TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT METHODS

Bachelor of Theology (Honours) (BA Hons) Full-time, Part-time, Distance Learning

Teaching methods employed for this programme in its taught mode include lectures, group discussions, seminars, practical exercises, working in teams and, for vocational students, reflection on the practice of ministry. Distance learning students follow specially designed online materials.

The programme is "scaffolded" so that each level of the degree builds on the previous level. For this reason, apart from in exceptional circumstances, it is necessary to complete one level before beginning units at the next level.

Tutors provide full guidance before the production of oral and written work and full feedback following its assessment. Such guidance and feedback makes use of the Moodle platform. Each unit has a formative assessment task as well as a summative task.

Peer feedback may take place on class presentations for students following the taught mode of the programme. Those studying by distance learning have an assigned tutor for each unit they study whom they can contact for advice and support where this is required.

Summative assessment is undertaken in a variety of ways appropriate to a practical, contextual programme. Normally the total number of words for a standard 10 credit unit where written assignments are required is as follows:

• level 4: 1500-2000 words

• level 5: 2000-2500 words

• level 6: 3000-4000 words

The language units are always assessed by means of a written examination (or by an equivalent online timed test). Further details about the assignment requirements for individual units can be found on the Unit Descriptors which are on Moodle.

At level 6 students have the opportunity to attempt a 40-credit dissertation, a 20-credit short dissertation or a 10-credit independent study unit. Open Option students may also have the opportunity to undertake some independent study at Levels 4 and

Submission of assignments

Students submit work electronically via Moodle. Marks and comments are released on a set date, normally three weeks after the submission date. These are provisional until confirmed at a meeting of the Board of Examiners; these meetings take place each year in June and September.

Try to plan and pace your work so that you do not find yourself under pressure. Please bear in mind that computers and printers and even Moodle can all be subject to problems beyond the College's control so think ahead and try not to leave your work on assignments until the last minute. Some units will be assigned early submission dates and you should note carefully the information on Moodle about these, but the main submission deadlines for this year for taught students are as follows:

• Semester 1: Monday 24 January 2022 at 2.00 p.m. – marks released Monday 14 February

• Semester 2: Monday 30 May 2022 at 2.00 p.m. – marks released Monday 20 June

These submission deadline dates do not apply to distance learning students who will be issued with their own overall deadline dates for work submissions which facilitate our reporting processes