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## OVERVIEW

### Ordinands

Our aim is that by the end of their training all Westcott ordinands, as they become “instinctive theologians” will be able to demonstrate knowledge and aptitude in specified theological disciplines necessary for ordained ministry. These disciplines include doctrine and scripture, patristics and church history, ethics, spirituality, liturgics, world faiths, Anglicanism and pastoral studies. Some ordinands do all of the required study as part of their course for a particular academic award. Others come with relevant prior study or experience, which, taken into account, creates more opportunities for choice among the papers or modules offered by their university awards. Normally requirements are met by doing assessed university courses but occasionally in some instances other approaches are possible.

All Westcott ordinands participate in the Westcott in-house Life and Service course which integrates theological disciplines with Anglican studies and preparation for public ministry.

All Westcott ordinands, whatever their academic course of study, undertake a range of practical and pastoral programmes over the course of their time in training. These include a full-time parish placement of 8-10 weeks, usually based in our Manchester House. Married ordinands may undertake their placement close to their home (Cambridge, or elsewhere if they are weekly boarders). Other practical experience comes from parish or college chapel attachments in the first year (Sundays and one other period during the week), and social context placements usually in a secular setting.

It is our aim that as many ordinands as possible spend a period overseas to experience the Church and culture in a different context. We have extensive links and exchange programmes to facilitate this opportunity.

### Independent Students

Independent students, who are those preparing for or discerning a vocation in public ministry that is not necessarily leading to ordination, follow a very similar pattern to ordinands, although their course choices will be determined by factors relating to their vocational path rather than by the requirements placed on Church of England ordinands. While all the academic programmes are open to qualifying independent students, you should be aware of the substantial variation in fees between programmes.

## MAIN ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

The following series of questions, paralleling the chart on page 6 of the Prospectus, will assist you in considering what pathway is most suited to you. This will be explored in depth in interview after you make an application to Westcott. If you have any questions at any stage, do ask our Director of Studies, the Revd Dr Vicky Raymer, on [ver21@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ver21@cam.ac.uk).

After each pathway you will see two sets of abbreviations. The first refers to the awarding university, the second the teaching faculties for that pathway.

Abbreviations for awarding universities:      CU - Cambridge University  
   ARU - Anglia Ruskin University

Abbreviations for teaching faculties:      DivFac - Cambridge University Faculty of Divinity  
   CTF - Cambridge Theological Federation

### ARE YOU A GRADUATE? NO

There are a number of one, two and three year programmes leading to a Certificate, Foundation Degree or Bachelor's Degree. In some instances you might combine a one year Certificate with the MA in Pastoral Theology.

**Certificate in Christian Theology (ARU; CTF)**  
(1 year)

**Certificate in Theology for Ministry (CU; CTF)**  
(1 to 2 years)

**Foundation Degree/ BA in Christian Theology (ARU; CTF)**  
2/3 years

**Bachelor of Theology (CU; DivFac & CTF)**  
3 years residential study

### ARE YOU A GRADUATE? YES      IN THEOLOGY? NO

Again there are a number of options, including two year programmes leading to a Bachelor's degree.

**Foundation Degree/ BA in Christian Theology (ARU; CTF)**  
2/3 years

**Bachelor of Theology (CU; DivFac & CTF)**  
3 years of residential study

**Bachelor of Theology (CU; DivFac & CTF)**  
2 years residential study if you have a solid second class degree in another subject or prior theological study equivalent to the BTh first "Qualifying Year"

**BA in Theology and Religious Studies "Theology Tripos" (CU; DivFac)**  
2 years on the Tripos course always combined with a further year of ministerial training.  
*Admission requires a strong 2.1 degree; Church of England ordination candidates over 32 at the beginning of their course must apply for permission and funding from Ministry Division*

If you have previously read some theology, but not a full degree (e.g., on a joint honours degree) you may consider the following:

**Diploma in Theology (CU; DivFac)**

1 year plus a second year of ministerial training which may include a research degree

Admission requires a strong 2.1 degree; Church of England ordination candidates over 32 at the beginning of their course must apply for permission and funding from Ministry Division

**ARE YOU A GRADUATE? YES      IN THEOLOGY? YES**

If you are a graduate in theology or have completed sufficient prior theological study you may consider the

**MA in Pastoral Theology (ARU; CTF)**

2 years

If you are a graduate in theology and a Church of England ordinand and identified by Ministry Division as a Potential Theological Educator you may consider the following. These pathways require Ministry Division permission and adequate funding, and you will need to be accepted by Cambridge University in a competitive application process. Westcott House has a significant number of ordinands pursuing these pathways.

**MPhil (CU; DivFac)**

(1 year plus a second year of ministerial training)

**PhD (CU; DivFac)**

(4 years with ministerial training concurrent with PhD work)

If you are completing a PhD at another university as an approved part of your ordination training you will be placed on the

**Westcott Graduate Studies Programme**, an individually tailored pathway combining your PhD work with a ministerial training programme

If you already have a doctorate in theology you will also be placed on the

**Westcott Graduate Studies Programme**, an individually tailored pathway combining mentored further research and writing for publication with a ministerial training programme.

## SUMMARIES OF ACADEMIC AWARDS

Below are summaries of the awards currently available. The details of what papers and modules are offered vary from year to year and information about current offerings are available from the websites of the Cambridge Theological Federation and the Cambridge University Faculty of Divinity found at [www.theofed.cam.ac.uk](http://www.theofed.cam.ac.uk) and [www.divinity.cam.ac.uk](http://www.divinity.cam.ac.uk). The specifics of the award papers and modules, regulations and admission are controlled by the universities offering the awards. When you have been admitted to Westcott House the Director of Studies will help make the necessary applications for admission to the appropriate award. Admission to each award is determined by the relevant university, and in the case of Cambridge, also by a suitable college.

### **Bachelor of Arts/Foundation Degree/Certificate in Christian Theology**

This is a fully modular degree programme in theology with an emphasis on vocation and ministry, awarded by Anglia Ruskin University and taught by the Cambridge Theological Federation staff. It is available both full- and part-time. Except for language papers, virtually all modules are assessed by essay and or oral presentation. Normally for a full-time student the Certificate is one year, the Foundation Degree (FdA) two years, and the BA three years. You may apply credits from previous study (APL) or experience (APEL) when these map onto relevant modules.

### **Bachelor of Theology for Ministry (BTh)**

A 2 or 3 year, full-time degree, awarded by Cambridge University and taught by both CTF and Divinity Faculty staff. Entry into the **two-year version** of the BTh is possible for those who have completed study equivalent to the first year of the course or for those who have at least a second class result in a first degree. Ordinands under 32 who already have the necessary previous degree qualification may do the two-year BTh and use their third year for study on another award or a composite programme including study or experience abroad.

The BTh course is divided into the **Qualifying Examination, First Examination and Second Examination** (finals) years. People doing the 2-year BTh begin study at the First Examination level. Candidates must do at least two full papers or equivalent assessed by examination each year.

### **Certificate in Theology for Ministry (CTM)**

This is a one-year full time (or equivalent part-time) course, awarded by Cambridge University which allows students to draw on the full range of BTh courses. In general CTM students must do the same, examination or essay, assessments as those required by the relevant BTh course but the rule that two full papers or equivalent must be assessed by examination does not apply to them so it is possible to do fewer examinations on the CTM than on the BTh.

### **Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies (Tripos)**

This is Cambridge University's undergraduate degree in Theology and Religious Studies. It is a 2-year course available to ordinands under 32 with a 2:1 or better in their first degree. You enter the second year of the three year course for Cambridge undergraduates. The Theology Tripos is taught wholly in the Divinity Faculty. It has a more academic focus than the BA or BTh, and is then supplemented by a third year on another award with a more pastoral focus. Occasionally ordinands 32 and over are approved for this course by Ministry Division. You will need admission

to Cambridge University through a Cambridge college. The Westcott Director of Studies will help you to apply. Nearly all Westcott applicants are successful but admission cannot be guaranteed.

## **MA in Pastoral Theology**

This is a one-year full-time (or longer part-time) postgraduate award, given by Anglia Ruskin University and taught by the CTF staff for students with previous theological study and appropriate pastoral experience. After you have been admitted to Westcott the Director of Studies will help you to complete the paperwork necessary to apply for admission to Anglia Ruskin University. The course consists of four modules taught in seminars generally assessed by essays and a dissertation. The approach is one of "reflective practice" drawing on prior or concurrent pastoral experience.

## **Cambridge University Research Degrees**

The Westcott Director of Studies is able to assist you with your applications to Cambridge for admission and to Church of England Ministry Division for permission and funding to do one of these courses. They are described in detail on the Cambridge University Faculty of Divinity website.

## **Diploma in Theology**

Taking this course may be a first step to doing an M.Phil. or Ph.D. in Theology and/or Religious Studies in this or another university, but does not count towards such a degree. Although the Diploma is a postgraduate award, teaching for the Diploma draws on teaching for the Tripos. It includes writing a dissertation.

## **Master of Philosophy**

This is a one-year full-time degree, awarded by Cambridge University and taught by the Divinity Faculty. As part of ordination training it is supplemented by a second year, before or after the MPhil year with a more pastoral focus. The MPhil currently offers "tracks" in Old Testament, New Testament, Issues and Methods in the History of Christianity, The Christian God, The Philosophy of Religion, Psychology and Religion, World Religions and Issues in World Christianity.

## **Doctor of Philosophy**

This is a three-year full-time research degree, awarded by Cambridge University. As part of ordination training it is supplemented by a fourth year with a more pastoral focus.

## **ADDITIONAL MINISTERIAL PATHWAY INFORMATION**

### **Pioneer Ministers**

Westcott House offers a distinctive pathway for those who are designated Pioneer Ministers. The programme, designed and run by our Pioneer Ministry Tutor, the Revd Dave Male, complements and draws on other pathways. It includes both course work and practical placements. The Revd Dave Male may be contacted if you have any questions about this pathway on [dm432@cam.ac.uk](mailto:dm432@cam.ac.uk).

Aspects of the work Dave Male offers in pioneer ministry are incorporated into other parts of the Westcott House programme, in the recognition that all clergy are called to pioneers.

### **Potential Theological Educators**

Ministry Division identifies ordinands with aptitude and enthusiasm for teaching theology as part of their future ministry as Potential Theological Educators. Recognition as such is required for approval and funding of Cambridge Research Degrees and for approval and funding of a third year in college for purposes of study (e.g., for people over 32 wishing to do the Tripos or the three-year BTh). Achieving this designation requires demonstrated ability and interest in teaching theology in a variety of contexts: most self-evidently at university or theological college level but also as course tutors and diocesan and cathedral educators.

### **Westcott Graduate Studies Programme**

Westcott ordinands undertaking research degrees normally will incorporate pastoral work and take services in a chapel of a Cambridge college or local church. They attend a regular seminar for pastoral reflection and integration of this work and their academic research with their priestly formation. They participate in in-house courses including Life and Service. They pursue appropriate ministerial studies, and are included in special activities for developing theologians. Ordinands who already have doctorates in theology are offered staff mentoring to accompany and assist them in further research and publication.

### **Web Links**

Cambridge Theological Federation  
[www.theofed.cam.ac.uk](http://www.theofed.cam.ac.uk)

Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge University  
[www.divinity.cam.ac.uk](http://www.divinity.cam.ac.uk)

Graduate Admissions and Costs, Cambridge University  
[www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/gradstud/admissions](http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/gradstud/admissions)

Westcott House  
[www.westcott.cam.ac.uk](http://www.westcott.cam.ac.uk)