

Missio Dei Prospectus

Missio Dei, AoG GB Bible College



Missio Dei
Leadership & Theological College



Welcome to Missio Dei!

Missio Dei is the AoG GB Bible College, and in September 2021, we are launching our new Bachelor's degree in Theology and Christian Leadership.

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1. Vision

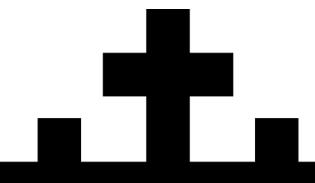
Missio Dei's heart is to serve and support AoG Churches and Ministers; to be a centre of excellence, not merely a place of learning but of equipping and sending. A college where God's people are trained in Christian leadership and theology and released to further his mission in this world. Our passion is to see those in your Church reach their fullest leadership potential. Through exceptional teaching and impartation from our National Leadership Team, leading practitioners in our movement, and lecturers from around the world, we believe we can offer a life-shaping experience that supports you in your church. So what does this support look like?

We have designed flexible courses (CertHe, BA, and MA), which we believe can work effectively for your local church. Our courses will prepare individuals for church leadership and offer them the opportunity to explore their faith in greater depth. Students learn to apply their learning in a local church context through a range of leadership and theological modules. They will hear from leading scholars and church practitioners who will share expertise from their leadership journey.

There are two main routes to study with us. The first is a full three-year degree programme, at the end of which you will receive a BA in Theology and Christian Leadership. The second route is a CertHE in Theology and Christian Leadership, a one-year course and is equivalent to the first year of the degree. At the end of this, students can transfer the credits and enrol to do the second and third year of the degree.



“..the lecturers are committed to making the students feel confident at approaching their assignments and developing their fundamental skills.”



2. Course Format

The course has three main elements: intensive teaching weeks, church placement, and a mission trip.

2. A. Teaching Weeks

Students will attend the National Leadership Centre in Manchester for six one-week intensive blocks spread throughout the year (September, October, November, January, February and March).

The rest of the weeks during the academic year are dedicated study weeks. Students will engage with online webinars to receive extra teaching related to their modules, and they will have time to work on assignments.

2. B. Placements

Each student enrolled on the course will need to have a local church placement, and in typical cases, we would expect this to be the student's home church. The placement will allow the student to gain practical church leadership experience and put into practice what they have learned in the classroom.

Some of the assessments for modules link to placements, so students must actively engage in their church. There will be an agreement in place outlining the expectations of the student, the college, and the placement church to help ensure the best experience possible.



2. C. Mission Trip

Mission plays an integral part in the BA and CertHE course. We believe that a Missional perspective is fundamental to Christian discipleship. Therefore, each year students will go on a one week (minimum) mission trip. The trip will typically be in a European context, although we can be flexible if travel is an issue.



"I am enjoying doing my study and find the lecturers very engaging and skilled at what they do... their skill and presentation enable students to think critically about the key scholarship surrounding each module..."



We are pleased to have a partnership with the University of Chester, which validate all our courses, and they are the awarding body for our degrees. We work closely with the University of Chester to ensure that we offer the highest academic standards.

Each year, students will take 120 credits worth of modules, and in most cases, an individual module is 20 credits. Assignments vary for each module; deadlines are given for all assignments at the beginning of the year. Work is submitted via our online learning portal, Moodle.

All modules in the first year are compulsory:

- Introduction to Christian Leadership
- Foundations for Ministry: Team Formation and Dynamics
- Introduction to Leading Christian Organisations
- Bible Survey
- Christian Doctrine
- Christian Worldview

In years two and three, as well as compulsory modules, students will be able to choose from a variety of options, including the opportunity to learn Biblical Languages.

3. Course Structure and Content

Here is the full range of modules for year 2:

- Old Testament Studies
- Hebrew
- Greek
- Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies
- New Testament Studies
- Christian Doctrine: Faith and Praxis
- Ministerial Ethics (Compulsory)
- Organisational Management in Christian Leadership (Compulsory)
- Introduction to Missional Leadership (Compulsory)

Here is the full range of module options for year 3:

- New Testament Pneumatology
- Christian Apologetics
- Exegetical Studies
- Continual Leadership Development
- Ecclesiology and Church Planting
- Ecclesiology and Ministry in the Marketplace
- Christian Missions
- Intermediate Hebrew
- Intermediate Greek

“I think that the staff at Missio Dei have coped excellently with the coronavirus pandemic, the provision for us students has been amazing...”



4. Research

Whilst attending the intensive teaching weeks, students have access to our Research Centre, which has many books related to each of the modules we offer. During the rest of the year, there is access to two online platforms (EBSCO and Perlego), which provide a large number of resources to help with completing assignments. An induction on how to use these resources will be given at the start of the year.

5. Support

Missio Dei prides itself on nurturing a supportive environment and helping students to achieve their best. Our friendly staff are regularly available and will provide guidance related to all aspects of learning. In cases where more formal support is required, our Disability Support Officer will provide further information. We will make necessary reasonable adjustments to enable students to engage with the course.

We are not just interested in academic achievement, and we care about people growing and developing during their time with us. We have a pastoral team dedicated to overseeing student well-being who are available to listen and pray with students and ensure that they are aware of the academic and pastoral support available to them.

Accommodation

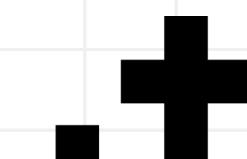
For each of the intensive weeks, students will need to source their accommodation. If you need any help finding a hotel, we can suggest suitable ones for you.

6. Applying to Study

Full-time and part-time options are available. Distance Learning is also available, although we would typically expect students to apply for the 'on-campus' course for UK-based applicants.

Applicants under the age of 21 will need at least two A-Levels (or equivalent). Mature students may still be accepted, though they will usually be asked to complete an essay.

Students will also need to provide two references, with one being from the placement church leader.





7. Finance

The course fees for 2021-22 are as follows:

Tuition - £7,200

Facilities fee - £450

Mission Trip - £750

Placement fee - £500

The degree and CertHE courses are eligible for Student Loan funding. Eligible candidates will have their tuition fee covered, and in most cases, will also get a maintenance loan, which would go towards the other fees, and accommodation costs.

To find out if you would qualify for a student loan, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company>

Contact Information

For enquiries email info@aog.org.uk

Or phone **01777 817663**

A Word From Our President

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My Bible college experience was formative in shaping my thinking, building key relationships and preparing me for ministry.

We believe that Missio Dei will facilitate a genuine encounter with God's plans and purposes for people of all ages as they pursue the call of God upon their lives.

The partnership between your Church, Missio Dei and you, the student, means that together we can pray, plan and invest today for the future.

For more information about the course, please visit our website, where you can sign up for Taster Days and download an application form.

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- Ps Glyn Barrett, National Leader
AoG GB President Missio Dei

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