



## Postgraduate Diploma in Theology, Ministry and Mission

Ripon College, Cuddesdon  
T4: Module Overview Table  
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Modules are offered in person unless indicated as follows in the Module Title:  
\*module delivered entirely online  
\*\*module delivered via a mix of online delivery and face-to-face teaching

Centre	Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits	Compulsory	Summary of Content	Teaching and Learning Methods	Learning Hours	Assessment Methods
RCC	3111	Sacramental Theology and Ministry	6	20	NO	Study of key theological perspectives and historical practices in relation to sacraments/sacramental ity in general, and baptism and Eucharist in particular, including study of primary texts, and considering links to the wider pattern of Christian doctrine. Critical reflection on sacramental practice in the student's ecclesial context.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lectures: 16x 1hr</li> <li>•Seminars: 4x 1hr</li> <li>•Guided reading: 8x 0.5hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lectures: 16</li> <li>•Seminars: 4</li> <li>•Guided Reading: 4</li> <li>•Small-group learning or tutorial: 6</li> <li>•Preparation: 170</li> <li>•Total: 200</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Component 1: written assignment, 50% 2500 words: 100%</li> <li>•Component 2: Resource for others, and written rationale / commentary 2500 words: 100%</li> </ul>
RCC	3217	Environmental Theology	6	10	NO	Introduction to Christian responses to environmental crisis; care for the environment as an aspect of Christian mission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Placements and/or work-based learning: 5x 1hr</li> <li>•Lectures / Seminars: 10 x 1hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Placements and/or work- based learning: 5</li> <li>•Lectures/Seminars: 10</li> <li>•Preparation: 85</li> <li>•Total: 100</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 2500 words: 100%</li> </ul>
RCC	3337	Independent Learning Project (Short)	6	10	NO	Students will negotiate with a tutor to identify a topic, issue, or ministerial area relevant to the study of the theory and practice of ministry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Tutorials: 2x 1hr</li> <li>•Personal Study: 98x 1hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Tutorials: 2</li> <li>•Personal Study: 98</li> <li>•Total: 100</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 3000 words: 100%</li> </ul>
CMS	3337	Independent Learning Project (Short)**	6	10	NO	Students will negotiate with a tutor to identify a topic, issue, or ministerial area relevant to the study of the theory and practice of ministry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Tutorials: 2x 1hr (either online or in person depending on numbers and circumstances)</li> <li>•Personal Study: 98x 1hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Tutorials: 2</li> <li>•Personal Study: 98</li> <li>•Total: 100</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 3000 words: 100%</li> </ul>
RCC	3341	Independent Learning Project (Long)	6	20	NO	Students will negotiate with a tutor to identify a topic, issue, or ministerial area relevant to the study of the theory and practice of ministry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Tutorials: 4x 1hr</li> <li>•Personal Study: 196x 1hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Tutorials: 4</li> <li>•Personal Study: 196</li> <li>•Total: 200</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 6000 words: 100%</li> </ul>
CMS	3341	Independent Learning Project (Long)**	6	20	NO	Students will negotiate with a tutor to identify a topic, issue, or ministerial area relevant to the study of the theory and practice of ministry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Tutorials: 4x 1hr (either online or in person depending on numbers and circumstances)</li> <li>•Personal Study: 196x 1hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Tutorials: 4</li> <li>•Personal Study: 196</li> <li>•Total: 200</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 6000 words: 100%</li> </ul>
RCC	3381	Denominational History and Principles	6	20	NO	Study of key historical issues and principles within Anglican identity with a focus on C19th-C20th developments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lectures: 10</li> <li>•Seminars: 10x 1hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lectures: 20</li> <li>•Preparation: 180</li> <li>•Total: 200</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Component 1: Written assignment, 100% 5000 words: 100%</li> </ul>
RCC	3427	Chaplaincy and Contemporary Christian Mission	6	10	NO	Theology and practice of chaplaincy. Chaplaincy is studied in the context of contemporary understandings of Christian mission, and its cultural and ecclesial context, in order to reflect on the distinctive nature of chaplaincy as a genre of Christian ministry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Placements and/or work-based learning: 35x 1hr</li> <li>Tutorials: 3x 1hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Tutorials: 3</li> <li>•Placement: 35</li> <li>•Preparation: 62</li> <li>•Total: 100</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Component 1: Reflective journal, 100% 2500 words: 100%</li> </ul>
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RCC	3451	Missional Theology in Global Context	6	20	NO	Application of theology to context; analysis and critique of contemporary approaches to mission in global contexts with application to the learners' own contexts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lectures: 16x 1.25hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lectures: 20</li> <li>•Preparation: 180</li> <li>•Total: 200</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 5000 words</li> </ul>
CMS (Pioneer Route)	3461	Anthropology and Christian Mission*	6	20	YES	To explore and explain how anthropology interacts with the practice of mission. To learn how to read cultures and apply insights appropriately.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Programmed on- line learning: 20x 1hr</li> <li>•Online Tutorials: 5x 1hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Programmed on-line learning: 14</li> <li>•Seminars: 8</li> <li>•Small group learning: 6</li> <li>•Preparation: 172</li> <li>•Total: 200</li> <li>•Tutorials: 5x 1hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% 2500 words: 100%</li> <li>•Component 2: Practical Skills, Written Rationale/Commentary, 50% 15 mins and 1500 words: 100%</li> </ul>

CMS (in person version)	3461	Anthropology and Christian Mission	6	20	NO	To explore and explain how anthropology interacts with the practice of mission. To learn how to read cultures and apply insights appropriately.	•Lectures: 10x 1hr •Seminars: 10x 1hr •Practical classes: 5x 1hr	•Lectures: 10 •Seminars: 10 •Practical classes: 5 •Preparation: 175 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% 2500 words: 100% •Component 2: Practical Skills, Written Rationale/Commentary, 50% 15 mins and 1500 words: 100%
CMS	3657	Biblical Theology in Context*	6	10	NO	An exploration of one or two key themes that can be identified in the biblical witnesses. A critical assessment of selected key thinkers who have influenced theological reflection on the Bible over the last half-century	•Lectures: 4x 1hr •Seminars: 8x 1hr •Tutorials: 2x 1hr	•Lectures: 4 •Seminars: 8 •Tutorials: 2 •Preparation: 86 •Total: 100	Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 2500 words: 100%
RCC	40220	Advanced Biblical Studies	7	20	NO	The exegesis and interpretation of OT and NT texts in ancient, traditional, and modern contexts, and the interpretation of OT and NT topics in contemporary perspective, with an emphasis on contextual hermeneutical analysis.	•Lectures: 12x 1hr •Seminars: 8x 1hr	•Lectures: 12 •Seminars: 8 •Preparation: 180 •Total: 200	• Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% 2500-3000 words: 100% • Component 2: Resource for Others, 50% 2500-3000 words: 100%
RCC	40820	Methods in Modern Theology	7	20	NO	Application of theology to context; analysis and critique of contemporary approaches to mission in global contexts with application to the learners' own contexts.	•Lectures: 16x 1.25hr	•Lectures: 20 •Preparation: 180 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 6000 words: 100%
RCC	40920	Advanced Topic in Christian Doctrine	7	20	NO	An exploration of a major area of doctrine in relation to its biblical foundations, systematic connections, and historical and contemporary expressions. Expected options are ecclesiology, liturgical theology, or another doctrine agreed with the tutor	•Tutorials: 8x 1hr	•Tutorials: 8 •Preparation: 192 Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 6000 words: 100%
RCC	41120	Advanced Topic in Church History	7	20	NO	An exploration of the key figures, texts and historical developments in a given period. Expected options: a)The Emergence of the 'Nicene' Faith b)The Byzantine East c)Nineteenth-Century Germany	•Tutorials: 8x 1hr	•Tutorials: 8 •Preparation: 192 Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% 3000 words: 100% •Component 2: Resource for others, and written rationale / commentary, 50% 3000 words: 100% OR Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 6000 words: 100%
CMS (Standard and African Route)	41120	Advanced Topic in Church History*	7	20	YES (African and Pioneer Routes only) NO (CMS)	An exploration of the key figures, texts and historical developments in a given period. Expected options: a)The Emergence of the 'Nicene' Faith b)The Byzantine East c)Nineteenth-Century Germany	•online Tutorials: 8x 1hr	•Tutorials: 8 •Preparation: 192 Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% 3000 words: 100% •Component 2: Resource for others, and written rationale / commentary, 50% 3000 words: 100% OR Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 6000 words: 100%
RCC	41220	Advanced Study of a Christian Figure	7	20	NO	An exploration of the theology, context and contribution of a specific figure. Expected options: a)Origen (with explicit focus on his biblical hermeneutics) b)Rowan Williams (with explicit focus on his contributions to the Anglican Communion)	•Tutorials: 4x 1hr •Seminars: 2x 1.5hr •Guided reading: 8x 1hr	•Tutorials: 4 •Seminars: 3 •Guided reading: 8 •Preparation: 185 Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 6000 words: 100%
RCC	41320	Theology and Science	7	20	NO	History of the relationship between the natural and social sciences and Christian theology; key philosophical issues such as reductionism and varieties of realism versus radical social constructionism; natural theology; models of the conceptual relationship between the sciences and theology, including theology as science; areas of ethical concern; application in the area of apologetics such as engagement with the new atheism; science and biblical hermeneutics.	•Lectures: 8x 1.25hr •Seminars: 4x 1hr	•Lectures: 10 •Seminars: 4 •Preparation: 186 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% 3000 words: 100% •Component 2: Resource for others, and written rationale / commentary, 50% 3000 words: 100%
RCC	42220	Research and Reflection: Resources and Methods	7	20	NO	Overview of research methods that can be used for masters' level theological research and in the practice of ministry and mission, with a particular focus on practical theology and empirical methods.	•Lectures: 10x 1hr •Seminars: 10x 1hr	•Lectures: 10 •Seminars: 10 •Preparation: 180 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% 2500 words: 100% •Component 2: Oral Presentation, 50% 30 minutes: 100%
CMS (Pioneer and African Route)	42220	Research and Reflection: Resources and Methods*	7	20	YES	Further work on models of Theological Reflection and an overview of research methods appropriate for pioneer ministry and mission contexts.	•Online Lectures: 10x 1hr •Online Seminars: 10x 1hr	•Lectures: 10 •Seminars: 10 •Preparation: 180 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Portfolio, 100% 6000 words: 100%
CMS (in person version)	42220	Research and Reflection: Resources and Methods	7	20	YES	Further work on models of Theological Reflection and an overview of research methods appropriate for pioneer ministry and mission contexts.	•Lectures: 10x 1hr •Seminars: 10x 1hr	•Lectures: 10 •Seminars: 10 •Preparation: 180 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Portfolio, 100% 6000 words: 100%

RCC	42520	Chaplaincy and Christian Mission	7	20	NO	History and theology of chaplaincy and its place in the Church's mission. Models of chaplaincy ministry and how these are shaped by contextual and theological factors.	• Candidates will be expected to accumulate considerable placement experience, supported by background reading and theological reflection.	•Placement: at least 60 hours. •Supervision time: at least 6 hours •Preparation: 134 hours Total: 200	•Portfolio of 8,000 words, whose makeup is to be agreed
CMS (Pioneer Route)	42620	Theologies in Global Perspective*	7	20	YES	Study of some theologies of Majority World. Explore how these are significant for Western expressions of faith and discipleship, especially with reference to migrant churches in UK.	•Online Lectures: 10x 1hr •Online Seminars: 10x 1hr	•Lectures: 10 •Seminars: 10 Preparation: 180 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% 3000 words: 100% •Component 2: Written Theological Reflection, 50% 3000 words: 100%
CMS (in person version)	42620	Theologies in Global Perspective	7	20	NO	Study of some theologies of Majority World. Explore how these are significant for Western expressions of faith and discipleship, especially with reference to migrant churches in UK.	•Lectures: 10x 1hr •Seminars: 10x 1hr	•Lectures: 10 •Seminars: 10 Preparation: 180 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% 3000 words: 100% •Component 2: Written Theological Reflection, 50% 3000 words: 100%
CMS (Pioneer and African Routes)	42720	Mission and Ecclesiology in Contemporary Context*	7	20	YES	Study and analyse Fresh Expressions. Explore and critique ecclesiological issues that arise in establishing new Christian communities.	•Online Lectures: 10x 1hr •Online Seminars: 10x 1hr	• Lectures: 10 • Seminars: 10 • Preparation: 180 • Total: 200	• Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% 3000 words: 100% • Component 2: Visit report, Written theological reflection, 50% 3000 words: 100%
CMS (in person version)	42720	Mission and Ecclesiology in Contemporary Context	7	20	NO	Study and analyse Fresh Expressions. Explore and critique ecclesiological issues that arise in establishing new Christian communities.	•Lectures: 10x 1hr •Seminars: 10x 1hr	• Lectures: 10 • Seminars: 10 • Preparation: 180 • Total: 200	• Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% 3000 words: 100% • Component 2: Visit report, Written theological reflection, 50% 3000 words: 100%
RCC	43020	Reflective Practice Placement	7	20	NO	Students identify several issues for theological reflection arising from placement experience; they lead a small group in critical reflection on the issues, and produce a series of reflective pieces using a variety of methods.	•Placements and/or work-based learning: 24x 1hr •Practical classes: 6-8x 0.66hr •Tutorial: 3x 1hr	•Placements and/or work-based learning: 24x 1hr •Practical classes: 5 •Tutorial: 3 •Preparation: 168 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Portfolio, 100% 8000 words: 100%
CMS (Pioneer and African Routes)	43320	Reflective Practice: Leadership and Collaboration*	7	20	YES	Explore, critique and evaluate models of leadership. Apply appropriate models to different pioneering ministerial contexts.	•Programmed on-line learning: 20x 1hr Online •Tutorials: 5x 1hr	•Programmed on-line learning: 14 •Seminars: 8 •Small group learning: 6 •Preparation: 172 •Total: 200 •Tutorials: 5x 1hr	• Component 1: Written assignment, 50% 3000 words: 100% • Component 2: Practical skills, 50% Part 1: 1 hour facilitation 60% Part 2: 1000 word theological reflection 40%
CMS (in person version)	43320	Reflective Practice: Leadership and Collaboration	7	20	NO	Explore, critique and evaluate models of leadership. Apply appropriate models to different pioneering ministerial contexts.	lectures, seminars, tutorials	•Lectures: 14 •Seminars: 8 •Small group learning: 6 •Preparation: 172 •Total: 200 •Tutorials: 5x 1hr	• Component 1: Written assignment, 50% 3000 words: 100% • Component 2: Practical skills, 50% Part 1: 1 hour facilitation 60% Part 2: 1000 word theological reflection 40%
CMS (Pioneer Route)	43520	Reflective Practice: Mission and Evangelism*	7	20	YES	Examine historical and biblical themes in mission. Engage with contemporary issues in mission. Develop missional approaches for churches in a local context.	•Online Lectures: 10x 1hr •Online Seminars: 10x 1hr •Online Placements and/or work-based learning: 10x 1hr	•Lectures: 10 •Seminars: 10 •Placements and/or work-based learning: 10 •Preparation: 170 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Written assignment, 50% 3000 words: 100% •Component 2: Resource for others, and written rationale / commentary, 50% 3000 words: 100%
CMS (in person version)	43520	Reflective Practice: Mission and Evangelism	7	20	NO	Examine historical and biblical themes in mission. Engage with contemporary issues in mission. Develop missional approaches for churches in a local context.	•Lectures: 10x 1hr •Seminars: 10x 1hr •Placements and/or work-based learning: 10x 1hr	•Lectures: 10 •Seminars: 10 •Placements and/or work-based learning: 10 •Preparation: 170 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Written assignment, 50% 3000 words: 100% •Component 2: Resource for others, and written rationale / commentary, 50% 3000 words: 100%

RCC	43920	Independent Learning Project (Long)	7	20	NO	Students will negotiate with a tutor to identify a topic, issue, or ministerial area relevant to the study of the theory and practice of ministry.	•Tutorials: 4x 1hr •Personal Study: 196x 1hr	•Tutorials: 4 •Personal Study: 196 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 6000 words: 100%
CMS	43920	Independent Learning Project (Long)**	7	20	NO	Students will negotiate with a tutor to identify a topic, issue, or ministerial area relevant to the study of the theory and practice of ministry.	•Tutorials: 4x 1hr (either in person or online depending on numbers and circumstances) •Personal Study: 196x 1hr	•Tutorials: 4 •Personal Study: 196 •Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 6000 words: 100%
RCC	44820	Foundations and Forms of Christian Spirituality	7	20	NO	An introduction to Christian Spirituality with a focus on key texts through the tradition in relation to their historical and philosophical contexts	•Lectures: 8x1.5hrs •Tutorials: 2x1hr	•Lectures: 12 •Tutorials: 2 •Preparation: 186; Total: 200	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 100% 6000 words: 100%
CMS (African Route)	46920	Christianity and Indigenous Religions*	7	20	YES	An in-depth exploration of African religious heritage and its role in the shaping of African Christianity. Topics include: - African cosmology and worldview - Yoruba cosmogony and mythology - Bantu philosophy - African religion in the 20th century	•Programmed on- line learning: 20x 1hr •Online Tutorials: 5x 1hr	•Programmed on-line learning:14 •Seminars: 8 •Small group learning: 6 •Preparation: 172 •Total: 200 •Tutorials: 5x 1hr	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% (essay) 3000 words: 100% •Component 2: Literature review, 50% 3000 words: 100%
CMS (African route)	47220	Global Pentecostalism *	7	20	YES	Explore global Pentecostalism, its history, characteristics, leading figures, and theology. Focusing on African Pentecostalism, to explore its origin, its rootedness in African cosmology, its impact on African Christianity and its spread to the African diaspora.	•Programmed on- line learning: 20x 1hr •Online Tutorials : 5x 1hr	•Programmed on-line learning:14 •Seminars: 8 •Small group learning: 6 •Preparation: 172 •Total: 200 •Tutorials: 5x 1hr	•Component 1: Written Assignment, 50% (essay) 3000 words: 100% •Component 2: Written theological reflection or biographical study of an African Pentecostal leader, 50% 3000 words: 100%
CMS	48120	Political Theology for Mission	7	20	NO	Indepth engagement with range of issues around church mission and society	3 evenings online learning (3x1.5 hrs) and 3 day residential (3 days x 5hrs)	•Programmed on-line learning:4.5hrs •Residential learning - 15.5hrs •Preparation: 180 •Total: 200	Portfolio Assessment 100% - (6000 words)