

GRADUATE DIPLOMA in

Theology, Ministry & Mission

**STARTING
SEPTEMBER
2025**

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'...you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love.'

2 Peter 1:5-7

The York School of Ministry (YSOM) courses aim to equip Christian disciples and ministers to develop as competent and faithful reflective practitioners. They provide an education in theology, ministry and mission in and for a variety of contexts, including preparing people for recognised ministry and mission within the church, both lay and ordained, and for Continuing Ministerial Development. The courses also serve those who wish to be more fully equipped for Christian life and service in the world, or simply more informed about the Christian faith.

All courses can be studied either for formal Higher Education credit or for interest and personal development.

Those studying modules without accreditation are expected to undertake preparatory work for the sessions but not the module assessments, and can choose from any of the modules on offer.

Our accredited programmes are the Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma in Theology, Ministry and Mission, validated and awarded by Durham University under the Common Awards scheme. For those studying for credit, the modules include a variety of forms of assessment, written and practical, depending upon the specific module content; however, Students must complete 60 credits to earn the Graduate Certificate or 120 credits for the Graduate Diploma.

There are no formal written examinations. Each module is worth 20 credits.

All YSOM students are normally expected to use their 'home' church or benefice as an ongoing context for reflection, although opportunities for placements and fieldwork in other churches or ministry environments may be included.

Modules for 2025-26

Autumn Term

Further Biblical Studies

This module aims to enable you to explore in depth some biblical texts and themes within the context of contemporary scholarship and the Bible as a whole, examining ways in which these can address contemporary situations and illustrating how they can be communicated.

Spring Term

Reflective Practice: Chaplaincy

In this module, students will explore the history of the Chaplaincy movement in the UK, and will explore what Chaplaincy might look like in a number of different contexts today. Students will engage with contemporary debates relating to both lay and ordained ministry roles in multi-faith Chaplaincy settings.

Summer Term

Christian Faith and Ethical Living

This module aims to help students articulate a critical appreciation of the ways faith in God informs and shapes the moral life of communities and individuals. It aims also to help students to reflect critically on their own existing models of moral discernment and on those which are present in contemporary culture.

Independent Learning Project

Studied independently over two terms, an Independent Learning Project gives students the opportunity to explore an area of theology, mission and ministry which interests and enthuses them. Students will be supported by an appointed supervisor, and project proposals should be submitted for approval the term before study begins. An Independent Learning Project is worth 40 credits, rather than the standard 20 credits.

When & Where: Each module is taught over 3 Saturdays spread across the term (9.30am-3.30pm) at the Diocesan Office in York), interspersed with 4 online seminar sessions (Thursdays 6.45- 8.00pm). Students are expected to complete an online preparatory lesson before each online seminar; some face-to-face sessions may also require preparatory work.

Entry Requirements: Graduates in other subjects and students who have completed a Diploma (HE) in theology successfully may enter the Graduate Certificate/Diploma programme. For non-theology graduates, normally students should have an upper-second class Honours degree. However, especially for mature students, prior professional experience will be taken into account along with educational qualifications.

Technical Requirements: Our courses require access to our Virtual Learning Environment (Moodle) as well as web-based video conferencing. If you are unsure about the technical requirements needed to participate online please contact us and we can talk it through with you.

Cost: For students studying independently the cost is as follows:

£120 per module – teaching only

£360 per module – fully accredited

For students studying as part of their training, discernment or ministry development please contact YSOM to discuss fee reduction.

To request an application form please contact:

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