How would you like to prepare for 21st century ministry?

Picture your perfect place for theological learning. What might it look like?

- An institution where you achieve globally recognised academic qualifications?
- A Christian community with outstanding opportunities for local and international placements?
- A nurturing environment where life-long friendships are formed with people from around the world?
- A tranquil - but deeply connected - location, that allows for both quiet reflection and lively discussion?

At NTC, you’ll enjoy all this…and more.
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**Facebook page:** Nazarene Theological College - Manchester @ntcmanchester

**Facebook group (closed group):** Nazarene Theological College (Manchester)

**Twitter:** @NTC_Manchester

**Instagram:** ntc_manchester
10 reasons to choose NTC

A faith community
Our campus is close to the city centre, a short walk from the busiest bus route in Britain and within easy reach of Manchester airport.

Impressive academic resources
NTC is home to the Manchester Wesley Research Centre – which, alongside thousands of volumes, holds many historical documents dating from the 17th century onwards, and over 200 unpublished theses.

Diversity of discussion
We welcome people from a range of cultures and traditions. Each year, students from around 30 nations make up this diverse and eclectic learning community.

Space for quiet reflection
As a city, Manchester has played an important role in promoting social justice – something woven through many of our courses.

Personal development opportunities
A rich programme of placements – local and international – offer practical learning experiences and invaluable insight for anyone who wants to explore a diverse range of ministry opportunities.

Globally recognised qualifications
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Britain’s most popular student city
With over 90,000 students living and studying here, Manchester is vibrant and energetic. As well as being a major centre of culture, it’s a world-class venue for sport.

A centre for social justice
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Chaplaincy - the Chaplain’s role within NTC is to oversee the spiritual life of the community. This includes planning services and taking oversight of resident students. You are welcome to visit or make an appointment with the Chaplain while you study with us.

Pastoral care groups - All students are part of a pastoral care group offering academic and spiritual support, led by a member of faculty. Your care group leader will also be your personal tutor, with whom you’ll meet each semester to discuss your progress.

Counselling - if you have a concern you’d feel more comfortable sharing in confidence with a counsellor, it is possible to see one on campus. The professionally trained counsellors who visit us do so on a voluntary basis and maintain professional confidential boundaries.

International representative - elected by their fellow students, this person is there to help any non-UK student settle smoothly into life at NTC. This might involve informal advice on using our IT systems or help in reading the local bus timetable!

Study skills classes - these sessions provide useful pointers and helpful guidance on how to ensure your work meets the academic expectations at NTC. We also have peer-led learning groups, so you can be supported by those who are a step or two ahead of you in their College journey.

For details of Learning Support, please see the relevant section on page 6 of this prospectus.

Study at NTC

Why study at NTC?
A s a place of learning, NTC is relaxed and welcoming - but the theological education you’ll receive will be academically robust and practically relevant. That means teaching to test, stretch and challenge you, whether you’re full-time or part-time, studying at postgraduate level or just dipping your toe in the water by accessing our short-course study opportunities.

To add to the richness of your learning experience, we encourage partnerships and placements with other organisations, and host a range of public lectures and training sessions each year from distinguished scholars, theologians and practitioners.

NTC’s Study Abroad Programme
For undergraduate students based outside Britain, our Study Abroad Programme is a wonderful opportunity to live and learn in a culture that’s different to their own. By actively encouraging a diverse learning community at NTC, the perspectives of everyone who studies with us are widened, along with our links across the globe.

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Your learning journey is not one that you embark on alone. We’ll encourage you to learn alongside your fellow students and NTC’s team, to share ideas and question theories, to reflect on practice and grow spiritually. That way, you can explore your calling in a healthy and supportive environment.

Guidance and helpful advice are always on hand - particularly from our staff, who appreciate that this is a community that fosters love for one another, God and the world.

Your study pathways at NTC

Our aim is to enable you to deliver deeply innovative Christian ministry for the 21st century. To ensure there are options for people from all walks of life, we offer a range of full-time, part-time or flexible study pathways.

Undergraduate course options
O ur undergraduate courses open many doors - to paid ministry, church planning, community and youth work, social work, teaching, banking and a lot more besides. Recent studies serve in a diverse range of settings all around the world. You can find details of some of their stories on our web site.

To give you greater flexibility, all our courses comprise of modules. This means the course can form a qualification in its own right or it can be used to build 'credits' in your 'learning account'. These credits can then go towards an academic qualification - including a degree - from the College.

Choose from 3 distinct BA (Hons) Theology degree pathways; Theology, Practical Theology, Youth and Community. Nazarene Theological College is an approved partner of The University of Manchester, delivering programmes developed by Nazarene Theological College, approved by and leading to an award from The University of Manchester. For a more detailed description of each pathway, see pages 16 to 17.

Short courses
You’re welcome to become part of our learning community through an evening class or sampling another of our flexible study options. That can include one-off lectures or training sessions, or participation in a range of selected units from our taught degree programmes. If you’re only taking a course unit or two, there’s no need to go through the formality of application and interviews, you can simply register at the start of the semester. Plus, if you opt to complete all course work, you can earn credits that can be transferred towards a certificate, diploma or full degree course if you choose to take your studies further. Find out more on page 15.

Postgraduate - taught and research
Our range of postgraduate taught pathways offer opportunities for continued professional development: short PGCerts offer focussed study for busy professionals, while PGDip and MA programmes provide deep engagement with key areas of study, and build a bridge to further research.

We have a tradition of excellence at all levels of study. The expertise of our faculty, diversity of our learning community and close partnership with The University of Manchester make NTC an extremely attractive option for postgraduate study and research - and one that attracts Christian educators, leaders and thinkers from around the world.

All our postgraduate courses combine academic re-considering and practical knowledge to offer an integrated experience that is essential for effective 21st century ministry. Nazarene Theological College is an approved partner of The University of Manchester, delivering programmes developed by Nazarene Theological College, approved by and leading to an award of The University of Manchester.

Masters programme - Our MA in Theology is a taught programme with a number of distinct study pathways.

Collaboration with The Scottish School of Christian Mission (SSCM)
The BA (Hons) Theology (Youth and Community) pathway, the Certificate in Theology (Pioneer Ministry), and the MA pathways in Theology (Urban Mission) and Theology (Transforming Leadership), are also available, delivered in part at our approved teaching site at SSCM in Glasgow, Scotland.

Regional Learning Centres
The benefits of studying with NTC aren’t confined to our Manchester campus alone. Dotted about the country are several Learning Centres which our NTC lecturers visit to teach on a regular basis. These selected short courses (which do not make up a validated programme of study) come direct to students ‘on their doorsteps’, offering lay training or professional ministry development.

For more details, including the location of each centre, please contact the Academic Office, the details of which can be found on page 1.

For more information, turn to page 17.

PhD research programmes - With specialist supervision available in a range of disciplines, including Christian Theology, Wesley Theology, Christianity Engaging With Islam, Biblical Studies and Practical Theology, our PhD research programmes are widely recognised for their quality and rigour. Of particular strength are our resources in Wesley and the Wesleyan tradition; NTC is home to the Manchester Wesley Research Centre, which boasts a rich supply of primary materials, rare books and unpublished theses.

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When your time with us is complete, you’ll continue your spiritual journey having forged friendships that last for life. There’ll always be a warm welcome waiting for you here - we love to hear what our alumni have been up to.

If it’s not practical to come back and visit us in person, we hope you’ll send us your story via the contacts screen on our web site. To discover how you can maintain an involvement with NTC, go to the Alumni section of the site for a range of useful suggestions.

Ultimately, it’s our aim to prepare you for innovative Christian ministry – whatever form that may take.

Non-traditional students

NTC attracts many ‘second career’ students, who are often called into exploring ministry options later in life. Applicants who lack current entry qualifications, but who have extensive life experience, can still apply through the non-traditional student admission process.

Applicants may be invited to complete an entry examination, normally completed at the College, as part of an entry interview process. To discuss the application process for mature students in more detail, please contact the Admissions Office. Details can be found on page 1.

Students who require learning support

NTC supports students with a range of learning needs and disabilities, including physical impairments, sight or hearing problems and long-standing conditions. Help often includes assisting with completing forms, including those for Disability Support Allowance.

To discuss learning support in more detail, please contact the Learning Support Coordinator, via the library details found on page 1.

International students

NTC welcomes applications from students outside the UK who enjoy the cross-cultural richness of the College and the City. However, we need to allow considerable time for the application process, so you should apply at least 6 months prior to the start of the academic year, particularly if you intend to relocate to the UK as a full-time student.

It’s also worth noting your application can’t proceed without us first receiving your completed form, your fee, and all necessary referees’ reports.

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What facilities does NTC offer?

The campus

NTC – including the administrative offices and most faculty studies – is based in a former mansion set in four acres of grounds. These encompass the largest privately-owned woodland in south Manchester and extensive lawns overlooking the Mersey Valley. Built in 1914 by renowned Manchester architect, Frank Dunkerley, the main White House has great character and a host of fascinating features.

Larger groups can meet in the College chapel which has, along with amplification and projection facilities, a grand piano.

An informal meeting area is provided by the café and conservatory. Bistro tables, chairs, and comfy furniture provide plenty of seating choice. Students meet here each morning to build community over a cup of tea or coffee.

Space to learn

A more recent addition to the campus is our state-of-the-art teaching facility, the Emmanuel Centre. It consists of five teaching rooms – the two largest, which each seat 40 people, can be combined to create one generous learning space, complete with Smartboard and Wi-Fi.
What facilities does NTC offer?

A wealth of research options

As an NTC student, you’re able to make use of the magnificent John Rylands Library. Just a short bus ride from the NTC campus, the library houses one of the world’s finest collections of rare books, manuscripts and archives. A wide range of subjects are covered, including theology, philosophy and literature. However, a particular strength is the Nonconformist archive, especially the world-renowned ‘Methodist Archives’, which contain approximately 5,000 letters, notebooks and associated papers of the Wesley family.

As an NTC student, you’ll have access to a remarkable collection of academic resources; many graduates continue to come back to College to use the resources of the library, and it draws a host of ‘external readers’ who are drawn by its superb holdings.

Within the Emmanuel Centre building you’ll find the 35,000-volume Hugh Rae Library, the Manchester Wesley Research Centre, and the Manchester Centre for the Study of Christianity and Islam.

Hugh Rae Library

Alongside some thirty-thousand volumes available for you to borrow, the library has periodicals, archival resources and a large collection of historical documents from the Wesleyan tradition.

Manchester Wesley Research Centre

The Manchester Wesley Research Centre promotes and supports research on the life and work of John and Charles Wesley; their contemporaries in the 18th century Evangelical Revival; their historical and theological antecedents, their successors in the Wesleyan tradition, and contemporary scholarship in the Wesleyan and Evangelical tradition. This includes areas such as theology, history, biblical studies, education, ethics, literature, mission, philosophy, pastoral studies, practical theology, and social theology.

Within the centre is a specialist library of carefully selected published and unpublished research aids and primary source materials. This encompasses many rare printed books dating from the 1600s and hundreds of theses, many unpublished.

Manchester Centre for the Study of Christianity and Islam

The MCSCI offers support for those seeking to ‘find a voice’ in multi-faith society, including scholars wishing to develop research projects in this pivotal area. The centre aims to develop research-led practice in relation to Islam and Christianity, and to establish specific classes and projects to explore the ways Christianity can encounter and engage with Islam.

Your accommodation choices

On campus are a number of high-quality study bedrooms with en-suite facilities. Our entire residential area is self-catering, with kitchenettes located in each part of it. Students in residence are expected to live in harmony with a Christian ethic, and everyone is required to comply with basic principles of community life designed to make living together a pleasant and enriching experience.

Most returning students take accommodation in off-campus student houses in the south Manchester area. Should on-campus residence places be over-subscribed, priority is given to first and final year students or to those from outside Manchester.

Married couples

NTC also has a limited supply of married student housing. Most of this is designed for couples, rather than families – and priority goes to students from outside the UK. We also work with a range of local landlords to help support students in finding suitable housing.

Guests

We also have some guest room availability - though this is in heavy demand at peak times of the year. For information on its availability, please contact the Bookings and Accommodation Office, whose number can be found on page 1.

There are also places to stay in the vicinity of the College; details of some of these are available from the Accommodation Office.
What’s the area around NTC like?

As a relaxed and welcoming place for study and worship, NTC is exceptional – and the area we call home is pretty special, too. Didsbury village is just at the end of the road. Brimming with cafés, quality food shops, pubs and restaurants, the village-like atmosphere is distinctly continental, especially on a sunny day.

Travel a little further on the bus and you’ll find yourself in the centre of one of Europe’s most dynamic and distinctive cities. Once known as ‘Cottonopolis,’ Manchester was the first ever industrial city – and where the bulk of the world’s cotton was once manufactured. Amidst the mills, warehouses and canals, there grew a strong tradition of human rights: the earliest labour unions, the co-operative movement and the Pankhurst family all originated in Manchester. The extremes of wealth and poverty that industrialisation generated also led to Manchester emerging as a forerunner in the faith-based philanthropic movement of the time. The College has connections with Frank Crossley – the ‘Saint of Ancoats,’ and a pioneer in urban humanitarian outreach, who blazed a trail that others would follow. Today at NTC, we try to apply our theological learning to the real world – just as those pioneers of social justice did in the past.

The visionary nature of the city can still be seen through the existence of landmarks like The Working Class Movement Library, the People’s History Museum and a fascinating mix of churches.

While proudly retaining this Victorian legacy, Manchester has been transformed in recent years. The process has involved adding attractions like the Imperial War Museum North, the Lowry theatre and the arts venue, HOME, to an already exciting cultural landscape.

Food, shopping and sport

The multi-cultural nature of Manchester makes for a superb choice of culinary options. Almost on NTC’s doorstep is the popular Curry Mile of Rusholme, a vibrant stretch of the city packed with dozens of restaurants. In the city centre is the UK’s second largest Chinatown, where Asian food in all its forms can be found.

For big brand shopping, you can head to the grandiose Trafford Centre or – at the other end of the spectrum – wander into the Northern Quarter with its eclectic mix of independent boutiques, eateries and other outlets.

Of course, the city is famous throughout the world for its football – but you may not realise that it’s where many of Europe’s best rugby league teams are located, along with The National Cycling Centre, National Squash Centre, The National Basketball Performance Centre, Lancashire Cricket Club, an Olympic-size pool complex and the UK’s longest indoor ski slope.
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**Drop-in classes**
NTC welcomes students who simply want to drop in and take a course unit or two for enjoyment’s sake. Sometimes referred to as auditing a class, these ‘casual students’ don’t have to go through the formality of application and interviews, but can simply register at the start of the semester. Please see our website for the current timetable.

Evening classes and day classes can be taken without any commitment to a full college programme or obligation to complete assignments, write essays or tackle other ‘credit’ parts of a course. On the other hand, ‘credit units’ can later be transferred into a certificate, diploma, or full degree course if the person wishes to pursue their studies on a more formal basis.

All of our courses use the MOODLE online learning platform to enhance the learning environment and resources available.
Course details

Undergraduate degree pathways:

Theology / Practical Theology / Youth and Community

Each course has a combination of ‘required units’ and ‘elective units’. The ‘required units’ make sure that the core elements are in place. The ‘elective units’ allow you to choose areas of particular interest from the full range of units on offer. Although all ‘required units’ are normally available each year, many ‘elective units’ are available on a two-year cycle. The table below lets you see how our three study pathways are normally designed.

Course credits

To graduate, candidates will need to meet all programme requirements, and achieve a certain number of credits in-line with the requirements of the governing academic degree regulations. A Certificate of Higher Education comprises of 120 credits, a Diploma of Higher Education comprises of 240 credits and the BA (Hons) Degree programmes 360 credits.

Each unit of a course earns credits in one of three subject areas:

Biblical Studies

Christian Theology & Church History

Practical & Social Theology

Our full list of undergraduate pathways include:

- Certificate of Higher Education in Theology
- Certificate of Higher Education in Theology (Urban Ministry)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Theology (Pioneer Ministry)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Theology
- BA (Hons) in Theology
- BA (Hons) in Theology (Practical Theology)
- BA (Hons) in Theology (Youth & Community)

Our full list of undergraduate pathways

For full details of all undergraduate courses, including the number of course credits you can work towards, please visit our website.

If taken full time, the DipHE courses usually take two years to complete and CertHE courses take one year full time. Alternatively, all courses can be taken part time, if that suits your work or family life better.

Postgraduate studies

Postgraduate studies at Nazarene Theological College are richly resourced by the academic expertise of College faculty, the remarkable diversity of our learning community, and the valuable partnership we have with The University of Manchester through their academic validation of our courses.

Alongside access to the renowned John Rylands Library, close partnership with The University of Manchester brings an added dimension to the resources available to our Research students, including full access to the vast electronic resources that this world-class, Russell Group university has to offer.

All of this makes Nazarene Theological College an attractive option for postgraduate study and research, drawing Christian educators, leaders and thinkers from around the world.

Masters programme

The MA in Theology (and parallel Postgraduate Diploma or Certificate in Theology) is a taught programme with a range of study pathways.

These can resource missions and ministry; support continuing professional development, and act as an excellent platform for further research.

For information on all our Taught Postgraduate Courses, please visit our website.

Our PhD research programmes

Our PhD research programmes have established an enviable reputation for quality and rigour. Specialist supervision is available in:

- Biblical Studies (Old Testament and New Testament)
- Church History (with a particular strength in Wesley Studies)
- Christian Theology
- Practical Theology

Full details can be found by visiting our website.
Applying to NTC (UK residents)

We want our students to get the most out of their time with us – and to graduate successfully. As a result, we look for the following academic qualifications from applicants:

- **Higher Education course** - you will normally have four passes at a grade C or above in GCSE subjects including English, or five SCE "O" standard passes including English, or their equivalent
- **Undergraduate Programmes** - you will normally have two GCSE A-Level passes or three SCE Higher passes, or their equivalent, and three passes at C or above in the GCSE, or equivalent alternative qualifications. students without these qualifications may be assessed for entry on the basis of interview and completion a our mature student entry exam
- **Postgraduates** - you will normally hold a good honours degree in a relevant subject
- **Research Degrees** - you will normally hold an MA in a relevant field, at merit level or above.

For full details of entry Requirements and of the application process please refer to the NTC Admissions Policy on the How to Apply page of our website.

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Fees and funding

As a private college, NTC receives no support from government sources. Instead, it is supported by gifts and donations from Churches and from individual donors. This allows student fees to be set at a competitive rate.

The cost of studying at NTC – and the options on how to pay – depend on the course you choose and whether you’re a UK/EU student or visiting us from further afield.

Full details of all current course fees can be found online at: [https://nazarene.ac.uk/studies/fees-and-funding](https://nazarene.ac.uk/studies/fees-and-funding)

**UK undergraduate students**

The College’s CertHE, DipHE, and BA (Hons) programmes are ‘designated’ by the Department for Education. This means that loans are paid by the Student Finance England for UK and European Union students who are eligible to receive loans and are admitted to the College.

Full-time students from England and Wales are eligible to apply for a student loan to cover tuition loan and maintenance costs. Part time loans are also available. The loan begins to be repaid once you have started work, and are earning more than a certain amount per year. Students from outside England have slightly different arrangements, and should contact the relevant body (ie, Student Awards Agency for Scotland or Student Finance Northern Ireland). Students from other areas of the EU are eligible for tuition loans (but not maintenance support). The College offers academic excellence entrance scholarships for undergraduate students who achieve the equivalent of ‘ABB’ at A level. Prospective students should apply online to Student Finance England for financial support.

**Master of Arts**

Information on course designation and student loan funding for the MA is available on the College’s website. Prospective students should apply online to [Student Finance England](http://www.sfe.ac.uk) for financial support.

**American undergraduate/postgraduate**

NTC is also approved for US student loans (Direct Loans). These are available to US students who are studying at least half time, and who are NOT resident in the US during the course of their NTC studies. Normally, these would be full time US students who are in residence at or near the College. This excludes, for instance, part-time PhD students who live in the US but come to Manchester for their residency periods. ‘Smart Loans’ from Sallie Mae are also available for US students, and these are not restricted in the same way as other direct government loans so are available for part-time and distance-learning students from the US.

**Other financial assistance**

The College offers some financial support for undergraduate students who cannot access student funding, however, this will not cover the bulk of your fees. The College also offers academic excellence scholarships to those with strong admission profiles, and has a range of scholarships and prizes for students in the second or subsequent years of their courses.

The College has a range of internal bursary support for postgraduates, including a 20% discount for NTC graduates. Further information about postgraduate financial aid and an application form is available on the Application Forms page on our web site. Please return the completed document along with your application form if you are intending to apply for bursary support.

Prospective and current students might also search for available grants via the Turn2Us website.

**Withdrawal/refunds**

Students who withdraw from classes, or who change their enrolment status from ‘credit’ to ‘audit’ after the ‘Last Day for Registration Revision’ published in the College calendar will not normally be eligible for any tuition refund for the semester.