

MA/Postgraduate Diploma/Postgraduate Certificate
in Evangelical and Charismatic Studies by
distance learning



Study the fastest-growing traditions in world Christianity in a global context at one of the major world research centres for Evangelical and Charismatic Studies.

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The Pentecostal/Charismatic and Evangelical movements are among the largest and fastest-growing traditions within world Christianity, and indeed of any faith. Birmingham has a long-standing tradition of studying these movements ranging back over 40 years, and is a world leader in this field of research. Our specialisms include Evangelical and Pentecostal/Charismatic history, mission, theology, biblical interpretation, sociology, research methods, worship and liturgy.

This distance learning programme offers you the opportunity to explore the faith, practices, worship and teaching of these communities from an academic view which emphasises their global and contextual nature.

The course provides excellent preparation for further research in this field, but is also well-suited for personal and professional development purposes.

You can study this programme full-time over one year or part-time over two years.

Course structure

MA and Diploma students will take six taught modules – three per semester for full-time students, and four in the first year followed by two in the second year for part-time students. Two modules are core and four are optional. Certificate students take any three modules from all of those available.

Core modules

History of Evangelicalism and Pentecostalism

This module concentrates on the origins, history and development of Evangelicalism in different parts of the world, with an emphasis on the nineteenth and early twentieth century Evangelicalism, the emergence of Pentecostalism, and the transformation of world Christianity as a result.



Research Methods in Evangelical and Pentecostal Studies

This module focuses on research methods, skills and theories associated with the study of Pentecostalism and Evangelicalism from different disciplinary perspectives. It provides preparation for the dissertation and for further research.

Optional modules

You will choose from a range which includes the following modules which were offered in 2013–14:

Pentecostal/Charismatic Theology in Context

This module examines key theological issues relating to the global Pentecostal and Charismatic movements. Particular attention is given to the subjects of spirituality, mission, culture and society, and globalisation. Contextual and multi-disciplinary approaches will inform the theological reflection.

Contemporary Theology of the Holy Spirit

This module considers the most recent scholarship in contemporary pneumatology by reading primary texts, which are subsequently discussed online, using pneumatology as a lens through which to explore other theological loci.

Evangelical and Pentecostal Approaches to Music and Worship

This module looks at the growth and development of worship in the Evangelical and Pentecostal movements since the 1970s and includes consideration of the theology of music and worship and a historical survey, with discussion and analysis of contemporary practice.

Evangelical and Pentecostal Hermeneutics

This module will examine the use of the Bible in the Evangelical and Pentecostal/Charismatic traditions, highlighting similarities and differences between their approaches to and appropriation of the biblical text.



Additional optional modules will be offered from 2014 onwards, including **Sociology of Evangelicalism and Pentecostalism**, **World Christianity in the Twentieth Century**, and **Evangelical Theology in Comparative Perspective**.

Alternatively, you can select up to a maximum of **two** modules from other distance learning programmes in the School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion. These include modules in: **Philosophy of Cognitive Science**; **God, Freedom and the Meaning of Life**; **Global Bioethics**; and **Philosophy of Health and Happiness**.

Assessment

All modules are assessed by essays. MA students will complete the programme with a 15,000-word dissertation, which allows plenty of opportunity for you to explore your own specific interests in the field.

Entry requirements

We usually accept a first degree with good results in theology or a related discipline. We also consider applicants from other disciplines who have extensive relevant experience. Please contact us for further information.

Learn more

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