

 MA in Church Law						ST PADARN'S INSTITUTE T4: Module Overview Table ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026		
Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits	Compulsory	Summary of Content	Teaching and Learning Methods	Learning Hours	Assessment Methods
TMM42220	Research and Reflection: Resources and Methods	7	20	YES	This module examines a variety of study skills demanded by postgraduate study in Church Law. It examines and critically evaluates a range of research methods currently being employed in the variety of disciplines in use within the field.	Face to Face learning at residentials / Lectures and seminars	Classroom: 20 hours. Independent study: 180 hours. Total: 200 hours.	Component 1 (100%) 6,000 word Summative assignment. Written Assignment. (EITHER A small-scale research project OR A coherent dissertation proposal which incorporates three critical book reviews of relevant literature.)
TMM48220	The Law of Ministry	7	20	NO	This module looks at the law of ministry. It will explore the Church of England, the Church in Wales and other Anglican churches, but will also include a comparative ecumenical element. It will explore the historical, doctrinal, ecclesiological and juridical basis for the law relating to ministry. Church law relating both to the laity and to ordained ministers, including in relation to eligibility for public ministry, admission to office, the rights and duties of office, and discipline. It will also consider civil law which relates to ministry, including such topics as employment status and freedom of religion.	Face to Face learning at residentials / Lectures and seminars	Classroom: 20 hours. Independent study: 180 hours. Total: 200 hours.	Component 1 (100%) 6,000 words. Summative assignment: Essay
TMM48320	The Law of Rites and Sacraments	7	20	NO	This module looks at the law of the Church of England, the Church in Wales and other Anglican churches and will also include a comparative ecumenical element. Topics considered will include: the historical, doctrinal, ecclesiological and juridical basis for the law relating to rites and sacraments. Church law relating to rites and sacraments. Civil law which relates to rites and sacraments.	Face to Face learning at residentials / Lectures and seminars	Classroom: 20 hours. Independent study: 180 hours. Total: 200 hours.	Component 1 (100%) 6,000 words. Summative assignment: Essay
TMM48620	The Law of Church-State Relations	7	20	NO	This module looks at the law of the Church of England, the Church in Wales and other Anglican churches and will also include a comparative ecumenical element. Topics considered will include: The historical, doctrinal, ecclesiological and juridical basis for the law relating to church-state relations. The legal nature of established, non-established, and disestablished churches, the civil law and church law on human rights and equality protections against discrimination, and the civil law on charities. The ownership, custodianship, administration, and disposal of church property such as places of worship, churchyards, finances, and sacred objects, in the context of the theological principle of stewardship, including faculties and other controls over consecrated property.	Face to Face learning at residentials / Lectures and seminars	Classroom: 20 hours. Independent study: 180 hours. Total: 200 hours.	Component 1 (100%) 6,000 words. Summative assignment: Essay
TMM48420	The Law of Church Governance	7	20	NO	This module looks at the law of the Church of England, the Church in Wales and other Anglican churches and will also include a comparative ecumenical element. Topics considered will include: The historical, doctrinal, ecclesiological and juridical basis for the law relating to church governance. The legislative, administrative and judicial institutions of the church, their compositions and functions. Civil law which is relevant to the exercise of power by the institutions of the church and the degree to which the civil courts may control it.	Face to Face learning at residentials / Lectures and seminars	Classroom: 20 hours. Independent study: 180 hours. Total: 200 hours.	Component 1 (100%) 6,000 words. Summative assignment: Essay
TMM48520	The Law of Doctrine and Liturgy	7	20	NO	This module looks at the law of the Church of England, the Church in Wales and other Anglican churches and will also include a comparative ecumenical element. Topics considered will include: The historical, ecclesiological and juridical basis for the law relating to doctrine and liturgy. How doctrine is defined, developed, constituted, and enforced. The meaning and authorisation of liturgy, how it is administered and enforced. Civil law which is relevant to doctrinal and liturgical development and enforcement by the institutions of the church.	Face to Face learning at residentials / Lectures and seminars	Classroom: 20 hours. Independent study: 180 hours. Total: 200 hours.	Component 1 (100%) 6,000 words. Summative assignment: Essay
TMM48760	Dissertation in Church Law	7	60	YES	Participants will in consultation and negotiation with the tutor identify a topic, issue, or ministerial area relevant to the context within which they practise. The proposed title of the dissertation, together with a brief description and initial bibliography, is negotiated with an appropriate supervisor. The student arranges supervisions and organises a timetable and plan for his/her work. An introductory meeting with the year group will introduce the dissertation, and one towards the end of the process will provide additional input and encouragement.	Lectures and Face to Face Tutorials (or phone and online platform) / Guided Research	Classroom 6 hours. Independent supervision: 10 hours Independent study time: 584 hours Total: 600	Component 1 (100%) 15,000 words. Summative assignment: Dissertation.