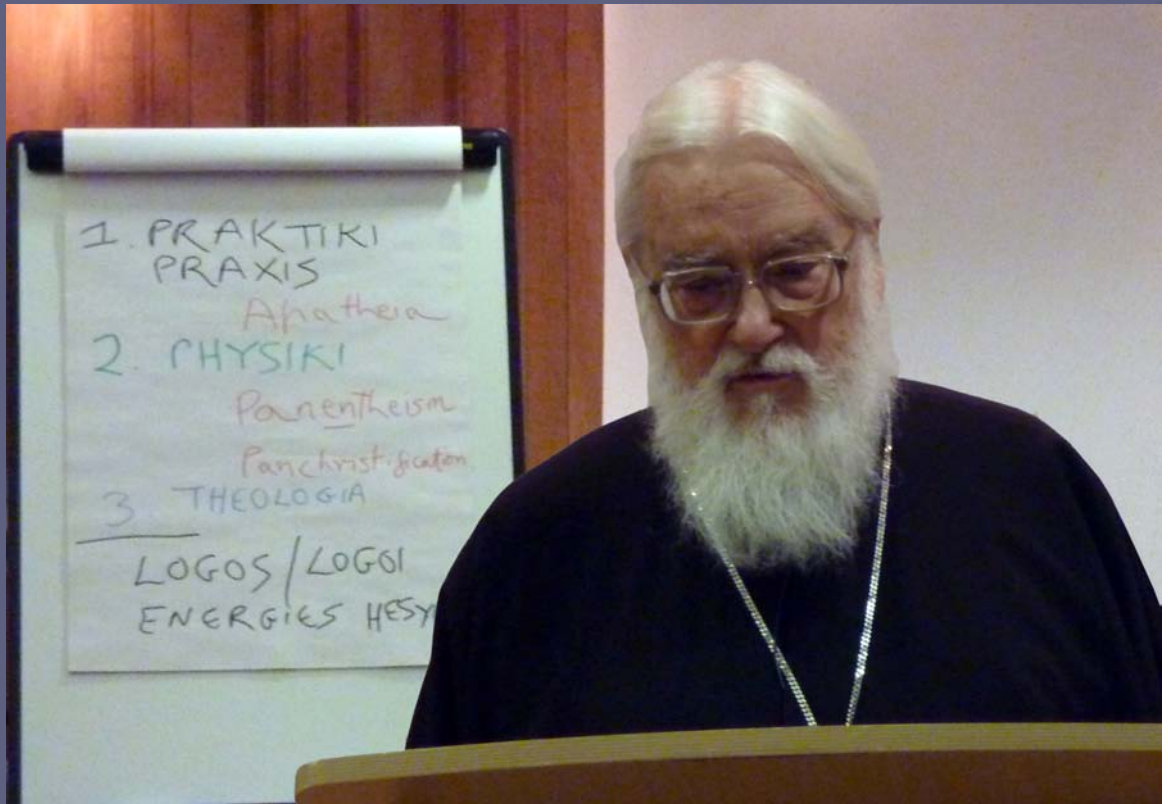


# BA (HONS) IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY PART-TIME

INSTITUTE FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDIES



LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR A  
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## Why take our BA course:

Our study weekend course represents:

- » a unique opportunity to study theology, even for those people with full-time jobs and family commitments
- » the only Orthodox BA programme in the UK
- » a great chance for people of all ages to keep in touch with academic life at a very high standard
- » a perfect opportunity for leaving the city every month for a refreshing academic weekend in Cambridge

'It is breathtaking quite how many students have found our courses lifechanging. I am often staggered by the impact a particular lecture or thought seems to have on students, even many years after the event...'

Dr Marcus Plested  
Vice-Principal and Academic Director

## Our Institute

The Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, a full member of the ecumenical Cambridge Theological Federation in partnership with Anglia Ruskin University, offers a comprehensive course of study in the fundamentals of orthodox Christian theology, history, belief and practice. Though students may be of any persuasion or none, the course is specifically designed for those who aim to develop their Christian discipleship and service.





# Metropolitan Kallistos Ware teaches for the first module on 17 December 2011

» a fascinating series of lectures taught by prestigious Orthodox scholars

STUDY WEEKEND 2011-2012

DATES	LEVEL 1 MODULES	LEVEL 2 MODULES	LEVEL 3 MODULES
<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>			
15 OCTOBER 2011	THE CHRISTIAN GOD I	QUESTIONS IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY I	QUESTIONS IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY I
19 NOVEMBER 2011	THE CHRISTIAN GOD II	QUESTIONS IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY II	QUESTIONS IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY II
17 DECEMBER 2011	THE CHRISTIAN GOD III	QUESTIONS IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY III	QUESTIONS IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY III
<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>			
13-14 JANUARY 2012	INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH HISTORY I	DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE AND SERVICE IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH I	FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE AND SERVICE IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH I
17-18 FEBRUARY 2012	INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH HISTORY II	DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE AND SERVICE IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH II	FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE AND SERVICE IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH II
16-17 MARCH 2012	INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH HISTORY III	DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE AND SERVICE IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH III	FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE AND SERVICE IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH III
27-28 APRIL 2012	READING THE BIBLE I	DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE AND SERVICE IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IV	FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE AND SERVICE IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IV UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR PROJECT
18-19 MAY 2012	READING THE BIBLE II (TO BE CONTINUED)	DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE AND SERVICE IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH V	FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF LIFE AND SERVICE IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IV UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR PROJECT (TO BE CONTINUED)

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Where else might one almost routinely expect to hear Metropolitan Kallistos discussing, say, the Ravenna Statement, or Aidan Hart explaining reverse perspective in the iconographic tradition? However, perhaps more surprisingly, there is still an intimate, almost family, atmosphere. In this atmosphere, I have made many friends.

Tom Cook, BA Student, UK



IOCS provided me with a fantastic opportunity to study Orthodox theology as an undergraduate in the heart of Cambridge. It's not only an intellectually enlightening experience, but also a spiritual one; the classes emphasize both the academic and the practical "vocational" aspects of ecclesial life in a manner that is easily accessible and yet challenging.

Hannah Gais,  
BA Visiting Student, USA



I always leave the study weekends with an elevated heart and mind. The teachers span new dimensions of theology for us as well as of the human condition.

Uno Schultz, BA Student,  
Sweden



I was impressed by the professional yet very friendly atmosphere; I am encouraged now to deepen my faith and orthodox theological experience with a good education system guided by excellent tutors.

Sherif Rezkalla, Egyp/Germany

## A unique format:

» Each module is taught in Cambridge, normally on the third weekend of a month, and over two successive months.

» Modules are carefully designed to contribute to a balanced understanding of the subject and you will progress in stages.

» Students take the specified modules for each level until such time as they accrue 120 Credits for the award

» The Institute gathers distinguished scholars from prestigious universities in the United Kingdom and abroad.

# Part-Time Course in Christian Theology



## LITURGICAL LIFE AND COMMUNITY

It is, of course, highly desirable to learn in a community of like-minded people and, if you are studying theology, to do so in the context of worship. The friends you make over a study weekend, our stimulating environment and our pleasant communal meals, but above all the Liturgy and Vespers of the Institute, offered as one among many religious and educational foundations in this ancient university city, all go to make up an experience that is unique. As the Psalmist exhorts us: 'O taste and see!'

## COURSE STRUCTURE

Each module is taught in Cambridge, normally on the third weekend of a month, and over two or more successive months. Modules may be seen as the building blocks of your personal 'house of knowledge'. They are carefully designed to contribute to a balanced understanding of the subject and you will progress in stages. Stage One culminates, after the equivalent of a year's full-time university study, in the award of a Certificate of Higher Education; Stage Two, after the equivalent of a second year of full-time study, leads to a Foundation Degree (formerly called a 'Diploma'); and Stage Three, completed after the equivalent to a third year of full-time study, results in a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology at Honours level.

A special feature of building your 'house of knowledge' under IOCS guidance is the quality of the instructors who will work alongside you. The Institute gathers distinguished scholars from prestigious universities in the United Kingdom and abroad as lecturers, leading to a level and range of expertise that is hard to find elsewhere in one place.

## RESOURCES

As students of the Cambridge Theological Federation you have access to a substantial range of resources (libraries, electronic facilities and a number of support services).

Students are expected to attend in-house courses on the History of the Church, Research Methods and Study Skills, and on Academic Writing in English. These courses are particularly valuable to overseas students acclimatising to a new academic environment.

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## COURSE FEES

The Fee for each one-year part-time course (which includes tuition and assessment; meals, coffee and tea) is: £2,000 which is to be paid in advance for each year. Payment can also be made in three instalments of £667 (to be paid in September, December and April) or by a direct debit for nine months of £223 (to be paid from October to June).

## LEVEL PROGRESSION

### » CERTIFICATE (LEVEL 1)

Students take the specified Level One modules until such time as they accrue 120 Credits for the award. They may take one or more modules at Level Two.

### » FOUNDATION DEGREE (LEVEL 2)

Students who have acquired the Certificate of Higher Education may proceed to the Second Level, leading to the Foundation Degree. Students will follow the specified Level Two modules toward a further 120 Credits (totalling 240 for the Foundation Degree) and they may also take for Credit one or more modules at Level Three;

### » BA (HONS) (LEVEL 3)

Students who have acquired the Foundation Degree may proceed to the Third Level, leading to an Honours Degree. Besides Level Three modules, students will undertake an Undergraduate Major Project (for 45 Credits), supervised in an area arranged in consultation with the Academic Director.

Students who hold Credits from another University can transfer these to Anglia Ruskin University by the process known as Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL). Forms for effecting these transfers are available from the IOCS office and help is on hand for completing them.

## ASSESSMENT

Modes of assessment differ in the various courses of the Federation, especially for 'Life and Service' modules. Our main method of assessment for a 15 Credit module is by a 3,000 word essay taken from a specified range of questions. Essays must be a student's own work, in that student's own words. Essays represent a student's individual understanding and interpretation of a topic. Guidelines for essay-writing will be made available to students online. It is almost always a benefit to a student to take advice early rather than try to go it alone. This is particularly true if you are returning to study after a considerable time away.

## ENROLMENT DATES

To enrol in the First Semester 2011, the application form overleaf must reach us by 10 September. To enrol from Second Semester 2012, your form must reach us by 5 January.

## BURSARIES AND CONCESSIONS

Fee levels are beyond our control. However, as an educational charity, the Institute offers a range of bursaries and concessions to assist students who have difficulty funding their education. Please apply for such assistance by writing to the Institute's Bursary Committee, giving a short explanation of your need and enclosing if possible an endorsement from your Bishop or parish priest. The Committee will look with particular sympathy at cases where fee increases seriously deter students from continuing their studies. The funds available to assist students will be distributed according to need.

## FULL-TIME BA COURSE ALSO AVAILABLE

Our Institute offers a full-time version of the BA course, but this requires students to attend courses offered by teaching staff from other theological colleges (Anglican, Catholic, Reformed etc). Please contact the office for more details on the full-time IOCS BA programme.



## ORTHODOXY IN A MULTI-DENOMINATIONAL CONTEXT

A full member of the Cambridge Theological Federation, IOCS interacts with the Anglia Ruskin University and with the University of Cambridge and offers degrees through those universities. At IOCS students study together with colleagues from other traditions in the Cambridge Theological Federation: Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Reformed. In this diverse context IOCS students are encouraged to articulate and communicate their Orthodox faith and identity. What is an Orthodox understanding of the faith and how is it to be communicated today? How different are the concerns of the Western churches from those of the Orthodox churches? These are questions that Orthodox students face in a protective environment of dialogue and intellectual debate that will equip them to handle such issues in their home communities.

**DISCLAIMER** This brochure supersedes any information given in earlier brochures and reflects new arrangements for the national accreditation of our courses. While every effort is made not to vary from advertised programmes, the Institute reserves the right to revise advertised programmes, module content, topics, lecturers and dates, if circumstances so require.

## OUR LECTURERS

Lecturers at IOCS courses and special events have included:

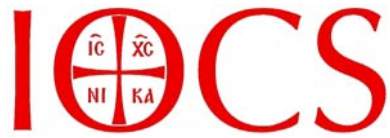
- » Metropolitan Kallistos Ware,
- » Metropolitan John Zizioulas,
- » Father Thomas Hopko,
- » Revd Professor Jacques Khalil,
- » Archimandrite Ephrem Lash,
- » Revd Professor Andrew Louth,
- » Revd Professor Nikolaos Loudovikos,
- » Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev, and the late
- » Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh.

Because of our close relationship with the Monastery of St John the Baptist (Essex),

- » Revd Dr Nikolai Sakharov and
- » Archimandrites Symeon and Zacharias have also been among our teachers.

## MODULES BY DISTANCE LEARNING

We are currently developing a number of BA modules to be delivered by distance learning. This will enable students to study towards a degree without coming to Cambridge every month. However, it will not be possible to follow any of the BA course levels exclusively by distance learning. More details about the distance learning modules will be announced in the coming academic year.



The Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge  
Application for Admission to the BA in Christian Theology programme  
2011-2012

Name..... Title.....

Address.....

Telephone ..... Email.....

Church/parish affiliation.....

Educational qualifications .....

Competence in English (if not a native speaker please indicate English language qualification): .....

Will you begin in Semester 1  or Semester 2  (please tick to indicate)

Please indicate the level for which you are applying:

- Certificate (Level 1)
- Foundation Degree (Level 2)
- BA (Hons) in Christian Theology (Level 3)

Describe any special needs that might affect your coursework: .....

Personal Statement: Please submit a paragraph or two giving an autobiographical sketch and your reasons for wishing to study through the Institute.

**Fees (please tick one):**

- I enclose payment of £2000 for one year of study.
- I enclose the first of three instalments of £ 667 (the remaining two to be paid in December and April)
- I enclose bank confirmation for a nine-month direct debit payment (£223 each month, to be paid from October to June).

**Bursaries**

- I wish to apply for a bursary or concession and enclose a supporting letter.



Please post the completed application to  
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