Durham University
Postgraduate Modules Online
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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.

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY (V6A282)

1. Location: Durham City.
2. Duration: full-time (36 months), part-time (72 months).

Admissions

3. Admissions criteria:
   a. Candidates proceeding by full-time study must normally have at least two years of recent Christian ministerial experience.
   b. Candidates must normally have successfully completed a master's degree in Theology and Religious Studies or a related subject.

Programme Structure: Year 1 (full-time); Years 1-2 (part-time)

4. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

List A:		Credit value
The Theological Task: Contemporary Perspectives #	THEO42530	30
Method in Practical Theology #	THEO44330	30
Interdisciplinary Research in Theology and Religion #	THEO44430	30
Foundations for the Research Project	THEO50A90	90

Programme Structure: Years 2-3 (full-time); Years 3-6 (part-time)

5. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

List B:	Credit value
Doctoral Thesis (70,000 words)	360

Assessment, progression and award

6. Modules marked with # must be passed with a mark of 50% or greater. These modules cannot be compensated.
7. Before proceeding to the doctoral thesis stage, candidates are required to have passed all taught modules in the taught phase. At the end of the taught phase candidates will have preliminary registration on the Thesis while awaiting confirmation of results by the Board of Examiners. Only on the successful completion of all 4 taught modules will the registration be confirmed. A student wishing to progress to the research phase of the Doctor of Theology and Ministry programme must obtain an overall average mark of at least 60% in the assessment of their taught modules, after resits if necessary. Any student who does not obtain an overall average mark of at least 60% will be required to withdraw, as per the Core Regulations for Professional Doctorates.
8. If the Level 5 taught module THEO 50A90 is failed or if the candidate chooses not to proceed to the doctoral thesis stage, the candidate may be re-registered for the module at Level 4 (THEO 40190**)** and the work assessed against the outcomes for this module and awarded a mark in accordance with the Core Regulations for Professional Doctorates. In cases where the Board of Examiners deems the module to have been passed at Level 4, the candidate will be allowed to exit the programme with an award, as described in paragraph 10.
9. Candidates who have completed at least 30 months of full-time study or 60 months of part-time study) may, with the support of their supervisory team and the Director of Postgraduates, seek a concession to submit early from the relevant Chair of Faculty Education Committee.

10. Candidates may leave the programme with a named lower award subject to the following restrictions:

    a. MA in Practical Theology (V6K207): candidates must obtain a mark of 50% or more in 180 credits;

    b. Postgraduate Diploma in Practical Theology (V6K212): candidates must obtain a mark of 50% or more in at least 120 credits

    c. Postgraduate Certificate in Practical Theology (V6K214): candidates must obtain a mark of 50% or more in at least 60 credits.

THE DOCTORAL THESIS

11. The word limits for the doctoral thesis exclude the bibliography, appendices, tables, diagrams and photographs, but include footnotes and endnotes. The maximum word limit is 70,000 words.

    Note: Permission to exceed these word limits must be obtained from the appropriate academic department in advance of submission.

12. All theses submitted must be clear, concise, well-written and orderly in arrangement. They must also include a list of books and other sources used in their preparation.