

BA (Hons) Theology and Mission

On campus, online and hybrid learning

This programme is offered in dual-delivery mode, giving students the flexibility to study either online or on our beautiful campus in the Peak District.

On-campus students will need to be physically present at Cliff College for all scheduled teaching. It is expected that most full-time students choosing this route will live at the College, or nearby. Part-time on-campus students may live further afield within the UK but will be required to be present onsite for scheduled teaching weeks and seminars. Students within the UK who choose the online option may choose to attend one or more of the scheduled teaching weeks in person at the College.

International students wishing to study on campus are encouraged to live at the College or nearby to ensure they can attend all teaching weeks and seminars on campus. For those applying for a UK Student Visa, this is highly recommended in order to enable both the College and students to fulfil their obligations to UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI).

How teaching and learning works

On our undergraduate programme, there are four key elements to our teaching and learning – live lectures, seminars, guided online study and assessed work.

Live lectures

Each unit you take will include live lectures, usually delivered in block teaching weeks – you can attend these either online or on campus at Cliff College, and we form one hybrid classroom.

Teaching dates

Below are the Level 4 (first year) lecture week dates for 2025/26:

Full-time students attend all eight weeks (labelled A, B, C and D).

Part-time students usually attend both A and C weeks in their first year, and then both B and D weeks in their second year.

Teaching week	First teaching week (1)	Second teaching week (2)
A (all students)	15-19 September 2025	3-7 November 2025
B (full-time students only)	6-10 October 2025	24-28 November 2025
C (all students)	5-9 January 2026	23-27 February 2026
D (full-time students only)	26-30 January 2026	16-20 March 2026

Seminars

For each unit of study, you will have several seminars to attend; the dates for these will be given to you at the start of each semester. You will be asked to present research on a topic at some of these seminars and will be assessed on your presentation; at others, you will be hearing and discussing what others have been researching and learning. Attending these seminars is an important part of your study.

Guided online study

Using our online study platform, you will be able to access guided reading, video recordings, exercises, reflective questions, discussion boards and other resources to help you further explore the topics you're learning. This study can be done at a time that suits you. Within this online study, there will be some multiple-choice questions that will be marked and will count towards your overall grade.

Assessed work

For each unit, you will need to prepare and submit some assignments for assessment. This might include an essay, a presentation, a magazine article, a theological reflection or something else. You will be told at the beginning of each unit what the assignments are, their weighting and when they are due. If you have any questions about your assignments, you can speak to your unit lead or another faculty member for guidance and advice.

Pathways

On our undergraduate programme you can select to study one of two specialist pathways, should you wish:

- (1) *'Ministry Among Older People'* or
- (2) *'Children, Youth and Family Ministry'*.

If you select a pathway, you will take units that are relevant to your specialism, such as *Issues Facing Older People* or *Introduction to Children, Youth and Family Ministry*, alongside other core and optional units. The *'Ministry Among Older People'* pathway is only available at Level 4 (first year); the *'Children, Youth and Family Ministry'* pathway is available through the entire programme.

Mission and Evangelism placement

Your Mission and Evangelism placement is an integral part of the programme and a core unit at every level of the degree. It offers an opportunity to identify and reflect on good practice in a variety of missional contexts and learn from practical experience. A range of placement settings are available; our Placement Team work with students individually to identify and develop an appropriate placement, either to be taken as a two-week block placement or as an ongoing (week-by-week) placement.

Mission and Evangelism placement is normally undertaken in the second semester of each year for full-time students, and every other year for part-time students. If you are on one of the specialist pathways, your placement will be relevant to your specialism e.g. working with families in a community centre or shadowing a chaplain at a retirement home.