Good Colleges’ Courses Guide
2011 – 2012

Your handbook for great Bible-related, ministry and theology qualifications
Dear friends

We are delighted to bring you this *Good Colleges’ Courses Guide 2011–2012*.

The mission of Bible Society is to make the Bible available, accessible and credible today. We want to see this happen within churches, but also through churches to the wider culture. We recognise the key role which church leaders, such as yourselves, can play in this vital mission. We believe that by increasing people’s knowledge of the Bible, the ways it has been understood through history, its impact on the world and its significance for us all today, we can all help to achieve this.

On behalf of Bible Society and the participating colleges, we hope that this booklet will help you as you consider which courses could benefit you in your personal and professional development. Additionally, please would you draw this booklet to the attention of others, not least other potential students. You may also wish to use this booklet to inform your prayers.

To help you pass this booklet on, it is also available as a downloadable PDF on our website — simply visit biblesociety.org.uk/gccg

With Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely

James Catford

Group Chief Executive, Bible Society
We believe that training for mission and ministry requires rigorous engagement with the Bible, an acute awareness of the needs of the world, a deep understanding of theology and a discerning heart as to how to be the people of God in the 21st century. And all this so we can follow Jesus more closely and courageously.

Undergraduate Courses
Certificate/Diploma/BA in Theology

BA in Children and Family Work and Practical Theology

BA in Schools, Youth and Community Work and Practical Theology (JNC endorsed)

BA in Youth and Community Work and Practical Theology (JNC endorsed)

Foundation Degree in Community Based Pioneer Ministry

Postgraduate courses
MA in Theology

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

Master of Letters (MLitt)

Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD)

Ministerial Formation
For those seeking accreditation as ministers by the Baptist Union of Great Britain. We also welcome those preparing for ministry in other church networks. There are a variety of training tracks: college-based, congregation-based and urban mission/church planting-based. All our courses may be taken part-time.

‘The experience has been one of growth, challenge and reward’
Richard Matcham student

www.bristol-baptist.ac.uk
Foundation Degree in Community Based Pioneer Ministry
Developed in partnership with the Creative Communities Unit at Staffordshire University, the FdA in Community Based Pioneer Ministry offers students the opportunity to gain skills in pioneer ministry in community settings, which will be transferable into a range of contexts.

Undergraduate: BA (Hons) Degrees
We are delighted to be partnering with both Staffordshire University and the University of Gloucestershire to offer four different BA (Hons) course options, which provide specialism’s in

- Children and Family Work
- Schools, Youth and Community Work (JNC)
- Young People, Communities (JNC)
- Youth and Community Work (JNC)

As well as the specialism of your chosen degree course, the course will cover many core topics: Biblical Theology, Human Development, Ethics and Values, Management, Faith and Justice, Ministry and Leadership, and much more. There is also an opportunity to explore a particular passion through the writing of a dissertation.

Postgraduate: MA Degrees
We are delighted to be partnering with the University of Gloucestershire to offer Postgraduate awards, which provide specialism’s in

- Youth and Community Work (JNC)
- Professional Practice, with specialism’s in Chaplaincy, Pioneer Mission and Spirituality & Well being

Engage
Engage is an accessible, flexible and exciting training course, combining practical, innovative and theoretical youth work, providing opportunities for full-time, part-time and voluntary youth workers, to share good practice at group training days. Completion of the course will provide you with a youth support work qualification.
The CMS Pioneer Mission Leadership Training Course is a new, creative way of equipping and mobilising Christians for groundbreaking, transformational, sustainable mission. The course:

1. gives pioneers, who often find themselves “on the edge”, a supportive, learning community — a place to belong
2. equips pioneers to initiate and carry on mission projects that have a wider impact on the church and society
3. meets an identified need within the wider church for a diverse approach to training mission pioneers

In short, this unique course equips pioneers — lay, ordained and anywhere in between — for effective mission in a new way. It is not only a validated course of study; it’s a new course of action.

Ways to participate and qualifications offered:

1. Do a Foundation Degree in Ministry. Through partnership with the Diocese of Oxford, we can offer students a Foundation Degree in Ministry from Oxford Brookes University. This encompasses 16 modules. Put it together how you like, as long as you complete all 16 modules with a minimum of three a year.

2. Do a Certificate in Ministry, which encompasses eight modules (accredited by Oxford Brookes University through a partnership with the Diocese of Oxford).

3. Take an individual module or modules at your convenience (not accredited).

4. Go to the pioneer practitioner sessions. These are based in Oxford and are attended by pioneers in the region who are training at different colleges.

What makes this course unique?

- structured, yet flexible
- practical, portfolio assessment
- a mission lens
- “on the job” learning and equipping
- mentoring
- a learning community
- input from experienced pioneers
- CMS: 200+ years of pioneering mission

Themes covered in modules include:

- mission spirituality
- the mission story of the church
- missional entrepreneurship
- pioneer ministry skills
- creativity, imagination, improvisation
- culture and context
- mission leadership
- Bible
- church: forms, models
- cross cultural skills

“For years I looked for a course that didn’t exist. Now it does.”
Matt, pioneer in training
BA in Theology
With a focus on mission, this programme can be taken as a one year certificate, a two year diploma or a three year honours degree. Learning through lectures, seminars, placements etc. students have found their faith affirmed and helpful in giving them direction and focus as to serving God in the future.

Postgraduate Taught Programme

Cliff College provides a high standard of Biblical and theological education, as well as practical training. Students are supported in preparing for a wide variety of roles in the church or wider community. Whether you come for a short course, a degree programme, or as a research student, we promise you this: you’ll be challenged, changed and equipped.

All degrees are validated and awarded by the University of Manchester, one of the world’s top academic institutions.

New for 2011 — our Summer Bible School w/c 20/6/11 for anyone wanting to go a little deeper in their relationship with the Bible.

Building Faith
Changing Lives
Resourcing Mission
...for over 100 years
Theology for Life

At International Christian College we are excited about the potential of God’s Word applied and lived out in daily life.

The content of our programmes and the life of the college aim to reflect the integration of Biblical, academic, practical and spiritual preparation, so that graduates from ICC are equipped with ‘theology for life’ in today’s world.

Theology

BA (Hons) in Theology (including five specialist pathways)

Equipping Christians for a range of ministries in the UK and beyond, including cross-cultural ministry & children’s ministry.

Youth & Community Work

Professionally accredited training in youth & community work

A practical undergraduate programme that allows youth and community workers to learn in the classroom and on the job.

Ministry in an Urban World

Masters of Theology for practitioners

A professional, in-service programme delivered over four residencies in cities in the UK, Europe and the developing world.

PhD/ MPhil/ MTh

Supervised postgraduate research opportunities

An opportunity to research a topic in depth.

All programmes are validated by the University of Aberdeen.

‘I developed skills to handle Scripture while being sensitive to culture.’

Richard Brash, Japan
London School of Theology

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Why choose LST?
LST is a vibrant and exciting community of Christian believers committed to learning and growing together, endeavouring to grapple with the real issues and challenges of today’s world.

Whether you wish to train for Christian service in the UK or overseas; to be more effective in your church, or simply to develop a deeper understanding of your faith and its implications for your life and work, LST has a great deal to offer.

All courses validated by Middlesex University.

‘LST has taught me to take the theology we learn, and make it work in the real world. And for that, to LST, I’m truly thankful.’
David Marriott – Alumni

Undergraduate Degrees
Unlock God’s Word, think theologically and equip yourself with the tools to make a difference in your life and others.

- BA in Theology
- BA in Theology & Counselling
- BA in Theology, Music & Worship
- BA in Theology & Worship
- BA in Theological Studies (by Distance Learning)

(All courses also offered as CertHE or DipHE and on a full or part-time basis)

Postgraduate Degrees
LST offers a diverse and exciting number of taught degrees and research programmes.

- MA in Transformation: Scripture, Church and World
- MA in Integrative Psychotherapy
- MA in Christian Muslim Relations
- MA in Aspects of Biblical Interpretation (by Distance Learning)
- MA in Theological Education*
- PGCert/Dip in Theological Education*

*(Subject to validation)

LST’s Master of Theology (MTh), Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) research degree options provide opportunities to be involved in groundbreaking research.

Distance Learning
Improve your understanding of the Bible, theology and spirituality with or without the pressures of studying for a qualification. LST offers over thirty modules and areas of study.
Luther King House Theological College

What we Offer
Based in Manchester
Christian theology courses equipping you for lay or ordained ministry & mission
Part-time & full-time undergraduate & postgraduate study
Inclusive, friendly & supportive environment
Opportunities to study scriptural languages as well as biblical interpretation
Low fees, with bursaries & further funding available
No higher fees for international students
Flexible timetabling to combine study with work & other commitments
Excellent theological library
Short courses available

FdA in Ministry & Mission
BA in Contextual Theology
Validated by the University of Chester
These courses combine Christian theology and biblical studies (plus optional introductory scriptural languages studies) with practical experience in lay church ministry and leadership in your own context. You also develop skills in critical analysis and reflective practice to enhance your ministry. For those involved in community outreach ministries, we offer a Church Related Community Work strand. We value life experience and are able to consider applicants without formal qualifications.

MA in Contextual Theology
Validated by the University of Manchester
This course enhances biblical and theological knowledge and develops critical awareness and reflective practice in lay or ordained ministry, with context informing theology and vice versa. You choose modules from strands in biblical studies, church and community, society and culture, global perspectives and theological education.

Biblical studies includes in-depth study of:
- Old and New Testament texts
- methods of biblical interpretation
- contemporary controversies in biblical studies

For more information or to apply, contact us directly:
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Phone: 0161 249 2504

‘It’s the best time I’ve had... and by that I mean the scholarship of the tutors.’
Current MA student

Luther King House Theological College
www.lutherkinghouse.org.uk
Our courses

Are designed to equip students with the skills needed to grow and develop in their relationship with God. The focus of each course is to build a solid doctrinal and theoretic broad-base, sound theological knowledge and equip students for effective ministry/work.

The courses are suitable for anyone who wants to be an active Christian disciple helping, serving, or leading in the church or in any form of missions ministry, those seeking to improve their qualifications and those making a career change.

We offer tuition and training for a broad range of courses including certificates, diplomas and degree courses.
Mattersey Hall

We offer the following courses:

Undergraduate:
- BA (Hons) in Christian Leadership (full or part time)
- BA (Hons) in Biblical Studies and Theology (full or part time)
- College Diplomas in Christian Ministry, Christian Studies
- 1 year ‘Conversion Course’
- Various short courses

Graduate:
- MA in Practical Theology (full or part time)
- MA in Missional Leadership (part time - weekends)
- DMin (Doctor of Ministry) (part time)
- MPhil/PhD research

Distance Learning:
- BA (Hons) in Bible and Theology
- College Certificate in Biblical Studies

Mattersey Hall is a Pentecostal/Charismatic Christian College founded in London in 1909.

At the heart of its mission both the College and the Graduate School are committed to preparing men and women through an education that is innovative and marked by academic excellence for productive Christian service in vocations and ministries matched to the marketplace of the 21st Century.

Practical placements
Annual Mission Trips
Staff & student Mentor Groups
Weekend ministry teams
Individual bedrooms
Morning Chapel Services
Excellent facilities

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One-Year Courses

- **Accelerate** – Combines Bible-based teaching and practical placement to enhance your Christian service
- **Foundation Certificate** – Provides access to the degree for those without A Levels
- **CertHE in Applied Theology** – 1st year of the 3 year degree programme

Undergraduate Degree Courses

- **DipHE in Applied Theology** (2yr)
- **BA (Hons) Degree in Applied Theology**
  - Specialist studies in Evangelism, Pastoral, Cross Cultural or Children and Schools work
  - **Youth and Community Work**, inc. professional JNC qualification
  - **Community and Family Studies**

Postgraduate Degree Courses

**Postgraduate Cert, Dip & MA in Applied Theology** *

Moorlands’ MA, comprises of four possible specialisms:
- Christian Leadership
- Preaching
- Family, Children and Community Work
- Youth and Community Work – inc. professional JNC qualification

College Profile

The Spar Treatment:

Spiritually growing Christians.

Practically equipping our students with the skill to make them competent in their vocations.

Academically – equipping and resourcing our students to think biblically and therefore honour God with their minds.

Relationally, providing an internationally diverse body where you can develop the skills to get on with all people!

Moorlands Christian Theology & Training

www.moorlands.ac.uk

* Subject to Validation
Undergraduate degrees
**BA Theology for Education, BA Theology/Philosophy – Combined Honours**

Theology at Newman has several main branches, and your study of Theology will involve a focus on the following key areas: Christian Theology; Biblical Studies; World Faiths; Philosophy of Religion and Ethics; Religious Education.

Postgraduate degrees
**MA Contemporary Christian Theology**

The course will enable you to develop your interest in theology through an engagement with some of the issues brought to light by our contemporary culture. The course is delivered via blended learning – a combination of on-line and face-to-face teaching. University College-based sessions take place over an average of 6 days per year.

Research degrees
**Theology PhD/MPhil**

Research supervision is offered in a number of areas, including aspects of Christian theology, biblical studies, early post-biblical Judaism, contemporary philosophical theology, the history of philosophy, feminist theology and Religious Education. We are also able to work with those wishing to apply theological reflection to their ministry or professional practice.
Foundation Degree in Mission & Ministry  
(in partnership with Newman University College)  
A 3 year part time course

BA in Applied Theological Studies  
(validated by the University of Birmingham)  
A 3 year full time course; part time possibilities are available

MA in Applied Theological Studies  
(validated by the University of Birmingham)  
Full time over 1 year; part time over 2 years

Research Degrees  
We offer MPhil and PhD programmes in partnership with the University of Gloucestershire

Sabbaticals and Study Leave opportunities  
Enquiries regarding these are warmly welcome for short and longer periods

The Queen’s Foundation is an ecumenical theological college in the heart of Birmingham. We offer mission focussed and globally aware programmes that prepare lay and ordained leaders for mission and ministry in the Church of England, the Methodist Church and a range Black majority churches.

At Queen’s, in a loving Christian environment, you’ll meet the diversity of culture and belief that characterises the twenty-first century church. Through this you will strengthen your denominational identity and work side-by-side with others to lead, serve and love God’s people.

The Queen’s Foundation is committed to excellence in theological education, for ministry, mission and scholarship.
Redcliffe College

More about Redcliffe

Redcliffe College equips you to play your part in God’s mission in the world.

Our approach develops your character and skills through practical placements and personal development, as well as deepening your knowledge through our flexible and innovative courses.

Located in the heart of multicultural Gloucester, Redcliffe’s vibrant international community includes people of all ages and backgrounds. Accommodation for single students, couples and families is available.

Redcliffe’s courses are validated by the University of Gloucestershire

‘Redcliffe: life is exciting here and the possibilities are endless’
Iftikhar (BAHons student)

Undergraduate programmes

Applied Theology in Intercultural Contexts & Professionals in Mission

Our Cert(HE), Dip(HE), BA(Hons) & Professionals in Mission courses provide you with thorough grounding in theological, practical, biblical and cross-cultural skills. Practical placements help you discover more about yourself and your future work.

Postgraduate programmes

Innovative, focussed and flexible MA programmes

Study full-time, part-time or through flexible learning:

• Global Issues in Contemporary Mission
• Global Leadership in Intercultural Contexts
• Intercultural Studies in Asian Contexts
• European Mission and Intercultural Christianity
• Bible and Mission

Short courses

Our un-validated short courses allow you to study a wide range of biblical and mission related subjects. Short courses include:

• Pick and Mix: study from 6 weeks to a year
• Across the Cultures: 12 weeks focussed preparation for short-term mission

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Regents Theological College

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Undergraduate degrees
Choose from 1, 2 or 3 year programmes and tailor your learning to your future ministry direction
- BA(Hons) in Applied Theology
  - Theology track
  - Youth Ministry track
  - Pastoral Ministry track
- BA (Hons) in Applied Theology and Performing Arts
- Study part time from home on our Theology Track Open Learning option.

Postgraduate degrees
Take your learning and personal development further with this range of masters and doctoral programmes
- MA in Missional Leadership
- MTh in Applied Theology
- MA in Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies
- MPhil research programme
- PhD research programme

Regents Vocational Programme
- School of Ministry – Study for just 1 year on this fast paced practical course which will prepare you for ministry

Regents announces the launch of its new Performing Arts Degree, a unique study programme which offers students the opportunity to explore and develop performance in the context of faith. Delivered in conjunction with Saltmine Theatre Company.

Why not visit us for one of our free Just Looking or Just Glancing open events where you can gain an experience of college life and the study programmes? Visit our website for current availability.

Situated in one of the most beautiful locations in the UK, Regents offers an unrivalled learning environment.
Christian Learning for Busy People
Sarum College students learn collaboratively in small cohorts which meet for residential intensives throughout the year. Combining class and home-based study allows our students, regardless of where they live, to benefit from close contact with tutors and lecturers alongside their domestic, ministerial, or professional lives.

Class-based teaching consolidated into four-day sessions also allows Sarum to recruit world-leading scholars and seasoned practitioners to lecture on our courses.

‘Coming to Sarum was a life-changing experience. I was truly embraced by a community of learning.’
Sue, MA student in 2010

MA Programmes at Sarum College
Theology, Imagination and Culture
A critical and creative examination of how culture, the arts, and the human imagination relate to God’s work in the world.

Christian Spirituality
An interdisciplinary exploration of the ways Christians seek to relate to God, the practices they inspire and their underlying theology.

Christian Approaches to Leadership
A study of leadership from theological, historical and contemporary perspectives with the opportunity to research and develop practical skills.

Christian Liturgy
A study of social and cultural influences on worship with the opportunity to pursue personal interests through guided reading and dissertation.

Modules include
• Change and Conflict • Art, Belief and Spirituality • Music in Christian Worship • Re-Imagining Church in a Changing Culture • Pastoral Ministry and Christian Spiritual Direction

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We offer full and part-time, residential and distance learning programmes for ordinands, independent students, clergy and lay people.

**Theology for Ministry**
*Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Foundation Degree and BA (Hons)*
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**Postgraduate Study**
*MA in Mission and Ministry MTh, LTh, Research*
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**Pioneer Ministry**
*Foundation Degree in Community Based Pioneer Ministry*
A degree designed to provide training opportunities for those involved in any kind of pioneering ministry.

**Pastoral Counselling**
*Postgraduate Diploma/MA*
Provides substantial training with a strong Christian element.
We also run Youth and Children’s Ministry courses, to equip those working with children, families, young people, communities and schools.
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