



*"Always be prepared
to make a defence
(apologia) to any
one who calls you to
account for the hope
that is in you."*

1 Peter 3:15b

MA IN CATHOLIC
APPLIED THEOLOGY:
APOLOGETICS

VALIDATED BY THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

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This programme is for anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of the rational foundations of the Catholic worldview in order to be able to engage effectively with the intellectual challenges posed by the secular culture of our time. It is of particular relevance to all involved in preaching and teaching the faith in schools, colleges and parishes. The programme leads to the Open University Validated award of Master of Arts (OU).

The programme is open to candidates with an honours degree (2:2 or above) or equivalent academic or professional qualifications. The Institute welcomes students whether or not they are from the Catholic community.

AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

This programme aims to foster knowledge and critical understanding of the rational grounds for the Catholic faith, intellectual objections to it, and the range of possible responses, enabling students to expound and defend the faith in the modern world.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

This MA is a 30-month, distance-learning course with short residential schools commencing each January. For the first 24 months, students work from home following specially designed module course materials, and associated reading, and submitting assignments based upon this reading. The final 6 months of the course focus on the writing of a 20,000 word dissertation.

It is possible, within the structure of the MA Programme, to terminate with the award of a Postgraduate Certificate (after Year 1) or Postgraduate Diploma (after Year 2).

PROGRAMME CONTENT

The areas covered include:

- Introduction to Apologetics
- Christian Anthropology
- Philosophy, God and Science
- The Historical Jesus
- Catholic Sexual Ethics
- Controversial Issues from Church History
- Controversial Issues in Modern Apologetics
- Research Methods

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