



The Union MTh programme is designed to produce the wise and thoughtful leaders that churches desperately need. It offers a high-level theological equipping for gospel ministry in today's culture, delivered flexibly and in-context through a Learning Community.

What is distinctive about Union School of Theology?

- [Union's vision](#) is to grow leaders for growing churches, to see churches flourish in the gospel and drive forward in mission. They are strong partners in the work of church planting and have already invested very considerable spiritual and financial resources into training up and sending out church planters.
- [Union's theological DNA](#) is strongly reformed, joyfully Trinitarian and Christ-exalting. They seek to raise well-rounded leaders: humble leaders of head and heart who delight in God, grow in Christ, serve the church and bless the world.

What is distinctive about the Union Masters in Theology?

- Advanced theological education in biblical studies, theology and ministerial practice.
- Intensive, flexible and broad.
- Equips students to deal critically and creatively with complex issues of theology and ministry practice; analysis of data; formulating and communicating arguments; drawing implications for church and life.
- Accredited by the Open University as a recognised UK Masters degree.

Programme content and structure

There are two years of part-time distance learning study – 3 modules one year and 3 more in the second year. After the two years, there is a 15,000 word dissertation which may take anything from a few weeks (in the summer after completion of the first two years) up to a year to complete. All teaching and assessment is delivered by Union lecturers.

Year 1 3 modules (60 credits total)	Biblical theology (Cor Bennema)	Doctrine of Scripture (Bob Lethem)	Spiritual Formation of the Leader (Mike Reeves)
Year 2 3 modules (60 credits total)	Research methods	History & Theology of Evangelicalism (Richard Turnball) or Theology of Early Church Fathers (Mike Reeves)	Contemporary Church Issues in Evangelicalism (John Stevens)
Extra time	Dissertation (60 credits)		

Study days

The London Church Planting Academy will act as a 'Learning Community' for the Union MTh. Students will gather at the Academy, in central London, for 17 Study Days, roughly weekly, from late September to early April each year.



A typical study day

9:30-11:10	11:10-11:30	11:30-13:00	13:00-14:00	14:00-16:00
Session 1: Biblical theology	Break	Session 2: Doctrine of Scripture	Lunch	Session 3: Spiritual Formation

Each session includes a 15-20 minute video of content from Union lecturers. The rest of the session time is facilitated learning – discussion led by the Lead Mentor (Dr Andy Harker).

Time commitment

In addition to the 17 study days each year, students should expect to spend a further 14 hours per week for 22 weeks of the year in private study; reading and writing assignments.

Admission

Normally, applicants should have achieved a 2.2 bachelor's degree in theology or a similar discipline. Applicants may also be admitted who have achieved an average of 50% in Union's GDip. Where applicants do not meet the normal entry criteria, admission may be permitted if the applicant's experience and/or qualifications [awarded in last 5 years] can reasonably be expected to suggest that the applicant will succeed on the programme. There is a process for recognition of prior learning which includes submitting a recent sample of work from previous study.

Applications for a September start should be submitted by 23 June. However, for September 2019, applications are encouraged much earlier so that a cohort can be established.

Cost

Application fee (one off): £35

Annual tuition fee: £3,300 (£6,600 for 2 years of programme)

A small additional cost for lunches and refreshments on study days at the LCPA.

Bursaries may be available from the Union Finance Office or through LCPA partners.

Interested?

- Applications for the Union MTh should be made [direct to Union School of Theology](#).
- If you are interested in studying the Union MTh at the London Planting Academy Learning Community then it would be helpful to also contact admin@londonplantingacademy.org.
- Once you have enrolled direct with Union on the Master programme, please also enrol with the LCPA on Union MTh Study Days.