

St Mary's
University
Twickenham
London



MA in Catholic School Leadership: Principles and Practice



MA/PGDip/
PGCert

Award

Blended
Learning

Mode of study

Yes
Tier 4 visa

3rd
Previous degree
required

1-3 years
Duration

October/
January/May
Start date

This highly regarded modular postgraduate course, focusing on principles and practice, will enable all who hold or aspire to leadership positions to understand the core aims and values of a Catholic school.

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Overview

The aim of the programme is to provide a course that integrates a Catholic philosophy of education with the principles and practice of effective school leadership. The programme is open to Catholic teachers and leaders and colleagues of other faiths and beliefs.

Teaching and assessment

The flexible delivery of the programme, ranging from full-time and part-time centre-based learning on Saturdays or weekdays to full distance learning, constitutes a particularly positive feature of the programme. Bespoke tutorials are also provided to meet the requirement of busy professionals. There is one 5,000 word written assignment for each module. Every assignment invites you to reflect on the theory covered and to then evaluate practice in your own school or college. You conclude with recommendations for improved practice (80%). As you study independently, guided by tasks within the study guide, you are invited to contribute to online discussion groups. Your contributions are assessed according to frequency of engagement, knowledge of material and quality of contributions to the discussions (20%). Accredited Prior Learning will be considered on a case by case basis. There is a range of prior qualifications which constitute accredited prior learning including PGCE Masters credits, other Masters programmes, the National Professional Qualification suite of programmes and Diocesan leadership programmes.

Core modules

- **Catholic Education** The development of Catholic education internationally and contemporary challenges
- **Leadership and Management** An in-depth exploration of current leadership and management theories with a particular emphasis on theories which are compatible with Gospel values.
- **Spiritual and Theological Foundations** Spirituality and the significance of spiritual leadership in Catholic schools and colleges are explored.
- **Leadership for Learning** Curriculum, excellence, inspection and self-evaluation feature strongly in this module.
- **Research methods** This module aims to develop a secure understanding of the methods and tools of educational enquiry/research and the ability to select and use these appropriately.
- **The Dissertation** The aim of this module is to undertake a small-scale research project relevant to leadership within Catholic education and to communicate the findings and other outcomes through a dissertation of 15,000 words.



Entry requirements

The course is open to all who have an undergraduate degree and who are committed to Catholic education or who have relevant experience of working in Catholic schools.

English language requirements: IELTS 6.0 overall with no area less than 5.5, or another suitable English language qualification: www.stmarys.ac.uk/english-language.



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2022 entry

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