

BA / Cert HE Programme: September 2021 intake

1. BA (Hons) in Theology and Christian Leadership (Chester University)
This is ordinarily a full-time (three-year) or part-time (six-year) degree.
2. Cert HE in Theology and Christian Leadership (Chester University)
This is ordinarily a part-time (two- / three-year) or full-time (one-year) certificate.
It is delivered in the same way as Year One (Level Four) of the BA programme.
Completion of the Cert HE allows entrance to Year Two (Level Five) of the BA programme.
3. Both courses are designed to produce the following core competency skills:
Biblical, Theological, and Cultural Literacy; Self-Leadership; Organisational Skills; People Skills
4. Both courses are designed to produce the following core character traits:
Faith; Integrity; Generosity; Honour; Teachability; Enthusiasm; Resilience; Servanthood
5. There are both Theology and Leadership elements to the curriculum at each Level.
These are separated into classroom-based modules and placement-based modules.
The classroom-based modules cover the following areas:
Bible; Systematics; Church History; Biblical Languages; Practical Theology and Ethics.
The placement-based modules cover the following areas:
Leadership Skills; Personal Development; Ministry; Missions.
6. Level Six includes an 8,000 word Dissertation (1/3rd of Level Six)
7. The course is offered on a blended-delivery basis. This reflects an under-girding philosophy – that effective leadership development and vocational training need to be context based.
The annual contact hours ¹ comprise:
 - Six 'Intensive' weeks in a classroom setting (Monday – Friday). ²
Students arrange their own accommodation during these weeks.
 - Weekly webinar lectures: for the classroom-based modules.
 - Weekly placements: for the placement-based modules.
8. At each level, the student takes 120 credits.
All Level Four modules are core modules.
Biblical Language modules are optional at Levels Five and Six.
All students take a 40-credit dissertation at Level Six.

¹ The following figures are all based on an academic year of full-time study.

Level Six is slightly different, because dissertation supervision comprises some of the contact hours.

² Full weeks of lectures (rather than single days) are used for classroom lectures, since this allows the course to serve as a national (rather than regional) resource.

The placement-based (P-B) modules

Each 10 credits has 10 hours in 'Intensive' weeks, 40 placement hours, and 50 study hours.

This means that, at Levels Four and Five, the student has:

60 hours in 'Intensive' weeks; 240 placement hours; and 300 study hours.

Levels Four and Five

The 60 hours in 'Intensive' weeks

These are all delivered in a classroom setting, over three weeks during each academic year.

Each module is normally taught as an 'Intensive' during a single week.³

20 contact hours are scheduled for each week.

(This is usually Monday afternoon to Friday morning.)

The 240 placement hours

These are made up of:

40 hours over an approximately seven-day Missions Trip

100 hours on a church placement.

100 hours on a specific ministry commitment.

The church placement and ministry commitment are usually connected.

Together they comprise 8 hours / week (over 25 weekly placements).

They form part of an agreed church placement / ministry commitment.

The context for these is usually the sending (*i.e.*, home) church.

They are arranged across 25 Sundays. There is a significant degree of flexibility, however, based on the requirements of the specific church placement / ministry commitment.

The 300 study hours

These are made up of 12.5 hours / week (over 24 study weeks).⁴

These study hours are structured, and include directed study.

Level Six

At Level Six, the student has: 40 hours in 'Intensives'; 160 placement hours; 200 study hours

The 40 hours in 'Intensives' take place during the set classroom weeks.

The 160 placement hours are made up of the church placement plus ministry commitment.

(This may include a UK-based ministry trip. There is no Missions Trip at Level Six.)

The 200 study hours still take place over the 24 study weeks (8.33 hours per week).

³ This is to allow for the greater use of practitioners in the placement-based element of the course.

⁴ A study week comprises four FTE days (7.75 study hours / day).

The classroom-based (C-B) modules

Each 10 credits has 10 hours in 'Intensive' weeks, 10 webinar hours, and 80 study hours.

This means that, at Levels Four and Five, the student has:

60 hours in 'Intensive' weeks; 60 webinar hours; and 480 study hours.

Levels Four and Five

The 60 hours in 'Intensive' weeks

These are all delivered in a classroom setting, over three weeks during each academic year.

Each module is normally taught across at least two of the three set weeks

20 contact hours are scheduled for each week.

(This is usually Monday afternoon to Friday morning.)

The 60 webinar hours

60 contact hours are delivered by webinar (3 hours / week over 20 weeks)

The webinar sessions usually take place on a Monday morning.

Note: The combination of three weeks Intensives + 20 webinar sessions per 20 credit module allows for an extended 'reflective' element in the Theology modules.

Biblical language modules will tend to be delivered mainly by webinar.

The 480 study hours

These are made up of 18 hours / week (24 study weeks).⁵

9.75 hours are also allocated in each week of teaching weeks 2-6.

Level Six

At Level Six, the student has: 40 hours in 'Intensives'; 40 webinar hours; 320 study hours.

The 40 hours in 'Intensives' take place during the set classroom weeks.

The 40 webinar hours are delivered using the set webinar sessions.

The 320 study hours still take place over the 24 study weeks (13.33 hours / week).

Note: Again, biblical language modules will tend to be delivered mainly by webinar.

⁵ A study week comprises four FTE days (7.75 study hours / day).

Dissertation: Level Six

In Level Six, every student writes an 8,000 word Dissertation.

The student chooses their title, in consultation with a supervisor and subject to college approval.

The dissertation may relate to any element of the taught modules.

It is a 40-credit module.

400 study hours are allocated to it. These comprise:

5 hours (max) of one-to-one supervision sessions

9 hours / week (24 study weeks)

10 hours / teaching week (weeks 2-6)

39 hours in place of the Missions Trip

90 hours in place of Placement Hours

Further notes

In all three levels, all students are ordinarily expected to attend:

1. All six 'Intensive' weeks
2. All relevant webinar sessions
3. All relevant missions trips / ministry settings
4. Church placements / ministry commitments (This includes AoG Conference)
5. Any structured element of Study Weeks

Dates: 2021 – 2022**Semester One****6th September – 16th December****September**

6 – 10	Intensive Week 1: P-B 1 plus Induction (classroom)
12	Placement 1
13	Webinar 1
13 – 17	Study Week 1
19	Placement 2
20	Webinar 2
20 – 24	Study Week 2
26	Placement 3
27	Webinar 3
27 – 1 (October)	Study Week 3

October

3	Placement 4
4	Webinar 4
4 – 8	Study Week 4
10	Placement 5
11 – 15	Intensive Week 2: C-B 1 (classroom)
17	Placement 6
18	Webinar 5
18 – 22	Study Week 5
24	Placement 7
25	Webinar 6
25 – 29	Study Week 6
31	Placement 8

November

1	Webinar 7
1 – 5	Study Week 7
7	Placement 9
8	Webinar 8
8 – 12	Study Week 8
14	Placement 10
15 – 19	Intensive Week 3: C-B 2 (classroom)
21	Placement 11
22	Webinar 9

22 – 26	Study Week 9
28	Placement 12
29	Webinar 10
29 – 3 (December)	Study Week 10

December

6 – 9	Study Week 11
13 – 16	Study Week 12

Semester Two
4th January – 26th May

January

4 – 7	Study Week 13
9	Placement 13
10 – 14	Intensive Week 4: P-B 2 (classroom)
16	Placement 14
17	Webinar 11
17 – 21	Study Week 14
23	Placement 15
24	Webinar 12
24 – 28	Study Week 15
30	Placement 16
31	Webinar 13
31 – 4 (February)	Study Week 16

February

6	Placement 17
7	Webinar 14
7 – 11	Study Week 17
13	Placement 18
14	Webinar 15
14 – 18	Study Week 18
20	Placement 19
21 – 25	Intensive Week 5: C-B 3 (classroom)
27	Placement 20
28	Webinar 16
28 – 4 (March)	Study Week 19

March

6	Placement 21
7	Webinar 17
7 – 11	Study Week 20
13	Placement 22
14	Webinar 18
14 – 18	Study Week 21
20	Placement 23
21 – 25	Intensive Week 6: P-B 3 (classroom)
27	Placement 24
28	Webinar 19
28 – 1 (April)	Study Week 22

April

3	Placement 25
4	Webinar 20
4 – 8	Study Week 23
21 – 29	Missions Trips (about 7 days during this period)

May

3 – 6	Study Week 24
9 – 26	AoG Conference plus extra Study Weeks

See BA **Calendar 2021 – 2022** (after p. 10) for a visual presentation of this.

Notes:

1. There will be flexibility in the allocating of Study Days and Placement Days.
The total amount of time allocated for these elements, however, must remain the same.
2. The Webinar sessions will normally be delivered live on Monday mornings (3 hours).
Student are expected to log in live to their Webinar sessions.
3. In subsequent years, each Level will use the same allocated P-B Weeks.
In subsequent years, each Level may use different allocated C-B Weeks.

Modules ⁶**Level Four (Year One)**

C-B modules	Title	Credits	Core
	Bible Survey (OT / NT)	20	Y
	Introduction to Christian Doctrine	20	Y
	Introduction to Christian Worldview *	20	Y
P-B modules	Title	Credits	Core
	Introduction to Christian Leadership	20	Y
	Foundations for Ministry: Team Formation and Dynamics *	20	Y
	Introduction to Leading Christian Organisations	20	Y

* This module is linked to the (cross-cultural) Missions Trip

⁶ Please note that modules can be subject to change, following usual processes.

Level Five (Year Two)

C-B modules	Title	Credits	Core
	New Testament Studies	20	Y
Plus 40 credits from the following:			
	Old Testament Studies	20	N
	Pentecostal & Charismatic Studies	20	N
	Christian Doctrine: Faith and Praxis	20	N
	Introductory New Testament Greek 1	10	N
	Introductory New Testament Greek 2	10	N
	Introductory Biblical Hebrew 1	10	N
	Introductory Biblical Hebrew 2	10	N

P-B modules	Title	Credits	Core
	Ministerial Ethics	20	Y
	Organisational Management in Christian Leadership	20	Y
	Introduction to Missional Leadership *	20	Y

* This module is linked to the (cross-cultural) Missions Trip

Level Six (Year Three)

Dissertation	8,000 words	40 credits	Core
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The **Dissertation** is an 8,000-word submission, focussing on an area of study or ministry that the student wishes to develop further in the future.

C-B modules	Title	Credits	Core
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40 credits from the following:

New Testament Pneumatology	20	N
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Christian Apologetics	20	N
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Exegetical Studies (Isaiah / Luke-Acts / John / Romans, etc.)	20	N
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Christian Missions	20	N
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Intermediate New Testament Greek	20	N
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Intermediate Biblical Hebrew	20	N
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P-B modules	Title	Credits	Core
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Continual Leadership Development	20	Y
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Plus one of the following:

Ecclesiology and Ministry in the Market-place	20	N
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Ecclesiology and Church Planting	20	N
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Academic Year Planner BA 2021-2022

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Legend:

- Lecture Week (Classroom)
- Webinar Sessions
- Church Placement Ministry Commitment
- Study Week
- Missions Trip
- Day Off

The month of May is largely made up of AoG Conference and optional Study Weeks.