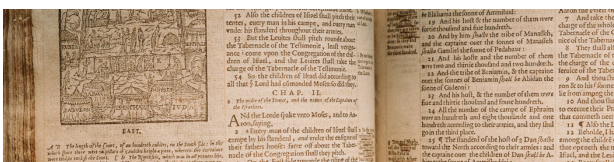# PROGRAM GUIDE

BE TRANSFORMED, "*That you may* DISCERN *the* PERFECT WILL *of* GOD."

The Master of Theology in Theological Ethics offers rigorous formation in understanding Scripture, the history of Christian ethics, and contemporary moral challenges.

For Theological Ethics *in a* Post-Christian Age

The MTh in Theological Ethics is grounded in the conviction that *ethics is a theological activity.* This program equips pastors, leaders, and future scholars to navigate ethical challenges in our post-Christian age while advancing Scripture's vision for the Church and common good.

Study Details

- Fully Online
- 1-3yrs Full-time/Part-time
- Start: Jan or Sept

The core values and educational philosophy of the Alexandrian Institute are deeply rooted in the Great Tradition of Christian thought. This tradition stands under Scripture's authority and the Church's historic consensus to do theology and engage God's world with his truth. To confess Christ is to confess the goodness of his ways, with the Church and to the world. We must grow in theological wisdom to know and articulate God's good, perfect, and pleasing will for his creatures amidst the ethical and cultural chaos of our world.

Prior degree in biblical or theological studies at undergraduate level or higher with 2.1 honors or 3.3 GPA

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Curriculum Vitae or Resumé
- Signed Letter of Reference 1
- Signed Letter of Reference 2
- Letter of Intent

TUITION FEES:

- Pay Per Module: $3,330
- 4 x Taught Modules + Dissertation **OR**
- 3 x Taught Modules + Extended Dissertation

Total Program Fees: **$19,800**

CATS (Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme) is the UK credit system used to measure your academic workload and progress.

Each CATS credit represents about 10 hours of study time, so a 25-CATS module means roughly 250 hours of reading, seminars, and assignment work.

The system ensures your UK degree is recognized internationally and provides clear benchmarks for your academic progress throughout the program.

Quick conversion:

1 US credit hour ≈ 2 CATS credits
180 CATS = 90 US credit hours = typical full MA/Master's degree

Students will take a total of **180 CATS**.

- *Each module 30 CATS*
- *4 x Modules + Dissertation (60 CATS)*
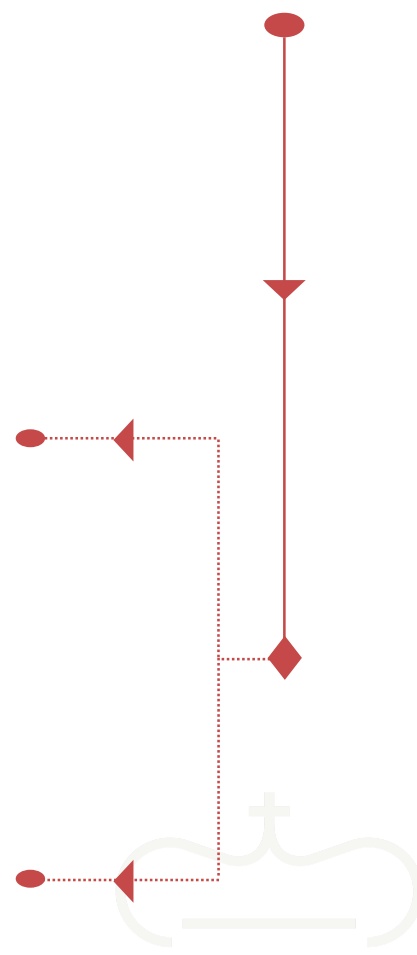- *OR 3 x Modules + Extended Dissertation (90 CATS)*

REGULAR OPTION

PTF230	*Ethics in the Christian Tradition*
PTF231	*Theological Anthropology*
PTF232	*Divine Revelation and Moral Reasoning*
PTF233	*Contemporary Issues in Social Ethics*
PTF235	*Dissertation*

EXTENDED DISSERTATION OPTION

PTF230	*Ethics in the Christian Tradition*
PTF231	*Theological Anthropology*
PTF232	*Divine Revelation and Moral Reasoning*
PTF233	*Contemporary Issues in Social Ethics*
PTF235	*Extended Dissertation*

Any Three

Each module follows a consistent twelve-week structure *centered on three essays*. Our faculty have curated these assignments and resource lists to guide students through the most important discussions in each theological topic.

Essays develop your ability to:

- Engage significant primary sources
- Demonstrate critical thinking and analysis
- Build methodological skills and writing confidence

Schedule:

- Short essay – Week 3
- Short essay – Week 6
- Research essay – Week 12

Modules provide students with resources necessary to succeed in the module essays. Lecture videos, core textbook reading, and specialized research lists all support the student in understanding the module topics and crafting their responses to the essay prompts.

Learning Support:

- Regular online meetings with the module teaching fellow
- Personal tutoring meetings available
- Classmates post their essays to module forums to invite interaction from one another
- Monthly institution-wide café sessions

PTF230

Ethics in the Christian Tradition

This module introduces students to key ethical traditions in the history of the Christian church. It explores the nature and task of theological ethics, the foundations of Christian moral reasoning, and the relationship between ethics and Christian theology. Particular attention is given to the themes of virtue, justice, human dignity as creatures made imago dei, as they have developed across specific historical and cultural contexts.

PTF231

Theological Anthropology

This module introduces students to key categories and theological developments in the Christian tradition for understanding what means to be human. Students examine the exegetical foundations and historical-theological articulations of the doctrine of humanity in order to explore Christian perspectives on human nature and constitution, natural rights and human dignity, sexuality and human identity, and ethical implications of human agency and volition.

PTF232

Divine Revelation and Moral Discourse

This modules introduces students to relationship between God's self-revelation in Scripture and the task of moral reasoning on what is normative or wise for the pursuit of godly virtue and justice. It explores the relationship between reason and revelation, with particular attention to the natural law tradition, biblical ethics, and the knowledge of God's moral norms. Students give particular attention to moral discourse in the Reformed tradition and problems raised by post-Kantian epistemology.

PTF233

Contemporary Issues in Social Ethics

This module explores particular issues for Christian social ethics in a post-Christian context, including secularism, post-liberal theories of justice, critical theories, and alternative spiritualities. Students examine the place of Christian witness in the public square as they give particular attention to religious liberty, pluralism, identity, and the church in its cultural context.

PTF234

Dissertation

The feedback on essays and other written work will have prepared students to nurture their critical research and writing skills in preparation for the 14,000-16,000 word capstone dissertation. In this module students will have freedom to write on an area of their own special interest in theological ethics with supervision from the faculty.

CATS Points: 60
Prerequisites: 4 MTh modules, excluding PTF235.

PTF235

Extended Dissertation

This module offers students the opportunity to conduct advanced research and writing in a chosen topic, under a qualified supervisor, in a capstone dissertation of 22,000-24,000 words. It aims to develop skills in sustaining a more extended argument and scope of research, and is especially designed for those intending to advance to doctoral degrees. Students complete 1 section of the Extended Dissertation (2 semesters) and 3 taught modules in lieu of the standard requirement of 4 taught modules and dissertation.

CATS Points: 90
Prerequisites: 3 MTh modules, excluding PTF234.

	CORE MODULES	SPRING 26	SUMMER 26	AUTUMN 26
PTF230	*Ethics and the Christian Tradition*			•
PTF231	*Theological Anthropology*			•
PTF232	*Divine Revelation and Moral Reasoning*	•		
PTF233	*Contemporary Issues in Social Ethics*	•		
PTF234	*Dissertation*		•	•

THE ALEXANDRIAN INSTITUTE

Postgraduate degrees in the Alexandrian Institute are offered in partnership with Union Theological College, Belfast.

Royal Charter Institution
Union Theological College holds a Royal Charter granted by Queen Victoria in 1881 and renewed by Queen Elizabeth II in 2021, providing the authority to award degrees recognized throughout the UK, US, and internationally.

Union Theological College

All programs undergo review by the Quality Assurance Association for Higher Education, meeting UK Higher Education accreditation standards.

Full Student Benefits

Students admitted through our partnership become full UTC students with complete access to college resources, including the Gamble Library, research support, college events, and all rights and privileges afforded to University students.

Read Full QAA UK Report

Join the Inaugural Cohort. Be among the first students to experience this groundbreaking program in theological ethics. As a founding member of our MTh community, you'll help shape the future of Christian ethical scholarship while receiving unparalleled attention from world-class faculty— *Start your application now.*

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