



Prospectus

MLitt Theology, Worldview & Culture

Welcome HTC

A place for rigorous theological study

Highland Theological College (HTC) is a higher education institution in the Scottish Highlands and part of the University of the Highlands and Islands. We are committed to rigorous theological scholarship that engages critically with biblical texts, historical sources, and contemporary academic debate. Our aim is to equip students not simply with information, but with the intellectual tools to analyse, articulate, and evaluate theological ideas with clarity and precision.

Whether you are beginning undergraduate study, returning to higher education, or preparing for postgraduate research or professional development, HTC offers a focused and supportive academic environment shaped by high standards, careful scholarship, and disciplined enquiry.

What makes HTC distinctive?

- + Evangelical and Reformed theological foundation
- + Accredited study within UHI
- + A supportive, tutor-led learning community
- + Students of all ages and stages of life
- + Study shaped for faith, ministry, and real life



Jamie Grant
Principal

Theology, Worldview & Culture

A Broad and Structured Degree

The MLitt in Theology, Worldview & Culture is a postgraduate degree want to engage with the modern world with theological depth.

This programme brings together biblical studies, systematic theology, philosophy, history and ethics into a coherent theological vision. It explores how Christian faith shapes every sphere of life — from church leadership and public service to art, economics and environmental responsibility.

Rather than separating the sacred and the secular, this degree develops an integrated theological framework capable of addressing the complex challenges of contemporary culture.

Whether you are in ministry, professional life, or academic research, the MLitt equips you to think carefully, critically and constructively about the world you inhabit.



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I have been especially interested in how academic theology interacts with the church and church life, bridging the gap between those two spheres which I think this course does really well and certainly is one of the aims of the course, to have a grounding in academic theology but also the practical application.

Martha

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Course Vision

Integrative and Contemporary

Traditional theological models can drift into narrow specialisms or abstract theory. The MLitt takes a different path. You will:

- + Re-examine the relationship between creation and redemption
- + Explore the theological roots of Western culture
- + Engage critically with modern political, economic and social frameworks
- + Develop a theology that informs practice

The programme is rooted in the Reformed tradition and draws particularly on classical neo-Calvinist thought, with its emphasis on grace restoring nature.

Students are trained to:

- + Analyse culture theologically
- + Form defensible academic arguments
- + Apply theological insight to real-world contexts
- + Bridge faith and vocation

This is theology with intellectual weight and cultural relevance.

Programme Structure

Foundations

Theology & Worldview

Examine the formative power of worldviews and how Scripture shapes our understanding of reality, humanity and history.

Doctrine of Creation

Study the biblical theology of creation, exploring themes such as the image of God, fall, sabbath, place and restoration.

Culture & Society

Trace the historical development of church, culture and political thought from Reformation Scotland through to late modernity.

Towards Praxis

The People of God

Explore covenant, discipleship, leadership and sanctification in the life of the church.

The Land

Begin to engage with the question of how to live in the world as God's creation. Explore the praxis of Christian earthkeeping, placemaking and spirituality.

The Polis

Develop theological frameworks for politics, arts, education and public life.

Throughout the programme, we return to the guiding question: How should we then live?



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The MLitt has stretched me academically and transformed how I engage with both ministry and culture.

Mairi Gibson

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Flexible and Rigorous

The MLitt is designed to serve those balancing study with work, ministry or family life.

Delivery includes:

- + Pre-recorded lectures
- + Structured academic reading
- + Interactive online seminars
- + Guided research and writing
- + Biannual residential gatherings

The residentials provide space for:

- + In-depth theological discussion
- + Face-to-face engagement
- + Shared meals and fellowship
- + Academic and pastoral formation

Despite being primarily online, the programme fosters meaningful intellectual and Christian community.

This is a demanding Master's degree that requires discipline, careful reading and sustained theological reflection.



Who is it for?

The MLitt is particularly suited to:

- + Ministers seeking deeper theological integration
- + Church leaders engaging with cultural challenges
- + Professionals wanting to think Christianly about their vocation
- + Graduates preparing for doctoral research
- + Christians seeking serious academic engagement

Students completing the MLitt will:

- + Demonstrate advanced theological analysis
- + Integrate biblical theology with cultural critique
- + Engage in contemporary debates with intellectual clarity
- + Construct sustained, research-based arguments
- + Apply theological frameworks to practical contexts



Find out more

Scan the QR code to discover more about the MLitt. You'll also find a short promo video that gives more information about the course.

How to apply

Relevant life and professional experience may be considered where formal qualifications are limited.

Applications are accepted:

- + Through UCAS
- + Directly to HTC via contact with the Registry Officer

Theology for Life.