

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for postgraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for postgraduate programmes](#).

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY (V60512)

1. This programme is available in full-time and part-time modes of study, and can be taken either in Durham City or via distance learning. It is delivered by St John's College (Cranmer Hall).
2. This programme follows the University of Durham Core Regulations for Full-time and Part-time Modular Taught Masters Degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas and Postgraduate Certificates in respect of the assessment regulations.
3. Candidates may apply for APL in accordance with the University Regulations for Accreditation of Prior Learning for postgraduates.
4. The normal entry requirement is a degree in Theology or Religious Studies or a related subject classed as a first class or 2:1 honours degree. Graduates (classed as first-class or 2:1 honours) in other disciplines with experience of Theology or Religious Studies to at least undergraduate Certificate level (awarded with credit or distinction, or with an overall mark of at least 60%) may also be admitted to the programme.
5. Suitably qualified mature students who have undertaken formal academic study to a similar level in non-accredited courses may also be admitted to the Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma programme with the agreement of the Chair of the Management Committee.
6. In addition to the academic qualifications above, all students should have recent or current experience of the practice of Christian ministry.

Level 4

7. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules to the value of 30 credits:

		Credit value
Theological and Practical Reflection on Ministry and Mission ~	THMN40130	30

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 90 credits from List A:

List A:		Credit value
Preaching from the Old Testament *	THMN40230	30
Mission and Ministry in the Acts of the Apostles *	THMN40330	30
The History and Theology of the Charismatic Movement *	THMN40430	30
Intellect and Imagination: Apologetics in the Mass Media	THMN41030	30
Psychology and Christian Ministry *	THMN41230	30
Preaching from the New Testament *	THMN41830	30
Leadership in Christian Ministry *	THMN42230	30
Theological Approaches to Spiritual Direction	THMN42630	30
The Dialogue of Science and Theology in Mission and Ministry *	THMN42930	30
Growth and Decline in British Christianity from 1945 to the Present Day *	THMN44230	30
Forgiveness and Pastoral Ministry Today	THMN44330	30
Advanced Old Testament Studies *	THMN44830	30
Studying Contemporary Worship *	THMN45530	30
Advanced New Testament Studies	THMN45730	30
Christian Doctrine in the Life of the Church *	THMN45630	30
The Thought of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in Context *	THMN45830	30
Jesus the Christ: Christology for Contemporary Ministry	THMN46030	30
The Body of Christ, the Body Politic	THMN45930	30
Level 4 modules up to the value of 60 credits from other Boards of Studies •		

Assessment, progression and award

9. Modules marked ● indicate that students may choose to study and be assessed in Level 4 modules up to the maximum value of 30 credits offered by another Board of Studies within Durham University, including modules in the MA in Theology and Religion, subject to the approval of the relevant Board of Studies and the Director of Studies of the MA in Theology and Ministry. In addition a further 30 credits at Level 4 may be taken from the Department of Theology and Religion Board for Studies.
10. Modules marked with ~ must be passed with a mark of 50% or greater. These modules cannot be compensated.
11. Modules marked * will not be taught in 2025-2026.