



Module Handbook

[Modules are available to students coming on the following incoming programmes: non-European exchange; European exchange; full-year fee-paying study abroad]

Incoming Students

2025/2026

Cranmer Hall

Theology, Ministry and Mission

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A: CRANMER HALL

Cranmer Hall is not a Durham University department, but a distinctive theological college set within St. John's College which offers a BA degree in Theology, Ministry and Mission. As the name suggests, the Cranmer theology degree is different from that taught in the Department of Theology and Religion. The Cranmer BA is a *vocational* theological degree for those who have been recommended for training for some form of Christian ministry or for those who would like to study Christian theology with a practical focus.

Cranmer Hall operates within Common Awards, which is a national network delivering academic programmes in Theology, Ministry and Mission, validated by Durham University.

Teaching and research within Cranmer Hall is carried out in three areas:

First, **Biblical studies** with courses in the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible), the New Testament, the Bible and Christian Ministry as well as Greek and Hebrew.

Second, **Christian theology** which incorporates Christian doctrine, church history and Christian ethics.

Third, **Ministry and Mission**, with a focus on mission, public ministry, preaching, pastoral care, leadership and work with children and young people.

Cranmer Hall is part of St. John's College which is located on the South Bailey on the Durham peninsula, near to Durham cathedral. We enjoy the benefits of the Learning and Resource Centre, a modern library and teaching space in St. John's College, but we also draw upon the wider resources of Durham University.

A1: Exchange Coordinator

At Durham University European agreements are signed by individual university departments and are not university-wide agreements. This means that, in general, students will have to choose modules (courses) within the Durham University department through which the European agreement with their home university has been signed (students should check with the Exchange Coordinator in their university if they are not sure which department this is). European students can only gain places and modules which still have availability after places have already been awarded to internal students. Also, not all modules run every year (depending on research leave of members of staff). You should find the relevant links to the website below to check which modules are available in any year.

Cranmer Hall does not have an Exchange Coordinator because it does not have any exchange agreements with European universities and institutions. Most of the exchange students who take Cranmer modules are connected to the Department of Theology and Religion. Exchange students who are part of the Department of Theology and Religion will normally take most of their modules within that department but may do one or two Cranmer modules in addition.

Modules offered by Cranmer Hall are subject to availability and can only be taken with prior consent from the Director of Studies whose contact details appear below. Certain restrictions may also apply to some of the modules.

Please note that, although Cranmer Hall has the same term dates as the rest of the university, Cranmer's teaching timetable is different from the rest of the university and some Cranmer modules are worth ten credits rather than twenty. For these reasons, it is advisable always to contact the Director of Studies before making any decisions about Cranmer modules.

Exchange students who would be interested in finding out about Cranmer modules are advised to contact:

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B: DEGREE STRUCTURE

Cranmer Hall offers the Honours degree BA (Hons) in *Theology, Ministry and Mission* as well as a Certificate and Diploma in the same subject. We also offer a taught MA programme in Theology and Ministry.

All undergraduate degrees at Durham have a modular structure but because some Cranmer modules are worth only ten credits rather than twenty, students may well take more than six modules at each level. The majority of modules are taught in weekly lectures over the course of one or two terms, but some are taught as block modules; that is, they are taught within a concentrated period of time (three days to a fortnight). With the exception of the language modules, Cranmer modules are assessed by coursework rather than by examinations.

C: REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

This section contains important information for setting up your academic programme at Durham University. Please read through this section carefully before considering your modules and filling in the Learning Agreement

C1: General

Choice of Modules

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR STUDENTS: PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR LEARNING AGREEMENT

At Durham University European agreements are signed by individual university departments and are not university-wide agreements. This means that, in general, students will have to choose modules (courses) within the Durham University department through which the European agreement with their home university has been signed (students should check with the Exchange Coordinator in their university if they are not sure which department this is). Modules offered by other departments are subject to availability and can only be taken with prior consent from the relevant department. *Incoming students must take at least 50% of their modules in the host department and can take modules outside in no more than two additional departments.* Certain restrictions may also apply to courses in some departments and students need to follow the advice below carefully before completing their application form.

Section *D: Module Details* provides a list of modules available for European students in the department where the agreement has been established (receiving department) as well as a list of modules available for students coming in through other departments (external departments). Please choose from these modules only!

To find out about the details for each module (teaching methods and contact hours, prerequisite academic background, method of assessment, content, etc.) please refer to the module regulations to see which modules will be running when you are here. The regulations for the Cranmer degree as well as further information about the Cranmer modules can be obtained from the Director of Undergraduate Studies at cran.udos@durham.ac.uk. All the modules which are running next year are listed at: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/faculty.handbook/>

C2: Departmental Requirements and Restrictions

European students are mainly encouraged to take level 1 and 2 modules, but if the European student has a good level of English Language and prior experience of studying Theology (e.g. their home university degree is Theology based) then they can be considered for a level 3 single module too, but these modules are conceptually more challenging.

In Theology we try our very best to match students with their desired courses, but there is pressure on places, and module availability varies according to staff, and so we ask our incoming students to be flexible.

European students are assessed in the same way as any other Cranmer undergraduate.

D: MODULE DETAILS

This section contains a relevant link to the suite of modules European students can choose from.

To find further details for each module (teaching methods and contact hours, prerequisite academic background, method of assessment, content, etc.) please refer to the module regulations using the following link:

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/faculty.handbook/listdeptmodules/> and click on “Theology, Ministry and Mission”. Modules for years 1-3 are listed. **Please make sure that any module you are interested in does not require having done a prior module.** Most modules, however, do not require prior knowledge.

Please note that the list of available modules is provisional and subject to change. We will do our best to allow students onto modules of their choice, but this may not always be possible and cannot be confirmed until registration in October of the year of entry.