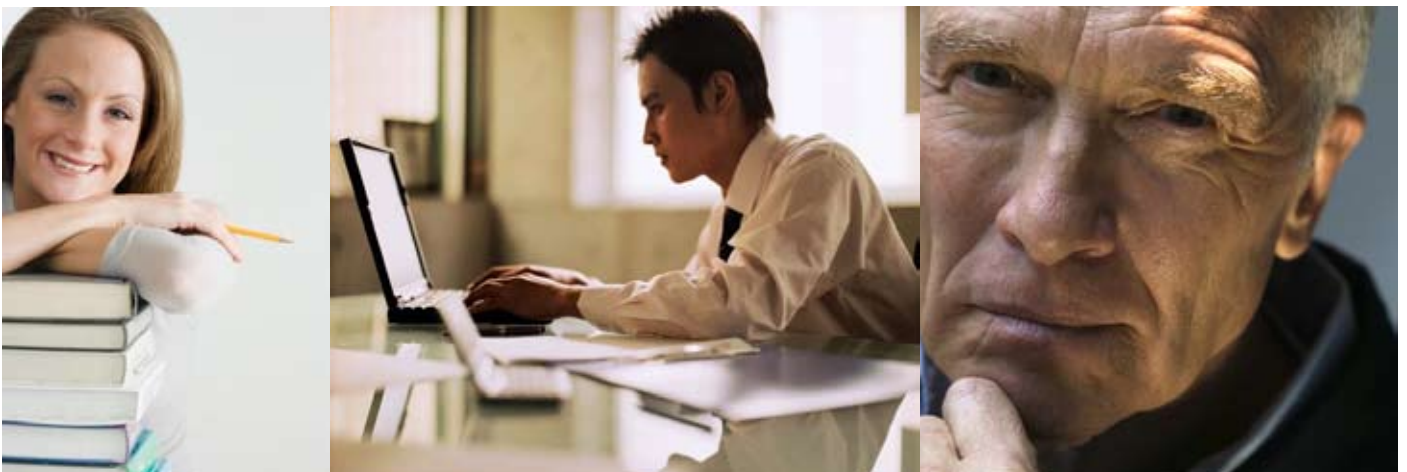


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## Taught Master's Degrees at Mattersey Hall

### *Mattersey Hall Graduate School*

Among the many changes in the British educational system over recent years has been the rise and rise of graduate education. Once a minority interest, relevant to only a few professional students, the Master's degree has become a much respected and highly desirable qualification which reflects its holder's advanced professional training or specialist knowledge and ability in a more closely defined area of study. If a Bachelor's degree builds into students the necessary critical skills and imparts to them the information they need for a broad, general understanding of their discipline, it is really at Master's level that they begin to engage seriously with scholarship in a precise and detailed way. Master's degrees today are an effective preparation for doctoral research, but also quality free-standing qualifications which can open additional doors for employment.

Mattersey Hall Graduate School offers so much more than a degree programme – we embody a whole academic culture, which provides a coherent research focus, facilitates improved staff-student interaction and networking and enables more efficient administrative management, resulting in a vastly enhanced student experience at both academic and personal levels. Our Graduate School operates in close cooperation with the School of Theology and Religious Studies at Bangor University, which awards all our degrees, including MA, MTh, MPhil, PhD and DMin, as well as our postgraduate certificates and diplomas.

### *Master's Courses*

Mattersey Hall offers a range of different taught Master's programmes, including both MA and MTh degrees. All these require the completion of four modules, examined ordinarily in each case by a 5,000 word essay, and a dissertation of approximately 20,000 words.

A number of different teaching strategies are employed in these courses, including directed learning, seminars, workshops, field trips and group presentations as well as formal lectures. All our teaching staff are highly-qualified and respected academics, but experienced, active practitioners who understand the real-world implications of their teaching and are as interested as you will be in the practical, everyday application of the new skills, knowledge and abilities you will gain in working toward your qualification.

All graduate students undertake our Research Training Programme as part of their course, which provides an excellent introduction to study at this level. The RTP covers academic writing and research skills in particular, aiming to prepare students as effectively as possible for the dissertation phase and, potentially, for further studies at doctoral level.

### *Which Course Should I Choose?*

Because they are specialised courses, our degrees are all designed for specific purposes, and you should select the one that is most suited to your needs. Essentially:

The *MTh in New Testament* and *MTh in Old Testament* are specialist, serious academic programmes in biblical studies for those who wish to study the texts in their original languages and may be planning to continue to doctoral studies. These courses are only available full time and generally only recommended for people who already have a first degree in biblical studies, or an equivalent qualification.

The *MA in Mission* is designed for missionaries and local church mission directors who need to broaden their knowledge of contemporary missiology and global culture.

The *MA in Missional Leadership* is a qualification - and a whole experience - for those already in leadership in a church, Christian organisation or company who wish to refine their leadership, organisational and management skills. It has a distinctive delivery mode (short weekend residentials). Please see our separate leaflet about this programme (which is available for download from our website).

The *MTh in Practical Theology* offers a far wider range of modules than the others, in areas such as Pentecostal Theology, Preaching, Biblical Studies, Leadership and Ministry Studies and is our mainstream graduate degree. If you are not sure which of our degrees is best suited to your needs, then it will almost certainly be this particular course. This is the only graduate taught course we offer that can be studied in either part-time or full-time mode.

The MTh in Practical Theology and MA in Mission are taught together in our lecture sessions which are held in early September (please contact us for confirmed dates). Both these programmes available as three-year, part-time courses which require attendance at class sessions for two weeks for two consecutive years. Each year, you will take two modules, and write a single 5,000 word essay for each module. In the third year you do not need to attend the college for classes but will work on your dissertation under the guidance of your supervisor. Additionally the MTh only is available as a 15 month full-time course.

So, what do our different taught Master's degrees have to offer?

The MTh in Practical Theology gives you the opportunity of customising your course of study by allowing you to choose from a wide range of modules, ranging from academic biblical studies through specialised studies in Pentecostal theology to an innovative module in contemporary preaching. Modules available include the following (not all are offered each year):

*MTh in Practical  
Theology*

- The Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- Pentecostal Approaches to the Charismatic Gifts
- Empirical Approaches to Pentecostalism
- Leading the Church of Tomorrow
- New Testament Pneumatology
- New Testament Backgrounds
- Contemporary Preaching
- Contemporary Biblical Interpretation
- Introduction to the Theology of Religions
- Luke-Acts
- Divine Healing

Current information on the individual modules is available for download on our website at [www.matterseyhall.com/gradschool.htm](http://www.matterseyhall.com/gradschool.htm) or can be supplied to you upon request.

## *MA in Mission*

This vocation-driven programme is designed to enable those who are passionate about Christian mission to engage with the entire discipline in a more comprehensive and meaningful manner, whether their interest is as an intending missionary, or as a church leader keen to facilitate and support missions from their home base. If you are already a missionary, this course will help you to analyse your activities in the light of the modern science of mission and to interact more meaningfully and efficiently with the very latest research, in the hope of making your ministry even more effective. This course is not available for full time study, and can only be taken over three years part time.

Modules available for this course include the following (not all are available each year):

- Cultural Anthropology & Contextualization
- Empirical Studies in Mission
- Lukan Literature from a Missiological Perspective
- Introduction to the Theology of Religions
- Contemporary Issues in Mission 1: Missionary Practice
- Contemporary Issues in Mission 2: Strategy & Methodology

Current information on the individual modules is available for download on our website at [www.matterseyhall.com/gradschool.htm](http://www.matterseyhall.com/gradschool.htm) or can be supplied to you upon request.

## *MTh in New Testament*

Our MTh in New Testament programme, which is only available as a 15-month, full-time course, offers students the opportunity of dealing with issues of biblical interpretation and engaging with New Testament texts in the original language. It provides an ideal introduction to advanced biblical studies for students hoping to continue to doctoral studies in the field.

There are four compulsory modules for the programme:

- History and Principles of New Testament Interpretation
- New Testament Literature
- New Testament Canon
- New Testament Theology

In addition to our standard admission requirements, applicants for this course are normally expected to hold a first degree in a biblical or theological subject, ordinarily including Greek, at Upper Second or First Class level (US GPA 2.8 or above)

## *MTh in Old Testament*

The MTh in Old Testament course, which is again full-time only, offers students the opportunity of dealing with issues of biblical interpretation and engaging with Old Testament texts in the original language. It provides an ideal introduction to advanced biblical studies for students hoping to continue to doctoral studies in the field.

There are four compulsory modules for this programme:

- History and Principles of Old Testament Interpretation
- Old Testament Literature
- Old Testament Canon
- Old Testament Theology

In addition to our standard admission requirements, applicants for the MTh in Old Testament course are normally expected to hold a first degree in a biblical or theological subject, ordinarily including Hebrew, at Upper Second or First Class level (US GPA 2.8 or above)

The latest information on all our programmes, and the individual modules you can take for each of them is available on our website at [www.matterseyhall.com](http://www.matterseyhall.com), in the 'Graduate School' section. If we can help or advise you further, please contact us for more information.

In general, applicants under 25 should normally have a first degree in a biblical or theological discipline, ideally at Upper Second or First Class level (US GPA 2.8 or above), though we are able to take other qualifications into account and may be able to accept you on the basis of an entrance test and interview. Applicants over 25 can be accepted on the basis of their experience in ministry and do not always need formal qualifications for admission; however, we may ask applicants without ministry experience or theological training to complete our Graduate Conversion Course or a programme of study with our Distance Learning Department. Candidates whose first language is not English may have to demonstrate their facility in the language. Please contact the Graduate School for guidance on any of these matters.

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Current course fees are on our website (at [www.matterseyhall.com/fees.htm](http://www.matterseyhall.com/fees.htm)). Fees include all course materials including access to the Bangor University online library service, and meals and accommodation in individual rooms at the college during the September lecture period. Additional incidental expenditure and the purchase of books will be necessary and this is likely to cost from £150-200 per year. Generally 50% of the annual course fee is due upon arrival for the class sessions in each year, with the remainder due for payment by May (for part time students).

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To apply, please complete the Mattersey Hall Graduate School application form (downloadable from [www.matterseyhall.com/apply\\_grad.htm](http://www.matterseyhall.com/apply_grad.htm)), ask your referees to complete their sections of the form and return it to us along with the £25 application fee. Early application is always advisable.

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