

How to apply

The normal requirement for postgraduate studies is a good first degree. However students aged over 25 with other relevant experience and/or training may be admitted subject to a successful interview.

For full details, including fees, and an application form, please contact:

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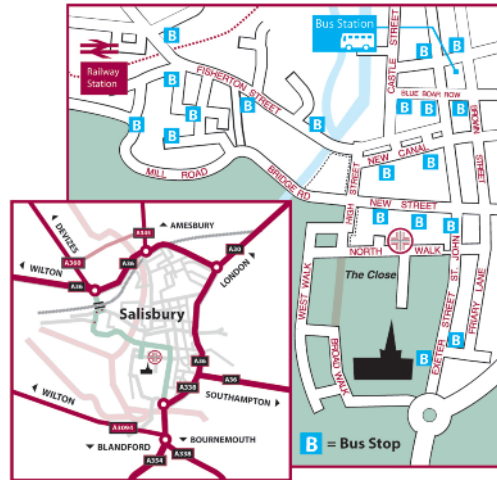
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Sarum College is an ecumenical Christian education centre situated in Salisbury's Cathedral Close. The College runs a wide range of courses and conferences in spirituality, theology, liturgy, leadership and ministry, and the arts. There are residential facilities for students as well as independent groups and individuals. The College has its own specialist bookshop and theological library.

The College has an equal opportunities policy and welcomes students with disabilities onto its courses. The suitability of the facilities will be discussed on an individual basis separately from discussions about the course or academic considerations.

How to Find Us



Public transport is the best way to travel to Sarum College.

Arrival by bus or train

Sarum College is approximately a 15-minute walk from either station.

Park and Ride

There are four drop-off sites:
From the North: A345 (Beehive Roundabout)
From the South: A338 at Britford
From the East: A30 London Road
From the West: A36 at Wilton

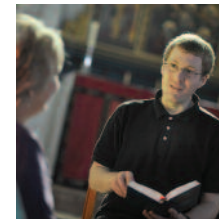
Connecting buses stop within a 10-minute walk of Sarum College. For details of the Park and Ride website: www.salisbury.gov.uk/transport/parking/park-and-ride.htm

By car

Parking in the College grounds is subject to availability.

Enter Cathedral Close from the High Street Gate, via either New Street or Crane Street. Turn left into North Walk; Sarum College is 100 metres further, opposite Bishop's Walk.

MA in Christian Liturgy



learning to nourish the human spirit

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The study of Christian Liturgy within theology seeks to learn how Christians have worshipped in the past, and to understand better the evolving worship patterns in today's churches. Social, cultural and even political matters influence many of these developments just as much as theological and historical ones and so the study of Christian Liturgy has developed to draw insights from many different disciplines outside those traditionally found in theology.

The primary concern of the study of Christian Liturgy is what happens in worshipping communities and our studies necessarily look for application to the contemporary church. Studying Christian Liturgy at Sarum will not tell you how the Eucharist should be celebrated, for example; rather it will enable you to understand the many different factors which lie behind the celebration: the history of the text, the function of ritual, the theological interpretations and the pastoral issues.

The MA in Christian Liturgy at Sarum College is a new programme and has been designed to allow students to study the most significant aspects of Christian worship – the Eucharist, baptism, prayer, the calendar, music, art and architecture, mission and culture – and pursue personal interests in a guided reading module and of course in the dissertation. The programme is designed to equip students to interpret contemporary worship as well as the historical sources and this emphasis runs through all the modules. The MA in Christian Liturgy is validated by The University of Winchester and students have access to its library.

Academic Staff

Programme Leader:

Dr Juliette Day, Director of Liturgical Studies at Sarum College

Visiting Lecturers include:

Professor Paul Bradshaw, Notre Dame University, USA

Dr Bridget Nichols, lay chaplain and research assistant to the Anglican Bishop of Ely

Professor Tom O'Loughlin, University of Nottingham

Dr Alistair Stewart-Sykes, Diocese of Salisbury

Professor Martin Stringer, Birmingham University

Dr Phillip Tovey, Diocese of Oxford, Oxford Brookes University and Ripon College Cuddesdon

Dr Tom Whelan, Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy in Dublin

MA Programme Content

The MA contains a taught element and a research element. The taught element comprises one compulsory Core Module, delivered in the autumn and five Optional Modules chosen by the student. In the final part of the MA, students prepare an independently researched dissertation.

Core Module:

Introduction to Liturgical Study

In this module, students begin to acquire the skills to examine Christian worship using methods drawn from theology, history, linguistics and the social sciences, as well as exploring the ideas of key scholars. Enrolment in this core module is open to potential students who are unsure whether they wish to embark on the MA programme.

Optional Modules

The Optional Modules each examine a particular aspect of Christian Liturgy in greater depth allowing students to shape a programme of study to suit their own particular interests and concerns. These modules are offered every 2 or 3 years.

The Eucharist

Christian Initiation

The Liturgical Year

Christian Prayer

Liturgy Mission and Cultures (taught by Dr Thomas Whelan)

Music in Christian Worship

Worship, Art and Architecture

Guided Reading in Liturgical Studies

Dissertation

The research part of the degree consists of a 20,000-word dissertation on a subject of the student's own choice, approved by the Programme Committee. For the period of research, each student is allocated an appropriate supervisor who they will meet regularly throughout the final year of the programme.

Studying for the MA in Christian Liturgy

Students complete the MA part-time over three years: the Core Module and two Optional Modules in the first year; three Optional modules in the second year; and, the dissertation in the third year. However the University does permit students to complete the degree in five years to enable mature students with busy domestic and professional lives to manage the demands of postgraduate study and staff at Sarum are experienced in supporting part-time students.

It is possible to take the MA in Christian Liturgy in 12 months of full-time study. This pattern is

particularly helpful for overseas students and those using the MA as preparation for doctoral research. Full-time students begin the MA in October and by May complete the Core Module, three taught Optional Modules from the Liturgy programme, one Guided Reading Module from the Liturgy programme and one module from the MA in Christian Spirituality. The dissertation is due at the end of September.

It is also possible for students to complete three taught modules and receive the Postgraduate Certificate in Christian Liturgy, or complete six modules and receive the Postgraduate Diploma in Christian Liturgy. The Certificate and Diploma may be studied full or part-time.

Intensive Residential Study

All taught modules are delivered during intensive study weeks at Sarum College. These begin on Monday afternoon and conclude on Thursday evening. The modules also include tutorials, support for their independent study and written assignments. Students normally reside in college for these weeks unless they live locally.

Assessment

Each module is assessed by one or two written assignments up to a total of 5,000 words. The dissertation is 20,000 words. Students must achieve a pass mark for all six modules and the dissertation to be awarded the MA in Christian Liturgy.

In preparation for modules students will be expected to do background reading, and may be asked to prepare a book review, or seminar paper, or undertake research into a given topic. Such tasks are part of the intended learning for the modules but may not contribute to the marked assignments.