Considering Postgraduate Studies?

How About The Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin?
Trinity College Dublin - Ireland’s Leading University.

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, is Ireland’s leading university, steeped in history with a reputation for excellence in education innovation and research. While our campus dates back over four hundred years, our research facilities and institutes sit right in the twenty first century. The university has research strengths that span the Sciences, Medicine, Engineering, Business, Arts and Humanities, a spectrum that is mirrored by our broad range of taught postgraduate courses and research opportunities at master’s and doctorate level.

Employers worldwide hold Trinity graduates in high esteem. As a truly international university, we welcome applications from prospective postgraduate students anywhere in the world.

The Loyola Institute

The Loyola Institute offers degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate level, both taught and via research, in theology in the Catholic tradition. Our central concern is the creative intersection of theology, Church and society. The Loyola Institute is a part of the Confederal School of Religions, Peace Studies and Theology in Trinity College.

Since its establishment in 2012, the Loyola Institute has attracted expressions of interest in postgraduate study from a great variety of people, in Ireland and internationally. This popularity is due both to Trinity’s historic reputation in the academic study of theology and to the strong research profiles of the current Loyola staff, each of whom has international standing in their specialisations.

Research Led Post Graduate Studies

Among the subjects being worked upon by current postgraduate students are: The intersection between Psychotherapy and Theology focusing on the dialogue between Victor White and C.G. Jung; The theological anthropology of the iconography of the early Irish Church; How theologies of mission might be better conceived in worship/liturgy and a study of Mary's body in relation to the Body of Christ.

New - MPhil in Christian Theology

Starting in September 2017 the Loyola Institute will offer an MPhil in Christian Theology.

This M.Phil. in Christian Theology is led by and located in the Loyola Institute, but also draws on theological expertise across the Confederal School. It is designed to provide a comprehensive, broad-based taught graduate programme in Christian Theology.

Modules include:

- Violence and Grace in the Human Narrative
- Rights and Responsibilities: A Theological Engagement
- Readings in Classical Theological Texts
- Theology and the Arts
- The Afterlives of the Hebrew Bible
- Christianity of the Celtic World (600-1000 AD)
There are endless opportunities worldwide for postgraduate study these days. What makes the Loyola Institute at Trinity College Dublin stand out for me is the genuine interest and capacity the directors and professors have in challenging and supporting each student to flourish. The Loyola Institute provides a mature, ethical and deeply reflective learning environment in which to research the big and challenging questions pertinent to contemporary culture.

Mary Stefanazzi, PhD student

The staff and faculty members of the Loyola Institute have been extremely interested in my research aims, in providing mentorship, and in encouraging doctoral students like me to engage in deep and rigorous research and writing. They go beyond what is minimally required to make sure the PhD student is flourishing in research as well as contributing to conferences and journals. I could not have asked for a better department or university.

Kristopher Seaman, PhD student

Research Interests And Expertise Of Staff

Prof. Siobhán Garrigan
- Constructive, Systematic and Contextual Theologies
- Liturgical Studies, Ritual Theory and Sacramental Theology
- Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies in Theology
- Religion in contemporary political and social affairs
- Sectarianism
- Homelessness
- Critical Theory and Theology
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Dr. David Shepherd
- Hebrew Bible
  (esp. Deuteronomistic History, Ezra-Nehemiah, Job)
- Qumran/Dead Sea Scrolls
  (esp. the interpretation of Scripture)
- Aramaic language and literature
  (esp. Targum, Peshitta and Qumran versions)
- The Bible and popular culture
  (esp. the Bible and the Cinema)
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Dr. Fáinche Ryan
- The theology of Thomas Aquinas
- Current issues in Ecclesiology
- Theology of Ministry
- Eucharistic Theology
- Philosophical and theological approaches to anthropology
- The theology of the early Irish Church
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Dr. Con Casey
- The theology of Thomas Aquinas,
  (particularly contemporary analytic readings of Aquinas)
- The role of the churches in pluralist societies
- Theology and secularisation.
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Scholarships
The Loyola Institute supports applicants in applying for a range of international, national and Trinity College scholarships for PhD study. Additionally, it periodically invites applications for scholarships provided by the Loyola Institute Trust. These support the mission of the Loyola Institute in research and teaching in theology in the Catholic tradition. They are available to PhD projects supervised by the full-time academic staff of the Loyola Institute at Trinity College.

For information on scholarships currently available see www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute

Seminars & Conferences
The Loyola Institute regularly hosts speakers who are world leaders in their fields. In June 2016 it is hosting a major international, interdisciplinary conference entitled The Role of Church in a Pluralist Society: Good Riddance or Good Influence? with world renowned experts participating.

Co-organized by the Loyola Institute and the Department of Religions & Theology, the Biblical Studies Research Seminar provides a forum for the dissemination and discussion of biblical studies research produced by staff and postgraduate students of Trinity College as well as distinguished visitors from Ireland and around the wider scholarly world.

The programme of research of the Loyola Institute also intersects with the research interests of the Confederal School of Religions, Peace Studies and Theology, a member of the Long Room Hub, the Arts and Humanities Research Institute of Trinity College Dublin.