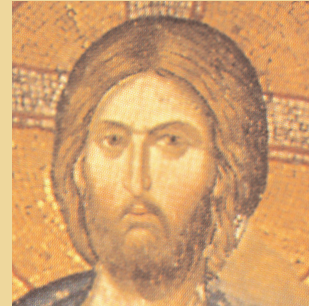
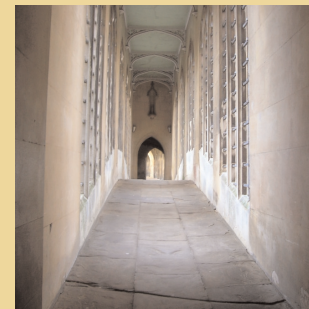
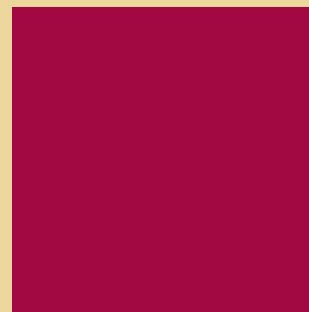
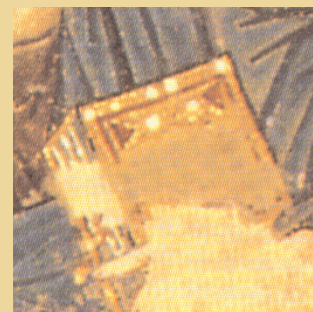


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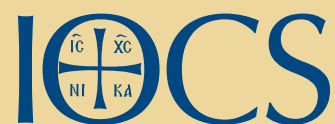


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(“St Thomas’s”) is the Orthodox house in the ancient university city of Cambridge, England. To it come men and women from many countries and various Orthodox traditions. They experience teaching of the highest quality in a world-famous academic setting. They enjoy the beauty of the surroundings, natural and man-made, the libraries and facilities, and the companionship of fellow-Christians in a historic seat of Christian learning. They are also at the hub of intellectual ‘trade-routes’, exposed to some of the world’s most distinguished speakers, from Orthodox and other traditions.

Representing Orthodoxy

As a full member of the Cambridge Theological Federation, IOCS represents Orthodox Christianity to the western world. Its students, from a basis of Orthodox worship and practice within the Institute, witness to their eastern Orthodox faith and encounter the challenge and opportunity offered by other Christian traditions. They prepare themselves for Church life in an increasingly pluralist and secularized world.

Courses offered by IOCS

Our students enrol in a range of courses: among them, the Certificate and the Diploma of Higher Education in Orthodox Christian Studies, both awarded by the University of Cambridge Institute for Continuing Education; the Bachelor of Theology for Ministry (BTh), taught within the Federation and awarded by the University of Cambridge; and the Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology, again taught within the Federation and validated by Anglia Ruskin University. The ablest of our students go on to undertake doctoral work with Anglia Ruskin University and with the University of Cambridge.

Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology

This is the most popular of our full-time courses, taught over a 48-week year. It may also be pursued part-time for two or more years, up to a maximum of six. (But please note that overseas students seeking entry visas are advised to enrol for the one-year course.)

A course tailored to your needs

Students are required to complete four modules and a 15,000 word dissertation by the end of the course. Each module comprises 24 hours of class-room teaching (96 hours in all), but students are expected to support this with extensive private study. Two modules are obligatory for Orthodox students: the Core Module and An Orthodox Approach to Pastoral Life. These, if combined with an Independent Study Module relating to Orthodox pastoral theology, and a Pastoral Placement Module, permit Orthodox students to craft a course of study that meets their particular need.

Pastoral Theology in History and Practice (the Core Module)

is compulsory for all Federation students. It aims to impart the biblical and theological basis for Christian pastoral work — whether that is undertaken formally for a church or informally in everyday life. The module looks at past theory and practice, and also highlights those human and social factors that shape our contemporary understanding and practice of pastoral care.

An Orthodox Approach to Pastoral Life: Liturgical Theology and the Mission of the Church

is an obligatory module. Taught by IOCS staff and visiting Orthodox lecturers, it encourages students to bring the teachings of the Church and the study of the Fathers to bear upon contemporary issues.

The Pastoral Placement Module encourages students to develop their theological

understanding in actual pastoral situations. This might involve working alongside an Orthodox university chaplain or a parish priest, or going into hospitals, prisons, hospices for the dying, or reception centres for asylum-seekers. Students may hope to gain 150 hours of practical knowledge, and are expected to write a theological reflection of 1,500 words on their experience.

The Independent Learning Module

allows a student to specialise in an area within the field of pastoral theology (for example, the work of hospices) for which no formal module is offered. An appropriately qualified supervisor will be appointed, who may be suggested by the student or by the Institute’s Director of Studies. Students may expect at least four formal supervisions. 300 hours of student commitment is expected, and results must be presented in a form equivalent to a report of 5,000 words.

Further Modules (of which Orthodox students may choose two, in addition to their two compulsory modules) are offered in the following subjects (though not all are offered in every year):

- Biblical Hermeneutics
- Christian Ethics
- Preaching in a Pastoral Context
- Literature and Pastoral Theology
- Psychology, Faith and Church Life
- Christian Worship and Human Community
- Contemporary Spirituality and its Sources
- Christianity in a Scientific Culture

- Modernity, Post-Modernity and the Gospel
- Inter-Faith Dialogue
- Jewish/Christian Relations
- Ecumenism in Theory and Practice
- Feminist Perspectives on Pastoral Theology
- Postgraduate Research Methods

The Dissertation or Project involves 600 hours of independent research and writing, on a topic chosen by the student in consultation with the Director of Studies. It must be presented in a form equivalent to an essay of 15,000 words.

Resources for Students

Parish Life

Students are encouraged to attach themselves to one of the two thriving Orthodox churches in Cambridge. St Ephraim’s church (Diocese of Sourozh, Moscow Patriarchate) worships largely in English, since its congregation comprises 16 or more nationalities and languages. St Athanasios (Greek diocese of Thyateira and Great Britain) holds services in Greek/English. Other Orthodox congregations, Antiochian, Romanian, Serbian, Bulgarian, Georgian, and also congregations of the Oriental Orthodox Churches, can be found in London, which is 50 minutes away by train.

Libraries and Resources

The Institute has a very good working library in Orthodox theology, history, art, and spirituality. The collection is also strong in Byzantine history, and contains works in Russian, Bulgarian, Greek and French. Students also have access

to the other libraries of the Cambridge Theological Federation, which house approximately 100,000 volumes. Depending on need, students may also draw on the vast resources of the university libraries in the city.

Study Skills Seminars

The Institute, in collaboration with other colleges of the Cambridge Theological Federation, is developing seminars to assist students in essay writing and the use of independent study-time outside the classroom. These are especially helpful to students unfamiliar with British tertiary educational requirements, and for those who have little experience of studying on their own.

Admission Criteria

Language Proficiency

For candidates whose mother tongue is not English, Federation rules require an English language proficiency equivalent to IELTS 7.0.

Admission to the MA in Pastoral Theology

Candidates are admitted to the course on three main criteria, which may be evidenced by formal qualifications or by practical experience. Candidates should:

- show that they can work at a level appropriate to a Master’s degree;
- demonstrate previous learning in theology or religious studies;
- give evidence of previous or likely future engagement in Christian pastoral work.

Course Fees

The fee for the course leading to the MA in Pastoral Theology

is £3,375, payable in advance to the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies (IOCS). Fees are subject to periodic review.

The fee covers all tuition, supervision, and the use of libraries. The fee does not include accommodation or meals, for which students must make their own arrangements. Where possible, the Institute will assist in arranging accommodation in Wesley House or in other colleges of the Federation. This accommodation is usually at a lower rate than what is available commercially. Students are advised to apply early. For those undertaking the Placement Module, any travel or accommodation costs are not included in the course fee.

How to apply

Applicants must complete the standard application form, which can be downloaded from our website:

www.iocs.cam.ac.uk/applications.html

For an application form by post, please write or e-mail to our address below.

For further information

on this course or any matter relating to it, or about other courses offered by the Institute, please go to our website, www.iocs.cam.ac.uk, or contact us at:

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