

The Law of Rites and Sacraments (TMM48320)

Module Level:	7
Module Credit Value:	20
Pre-requisites:	None
Co-requisites:	None
Excluded Combination of Modules:	None

Aims:	<p>To equip students with an informed understanding of church law relating to rites and sacraments, including baptism, eucharist, marriage, burials, and other rites.</p> <p>To equip students with an informed understanding of how the law relating to rites and sacraments relates to the mission and ministry of the church.</p> <p>To enable student to reflect on and develop their critical understanding of the law of rites and sacraments and its relationship to history, doctrine, ecclesiology, and civil law.</p> <p>To enable students to undertake in-depth critical study of the law relating to rites and sacraments.</p>
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Content:	<p>This module will explore the law of ministry.</p> <p>The module may be delivered in an entirely ecumenical and comparative context; or instead, it may focus on the law of a particular tradition (e.g. the Methodist Church; or the Church of England and other Anglican churches,) alongside a comparative ecumenical element.</p> <p>Topics may include:</p> <p>Church law relating to rites and sacraments, and the implications for theology, mission, and ministry.</p> <p>The historical, doctrinal, ecclesiological and juridical basis for the law relating to rites and sacraments.</p> <p>Civil law which relates to rites and sacraments, including freedom of religion considerations.</p>
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Learning Outcomes: By the end of this module students will be able to:

Subject Specific Knowledge [SSK 1, 2, 3, 4]

Demonstrate a systematic understanding and depth of knowledge of the law of rites and sacraments.

Understand, assimilate and evaluate critically methodologies and findings relating to the law of rites and sacraments and the theology underlying the law.

Demonstrate an understanding of methods of analysis and inquiry relating to the law of rites and sacraments.

Give a critical and comprehensive account of a range of methods for relating the law of rites and sacraments to faith, church and society.

Subject Specific Skills [SSS 1, 2, 3]

Apply their knowledge to undertake independent investigation of an area of the law of rites and sacraments, reaching valid conclusions, some of which may be original, and report these findings effectively within the conventions of the relevant academic or professional community.

Evaluate and apply methodologies relating to the law of rites and sacraments, develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, propose new hypotheses.

Reflect theologically in a sophisticated and rigorous manner, exercising sound judgement when engaging systematically and creatively with complex, unpredictable and ambiguous realities relating to ministry in the church and the world today.

Key Skills [KS 1, 2, 3]

Carry out systematic and creative research into complex issues and communicate their findings with clarity, sensitivity, fairness and imagination.

Demonstrate initiative, self-direction and independence in tackling and solving problems, and in planning and implementing tasks.

Exercise their independent learning skills to pursue further professional development or academic study.

Modes of Teaching and Learning	Teaching methods to be specified by each TEI, using the 'Guidelines for Modes of Teaching and Learning'
Learning Hours	Learning hours to be specified by each TEI using the 'Guidelines for Learning Hours'
Formative Assessment	To develop a plan for the independent learning project including topic, stages and deadlines
Summative Assessment	Summative assessment to be specified by each TEI using the published guidance on assessment patterns for postgraduate modules.

Indicative Reading

Indicative reading to be specified by each TEI in line with the published guidelines on creating bibliographies for postgraduate modules.