

*Bible College
Training*



*Discipleship Training
for Christian Service!*

Tilsley College Programmes



Tilsley College offers three full-time programmes alongside a range of other training options.

1, 2 or 3 years?

Each year's programme stands by itself!

Students can follow studies at Tilsley for one, two or three years and leave with a fully accredited qualification: certificate, diploma or baccalaureate. It is also possible, with the right qualifications, to join Tilsley at the beginning of the diploma or baccalaureate year.

Tilsley's Programmes are accredited by the European Council for Theological Education and so we have adopted their language for our awards. The three years together are equivalent to a bachelor's degree however we call it a Baccalaureate award (RQF level 6/SCQF level 9, or level 5b of the European framework). We would describe it as a vocational bachelor's award and it could be designated equivalent to a Bachelor of Theology (B.Th). This award gives students access to post-graduate study if they so desire.

More information on this can be found on www.ecte.eu/qa/accreditation



Our 9 month training course is unique

Our college is part of GLO Europe - a mission agency working across many countries in Europe and linked with other GLO missions worldwide. As a result we are a place of many backgrounds and cultures. The vast majority of our lecturers and staff have a lifetime of experience in being mission workers in countries such as France, India, Argentina, Czech Republic, Pakistan, Peru, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Zambia.

Tilsley College has been training people for service for over 40 years. Some of our graduates are now actively involved in God's mission around the world, others in Christian organisations and some have used their training experience back in their own localities.

Tilsley's Core Values

We believe that Tilsley College has a unique contribution to make in the spectrum of theological education in the UK. Our programmes offer a breadth of knowledge and hands-on experience which makes them an excellent preparation for further theological training or as a valuable bridge into full-time Christian ministry.

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Doing

Classroom learning can leave Bible college students as poor practitioners. We are convinced that training is not merely an academic pursuit but that theory must be combined with practice in order to develop skill in Christian service. Tilsley College offers a multitude of opportunities to participate in actual service situations which range from cross-cultural mission to local church ministry, and from gospel preaching to social action.



Ministry and Cross-Cultural Emphasis

Personal Development

Spiritual Life

Bible Knowledge

Mission Issues

Local Church

Support and Accountability

Practical Skills

Be trained and ready to serve!

The high proportion of time spent in student placements shows the importance Tilsley attaches to vocational training. This is a strategic element across all three programmes.

This vital element of Tilsley training provides helpful opportunities, not only for giving hands-on experience in Christian service, but also in enabling students to link the knowledge gained in the lecture room with real life Christian work.

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Certificate of Higher Education in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry

BIBLICAL STUDIES

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Hermeneutics A

Patriarchs and Judges
Kings and Exile
Wisdom and Poetry
Prophecy and Return

Life of Jesus
Early Church
Romans
1 Corinthians

EVANGELISM & MISSION IN CONTEXT

Pastoral Care and Leadership
Church Planting
Introduction to Christian Counselling

Evangelism and Discipleship
Reaching our Communities

Introduction to Cross-Cultural Mission
Mission Awareness Trip

Apologetics A
Cults & New Religious Movements
World Religions

Schedule

Most of the lectures take place in the morning between 9am and 1.15pm. Afternoons, evenings and weekends are mostly undirected but students are expected to commit to personal study, to be involved in weekly placements (once or twice a week) and to take part in their church placement activities: house groups, services, social events, etc.

CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

God, Creation, Humanity and Fall
Christology and Soteriology
Pneumatology
Eschatology

Church History
Christian Ethics

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Intergenerational Church
Homiletics A
Team Evangelism A
Team Evangelism B
College Devotions

Weekly Placements
Ministry Placement

PERSONAL DEVELOPEMENT

Spiritual Formation
Church Placement
Mentoring
Christian Life

INTEGRATED LEARNING

Extended Essay
Integrated Learning Week

Our Programmes

Year 1: Certificate of Higher Education in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry

The one year, residential programme combines biblical and theological studies in the classroom with practical ministry experience through weekly placements, two weeks of Team Evangelism and a six-week long Field Placement.

The first year programme also includes a cross-cultural Mission Awareness Trip.

In past years our students were welcome by GLO mission workers in Albania, Italy and Romania.



*Don't forget your
passport as we'll be
asking you to travel!*

(cost included in the fees)

Year 2: Diploma of Higher Education in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry

The second year is a full-time programme which builds on the Certificate by combining 20 weeks in ministry apprenticeship with a local church or mission organisation and 16 weeks of intensive, residential teaching weeks (in two blocks).

Year 3: European Baccalaureate of Higher Education in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry

The third year builds on the foundation of the Diploma using a similar structure in mixing ministry apprenticeship and classroom teaching. This year brings the student to the completion of their European Baccalaureate and offers a robust platform from which to launch out into Christian ministry.

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Ministry Placement

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Spiritual Formation
Church Placement
Mentoring
Christian Life

INTEGRATED LEARNING

Extended Essay
Integrated Learning Week

Year 2 Programme Content

Diploma of Higher Education in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Introduction to the Bible
Hermeneutics B

Genesis 1-11
1 and 2 Chronicles
Isaiah

Gospel and Letters of John
Hebrews

EVANGELISM & MISSION IN CONTEXT

Christian Community for a New Age
Pastoral Studies

Mission Practice Then and Now
Mission Awareness Trip

Apologetics B

CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

Theology of Ministry
Theology of Mission

Paul and the Law

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

College Devotions
Team Evangelism
Homiletics B

Ministry Placement

PERSONAL DEVELOPEMENT

Church Placement
Spiritual Reflection
Mentoring

INTEGRATED LEARNING

Guided Research
Integrated Learning Week

Placements

Previous students following the Diploma and Baccalaureate years at Tilsley have had a wide variety of apprenticeship placements. Examples include working with local churches in Dundee and Exeter; serving in a children's ministry in Barcelona; working with the homeless in Glasgow; and joining a church-planting team in Naples.

The Diploma year also includes 10 days in a cross-cultural environment working with a church-planting team, experiencing some of the joys and demands of cross-cultural ministry.

Year 3 Programme Content

European Baccalaureate in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Apocalyptic Literature and the Radical Reformation

The Time of the Judges

The Pastoral Letters

EVANGELISM & MISSION IN CONTEXT

Trends in Global Christianity

Responses to Islam

PERSONAL DEVELOPEMENT

Church Placement
Spiritual Reflection
Mentoring

CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

Images of the Atonement

Christ in a Global Context

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

College Devotions

Team Evangelism

Homiletics C

Ministry Placement

INTEGRATED LEARNING

Dissertation

Integrated Learning Week



College Finance and Fees

Tilsley College aims in their discipleship training to keep costs to students to a minimum. One way in which we can achieve this is that all staff members raise their own personal support through churches and individuals which means the cost burden to students is reduced. The College fees, therefore, only have to cover accomodation, food, and direct costs related to teaching and administration (including accreditation).

A breakdown of fees is available from the College Bursar. The fees below are for the academic year 2019-2020. The College also has a small Bursary Fund.

First Year Fees

Single student residential	£5,300
Single student non-residential	£4,700
Married couple residential	£9,000
Married couple non-residential	£8,100

Second Year Fees

Single student residential	£4,200
Single student non-residential	£3,800
Married couple residential	£7,100
Married couple non-residential	£6,800

Third Year Fees

Single student residential	£3,700
Single student non-residential	£3,300
Married couple residential	£6,100
Married couple non-residential	£5,800



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Tilsley College Campus

We are located at Motherwell in the central belt of Scotland with excellent transport links for both Glasgow and Edinburgh airports. We are also on the mainline rail network and conveniently close to major motorways linking across the UK.

Strathclyde Country Park and the Duchess Park are within walking distance and Chatelherault Country Park with its historic hunting lodge can be reached in ten minutes by car. There are many other historic beauty spots well worth a day trip.



The campus is small but attractive

As the College is based in the GLO Centre, students have ready access to the onsite coffee shop and an excellent Christian bookshop.

There are individual study bedrooms and a limited amount of accommodation for married couples and families. Students have access to a well-stocked and spacious library.

