work of some significant scholars in the field. Particular attention is given to the unity and diversity of the testaments, and the effects of this on a canonical approach to particular themes.	Classes: 20 hours Classes will be in-person only (A).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200	<b>Written assignment</b> (100%) essay (5,000 words)
3077	Advanced New Testament Greek (level 6)	6	10	No	Advanced understanding of New Testament Greek.	Classes: 20 hours Classes will be combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	Classes: 20 Personal study: 80 Total: 100	<b>Written assignment:</b> (100%) (2,500 words)
3087	Advanced Biblical Hebrew (level 6)	6	10	No	Advanced understanding of Biblical Hebrew.	Classes: 20 hours Classes will be combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	Classes: 20 Personal study: 80 Total: 100	<b>Written assignment:</b> (100%) (2,500 words)
3101	Christian Doctrine in Focus	6	20	No	Typically will include Creation, Ecclesiology, or Eschatology.  This module focuses on the Christian doctrines of Trinity, creation and the person and work of Jesus Christ. It studies how these areas of Christian doctrine have been subject to critique within and outside the Church in modernity and post-modernity, and examines various constructive theological responses to such critique, for example, Radical Orthodoxy and post-liberal theology.	Classes: 20 hours Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200  Class time will be roughly the same for in-person and online classes.	<b>Written assignment</b> (100%) essay (5,000 words)
3111	Sacramental Theology and Ministry	6	20	No	This module reflects on the way that the sacraments of baptism and eucharist or communion are celebrated in our Churches and on historical, cultural and theological factors shaping this. Students draw on what they are learning from academic sources to help Christians in their local context grow in understanding of these pivotal practices for church life.	Classes: 20 hours Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200  Class time will be roughly the same for in-person and online classes.	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Resource for others and a written rationale / commentary (2,500 words)
3141	Church History in Focus	6	20	No	Typically will include a focus on the Protestant Reformations.	Classes: 20 hours Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	Classes: 20 Preparation: 180 Total: 200  Class time will be roughly the same for in-person and online classes.	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (30%) Seminar presentation and discussion (1,500 words)  <b>Component 3:</b> (20%) and written reflection (1,000 words)

3181	<b>Christian Faith and Ethical Living</b>	6	20	No	This module explores the basis of moral thinking, particularly the foundations of Christian moral reasoning. It offers a theological account of core Christian moral concepts and applies these to issues which are currently subject to sharp ethical dispute within and outside the Church: sexual ethics, family, distributive justice and poverty, and Christian participation in public life.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	<b>Classes:</b> 20 <b>Preparation:</b> 180 <b>Total:</b> 200  Class time will be roughly the same for in-person and online classes.	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Resource for others and a written rationale / commentary (2,500 words)
3341	<b>Independent Learning Project (Long)</b>	6	20	No	This module provides an opportunity to undertake self-directed study on a topic of the students choice under the supervision of a tutor.	Research skills seminars: 2 hours Tutorials: 2 hours  Tutorials will involve a combination of in-person and online sessions (C).	<b>Research skills seminars:</b> 2 <b>Tutorials:</b> 2 <b>Preparation:</b> 196 <b>Total:</b> 200	<b>Written assignment</b> (100%) essay (6,000 words)
3352	<b>Extended Project in Theology, Ministry and Mission</b>	6	40	No	The module aims to provide an opportunity to apply previous theological, ministerial or missional learning to a particular piece of practice. This will normally be associated with the development of a specific opportunity to enhance the Christian life of a congregation or group, although it may also pertain to a non-ecclesial social or work-based setting. The module aims to enhance students' reflective practice as they work in situations calling for theological acumen, ministerial proficiency and pastoral sensitivity.	Tutorials: 8 hours  Tutorials will involve a combination of in-person and online sessions (C).	<b>Tutorials:</b> 8 <b>Preparation:</b> 392 <b>Total:</b> 400	<b>Written assignment:</b> (100%) (12,000 words)
3362	<b>Dissertation in Theology, Ministry and Mission</b>	6	40	No	Students have the opportunity to do an extended piece of work under supervision from one of the staff on a topic of interest to them.	Research skills seminars: 2 hours Tutorials: 6 hours  Seminar and tutorials will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	<b>Research skills seminars:</b> 2 <b>Tutorials:</b> 6 <b>Preparation:</b> 392 <b>Total:</b> 400	<b>Written assignment:</b> (100%) (12,000 words)
3431	<b>Mission and Apologetics in Contemporary Culture</b>	6	20	No	This module will offer, among other things, a survey of the intellectual, social and religious trends that help to shape people's thinking in the 21st century; and a study of a range of approaches to contemporary apologetics and an evaluation of their strengths and weaknesses.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person only (A).	<b>Classes:</b> 20 <b>Personal study:</b> 80 <b>Total:</b> 100	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Resource for others and written rationale / commentary (2,500 words)
3491	<b>Further Reflective Practice in Context (Long)</b>	6	20	No	This placement based module explores the various contexts of Christian ministry and examines the particular opportunities and challenges arising from them, and develops the skills needed to meet them effectively. A placement offers the opportunity to experience, and reflect upon, the various ways in which theology is understood and Christian responsibility exercised in the realms of business, civic organisation, or politics.	Classes: 10 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	<b>Classes:</b> 10 <b>Context:</b> 30 <b>Personal Study:</b> 160 <b>Total:</b> 200	<b>Portfolio:</b> (100%) written theological reflection and placement report (6,500 words)
3501	<b>Reflective Practice in an Ecumenical Context</b>	6	20	No	This module involves a partnership between the College and an ecumenical (and normally international) study/ecclesial context.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	<b>Classes:</b> 20 <b>Preparation:</b> 180 <b>Total:</b> 200	<b>Portfolio:</b> (100%) written assignment, incorporating a placement report (6,500 words)
3521	<b>Christian Theology, Ritual and Pastoral Care</b>	6	20	OM1	This module explores the various contexts of Christian pastoral ministry and examines the opportunities and challenges arising from them for ministerial discernment, and develops the skills needed to meet them effectively. The module also covers death and funerals, and sexuality and marriage. The placement-based element of this module involves an extended placement in pastoral ministry.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person only (A).	<b>Classes:</b> 20 <b>Context:</b> 30 <b>Personal Study:</b> 150 <b>Total:</b> 200	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Written theological reflection (2,500 words)

3541	<b>Research Methods for Practical Theology</b>	6	20	OM2	This module will provide an overview of quantitative and qualitative research methods used in the social and human sciences and how these are situating in practical and pastoral theology.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person only (A).	<b>Lectures:</b> 3 <b>Seminars:</b> 7 <b>Context:</b> 100 <b>Personal study:</b> 90 <b>Total:</b> 200	Component 1: (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  Component 2: (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)
3551	<b>Texts and Traditions in Christian Spirituality (Level 6)</b>	6	20	No	This module aims to engage with a range of voices from the Christian spiritual tradition in relation to disciplines of academic study, including disciplines shared by non-theological subject areas. It introduces students to the study of spirituality as well as to a range of texts from the writings of great figures within the tradition of Christian spirituality.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	<b>Classes:</b> 20 <b>Preparation:</b> 180 <b>Total:</b> 200  Class time will be roughly the same for in-person and online classes.	<b>Component 1:</b> (40%) Oral presentation (15 mins) + commentary (1,000 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (60%) Essay (3,000 words)
3571	<b>Reflective Practice: Spirituality and Ministry</b>	6	20	OM2	This module will support students in their ministerial development by developing their engagement with well-informed and structured forms of theological reflection which underpin reflective practice in a ministerial / professional / vocational context.	Classes: 10 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	<b>Seminars:</b> 10 <b>Context:</b> 100 <b>Personal study:</b> 90 <b>Total:</b> 200	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Written theological reflection (2,500 words)
3581	<b>Reflective Practice: Leadership and Collaboration</b>	6	20	OM2	This module will support students in their ministerial development by developing their engagement with well-informed and structured forms of theological reflection which underpin reflective practice in a ministerial / professional / vocational context.	Classes: 10 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	<b>Seminars:</b> 10 <b>Context:</b> 100 <b>Personal study:</b> 90 <b>Total:</b> 200	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Written theological reflection on personal or ministerial learning (2,500 words)
3591	<b>Reflective Practice: Christian Worship</b>	6	20	No	This module will support students in their ministerial development by developing their engagement with well-informed and structured forms of theological reflection which underpin reflective practice in a ministerial / professional / vocational context.	Classes: 10 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	<b>Seminars:</b> 10 <b>Context:</b> 100 <b>Personal study:</b> 90 <b>Total:</b> 200	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Resource for others and written rationale/commentary (2,500 words)
3601	<b>Reflective Practice: Mission and Evangelism</b>	6	20	OM2	This module will support students in their ministerial development by developing their engagement with well-informed and structured forms of theological reflection which underpin reflective practice in a ministerial / professional / vocational context.	Classes: 10 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	<b>Seminars:</b> 10 <b>Context:</b> 100 <b>Personal study:</b> 90 <b>Total:</b> 200	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Written theological reflection on personal or ministerial learning (2,500 words)
3661	<b>Reflective Practice: Inhabiting Public Ministry</b>	6	20	OM2	This module will support students in their ministerial development by developing their engagement with well-informed and structured forms of theological reflection which underpin reflective practice in a ministerial / professional / vocational context.	Classes: 10 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	<b>Lectures:</b> 3 <b>Seminars:</b> 7 <b>Context:</b> 100 <b>Personal study:</b> 90 <b>Total:</b> 200	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Written theological reflection (2,500 words)
3671	<b>Reflective Practice: Law and the Public Minister</b>	6	20	OM2	This module will support students in their ministerial development by developing their engagement with well-informed and structured forms of theological reflection which underpin reflective practice in a ministerial / professional / vocational context.	Classes: 10 hours  Classes will involve a combination of in-person and online delivery (C).	<b>Lectures:</b> 3 <b>Seminars:</b> 7 <b>Context:</b> 100 <b>Personal study:</b> 90 <b>Total:</b> 200	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Written assignment – case study (2,500 words)

3811	<b>The Arts, Culture and Christian Ministry and Mission</b>	6	20	No	This module will explore the areas of engagement between Christian belief and the creative arts, particularly where the arts operate as a text of and for theology within human culture. It will involve investigation and evaluation of the relationship between the Church and pressing contemporary cultural issues, particularly in relation to the Church's mission.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	<b>Classes:</b> 20 <b>Preparation:</b> 180 <b>Total:</b> 200  Class time will be roughly the same for in-person and online classes.	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment – essay (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Book review (2,500 words)
3822	<b>Term Study Abroad (Level 6)</b>	6	40	No	To enable students to gain experience of the study of theology and ministry in an overseas context while receiving Durham credit for their studies.	Depending on context	<b>Classes:</b> depending on context <b>Total:</b> 400	Depending on context
3851	<b>The Bible and Christian Faith (Level 6)</b>	6	20	No	This module will explore specific biblical texts and themes from a range of hermeneutical perspectives and bring these to bear on contemporary contexts.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	<b>Classes:</b> 20 <b>Preparation:</b> 180 <b>Total:</b> 200  Class time will be roughly the same for in-person and online classes.	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment – essay (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)
3871	<b>Further Engagement with Ministry and Worship in Context</b>	6	20	OM1	Overview of Christian Worship; Key aspects of preaching  This module draws on ideas about reflective practice in order to prepare students for sustaining a transformative ministry as enablers of worship and discipleship in local churches. It explores three core areas of congregational ministry: leading worship, preaching, and Christian nurture and education. The placement-based element of this module extends the student's experience of ministry in each of these areas through placement in a church new to the student.  <u>For GDip students:</u> The teaching for this module will also include theological reflection, to ensure that GDip students can meet the relevant programme learning outcome (SSK1).	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person only (A).	<b>Classes:</b> 20 <b>Context:</b> 30 <b>Preparation:</b> 150 <b>Total:</b> 200	<b>Portfolio:</b> (100%) Written theological reflection and placement report (6,500 words)
3881	<b>Science and Faith</b>	6	20	No	This module will explore and reflection on the relationship between science and faith, including its historical and doctrinal dimensions. It will build confidence in ministerial practitioners for engaging with doctrinal, ethical and apologetic questions arising from the natural sciences.	Classes: 20 hours  Classes will be in-person or online (A or B).	<b>Classes:</b> 20 <b>Preparation:</b> 180 <b>Total:</b> 200  Class time will be roughly the same for in-person and online classes.	<b>Component 1:</b> (50%) Written assignment (2,500 words)  <b>Component 2:</b> (50%) Resource for others and written rationale/commentary (2,500 words)