

Introduction

Welcome to the Asian Christianity programme at CMS Oxford!

At CMS, we have been at the forefront of theological education and pioneer ministry training in the UK for over a decade. Our commitment to equipping individuals for ministry has fostered a rich learning environment where students can engage deeply with their faith and calling. Recognising the dynamic shifts in global Christianity, we have expanded our horizons to embrace **a more intercultural approach**. Our **Asian Christianity** programme is a vital part of this journey.

The 21st century is marked by unprecedented global migration, reshaping communities and cultures worldwide. **Christianity in Asia is experiencing remarkable growth and transformation, offering a wealth of theological insights and missional practices.** This programme, therefore, seeks to equip you to engage with this vibrant context, contributing to a more holistic and globally-minded Church.

Through your studies, you will explore the history, theology, and mission of Asian Christianity. You will be part of a multicultural learning community, exchanging perspectives and enriching your understanding of the global Church. Our aim is to cultivate leaders who can not only understand but also contribute to the flourishing of Christianity in Asia and its diaspora.

We believe that CMS Oxford, with its commitment to following Jesus to the edges, is the ideal place to embark on this exciting journey.

This handbook is designed to provide you with essential information about the programme. We look forward to accompanying you on this transformative learning experience.

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Asian Christianity Pathways at CMS Oxford



Postgraduate

- MA 2 or 3 years
- DTh professional doctorate in Practical Theology (in partnership with the University of Roehampton)



Ordinands and Licensed Lay Ministers

- For Anglicans, depending on the diocese you are in, you may be able to train to be an ordained minister of the Church of England or a Licensed Lay Minister.
- If you are interested in ordained ministry or licensing as a lay minister, contact Helen Harwood (helen.harwood@churchmissionsociety.org) for more information.
- If you are not a member of the Church of England, your denomination may have a different process, but you still may be able to train with CMS.

Why train with Church Mission Society?



Be understood.

A course by pioneers for pioneers. We get it and we will help you help others get it. Our students discover a language that works.



Be recognised.

The pioneering gift should be recognised and appreciated. Our qualifications are accredited by Durham University.



Be trusted.

A whole 200+ year mission community and a vast network behind you who believe in you. Really.



Be supported.

You can't do this alone.
You'll be part of a
dynamic learning
community and wider
network of pioneer hubs
and friends.



Be you.

Connect and learn with others like you who have discovered the freedom of not fitting in.

Master of Arts Modules (Taught Fully Online)

MA - Level 7 Modules

- Advanced Topic in Asian Church History This course is designed to help students explore church history with a special emphasis on Asia.
- Christianity and Asian Religious Traditions This course provides an in-depth study of Asian religious traditions, examining their cultural impact, the identity of Asian Christians, and their diverse expressions across different religions.
- Asian Pentecostalism This course offers a systematic and comprehensive study of Pentecostal and charismatic Christianity in Asia and among the Asian diaspora.
- Missional Ecclesiology A course designed to help students reflect on the role and mission of the church both historically and in the contemporary world, bringing their own experience into conversation with various perspectives.
- Research and Reflection: Resources and Methods A
 course designed to introduce students to various research
 methods and approaches to theological reflection. There will
 be an opportunity to design a research project.
- Reflective Practice: Leadership and Collaboration A
 course designed to enable students to discern appropriate
 models of leadership and evaluate their own experience in
 leadership. Material is drawn from both secular and Christian
 contexts.



I feel very fortunate to have joined CMS and the Post-Christian Britain Hub at this exciting moment in its development, and I anticipate great things coming from this programme!

Nuam HatzawAsian Christianity MA Lecturer





Teaching Format

All our teaching days for Undergraduate (Mondays) and Postgraduate (Tuesdays) kick off with a student-led creative worship session from 10:30-11am, and teaching sessions are 11am-1pm; and 2-4pm (UK Time).



Accredited by Durham University

Our programmes are accredited through Durham University as part of a suite of Common Awards. The awards are taught in Theological Education Institutes (TEIs) all over the country, of which we are one with Ripon College, Cuddesdon. In other words, at the end of your study, you will be getting a University of Durham qualification.



Cost? Competitively low course fees 24/25

Certificate £3100 (120 credits) Certificate £4650 (180 credits) MA £6300 DTh £2200 pa*

- *N.B. The DTh is the only programme that is charged per year, all others are for the entire award.
- Besides the above fees, there is also the Durham Uni annual student fee (which entitles you to a student card and access to nationwide student discounts). This fee is between £288-£480 pa or £86 pa if you are interested in becoming a licensed lay minister in the Church of England.
- Fees are payable upfront or by monthly standing order.
- Bursaries are available by application.

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