

FACTS ABOUT FEES 2024-25

Our fees for the Academic Year beginning in September 2024 are as follows:

TABLE OF FEES

	PROGRAMME	NOTES	TOTAL FEES PAYABLE
BA	Certificate of Higher Education	This is a TWO year programme and is also the first TWO years of the BA (level 4). If a student opts to leave after two years, the exit award is a Certificate of Higher Education.	£4,400 per annum
	Diploma of Higher Education	This is a further TWO years of study on the BA (level 5). If a student opts to leave after 4 years, the exit award is a Diploma of Higher Education.	£4,400 per annum
	BA(Hons)	This is the final TWO years of a SIX year programme leading to a BA in Kingdom Theology.	£4,400 per annum
Graduate Diploma		A TWO year programme leading to a Graduate Diploma in Kingdom Theology. If a student opts to withdraw after ONE year they will receive a Graduate Certificate. Students can choose to specialise in the second year: Standard, Church Planting & Leadership, or Student Ministry tracks.	£4,400 per annum
MA		A TWO-THREE* year taught programme and a dissertation leading to an MA in Kingdom Theology. If a student opts not to complete the dissertation, they will receive a Post Graduate Certificate.	£4,150 per annum plus a fee to complete the Disser- tation**

^{*} Most students write their dissertation after having studied the taught element, taking longer than two years to complete the degree. Some students also spread the taught element of the MA over THREE years rather than TWO. The cost of this is **2 years' fees + the accommodation costs for additional Residentials attended**. As for the two year MA, you pay a dissertation fee on submission of the dissertation proposal

^{**}The dissertation fee is payable upon submission of the dissertation proposal. The fee will be determined in the year in which this occurs. For reference, the 2024-25 rate is £850.



What do the fees cover?

The fees cover all tuition costs, programme materials and full board at the two Residentials per year. All University validation fees, access to your Hub library and online journals are also included. Fees also include a folder of lecture notes for first year students (i.e. brand new students) at the *first Residential only*. Folders for subsequent Residentials need to be printed by students.

For MA students the cost of the dissertation is payable when you submit your dissertation proposal. The fee will be determined in the year in which this occurs. For reference, the 2024/25 rate is £850.

For Graduate Diploma Church Planting and Leadership (CPL), and Student Ministry (SM) tracks, the programme fees cover the cost of the mini-Residentials for your programmes including accommodation, but not the travel to and from the mini-Resis.

How are the fees charged?

An acceptance fee of **£400** is required to confirm a place on a WTC programme. This is payable once you have been offered a place on the programme for which you have applied. Your place will not be confirmed until the deposit is received. The deposit is non-refundable but will be offset against the balance of your fees.

Students have the right to cancel and receive a full refund of tuition fees, within a 14 day period from enrolment at WTC, which takes place on day 1 of your first Residential. You will still incur the costs of the accommodation and catering fees at the Residential, hence the £400 deposit being non-refundable.

Payment options for the remainder of your fees are as follows:

- Pay monthly in 10 instalments (which incurs a £100 administration fee per academic year) commencing by 31 August at the latest, with the final instalment due by 31 May at the latest.
- Pay termly in three instalments (which incurs a £75 administration fee per academic year) due by 31 August, 31 December and 31 March.
- Pay in full by 31 August and incur no administration fee.

NB: If you are studying on the Extended MA and would like to pay in instalments, please contact us to discuss an individual payment plan.

The payment terms (In Full, Termly, Monthly) are agreed with the student during the application process. Should you wish to change payment terms once the programme has started, this can be done by submitting a Payment Terms Change Request through the MyWTC portal. Depending on how far into the academic year this payment term request is received, it may not be possible to change payment terms for that academic year, or an additional fee may apply.

Any fees that are more than 60 days overdue will result in suspension from the programme. If fees are not paid in full by 1 June each year, no academic award will be made until payment is received in full.

How much will fees go up?

If you are on a two-year programme, we will endeavour to hold the second year price at which you enrolled in year one. However, in exceptional circumstances we reserve the right to increase prices to cover our costs. This means that, for the BA, students should expect prices to increase in years three and five; although, as explained above, in exceptional circumstances we reserve the right to increase prices to cover our costs more frequently.

Extended MA Fee Increase

For students studying the MA on a modular basis (i.e over 3 or more years rather than the standard 2 years), the programme fee will be held for the first 2 years, but beyond this the fee for each year will be the current fee for that year.

Extended MA Fees, p.a.				
Study Structure	Credits	Total Fees Payable		
1 Module, 1 Residential	20 credits	£1,500		
1 Module, 2 Residentials	20 credits	£1,750		
2 Modules, 2 Residentials	40 credits	£2,950		

¹ MA students starting in January, please contact Sarah Burdett (assistant.registrar@wtctheology.org.uk) for details of fees.



Is there anywhere I can apply for a bursary?

WTC has two small bursary funds – the Principal's Bursary Fund (for those with a history of offending or addiction), and a means tested General Bursary Fund. Please click **here** for more details about each fund, and the criteria for applications. You can apply for these bursaries when you complete your application form to study.

WTC bursary applications are considered on or around 30th April, 31st May, 30th June and 31st July. This means that you may not necessarily hear from us about your application until shortly after the next of those dates.

A General Bursary award of up to 40% can be applied for by students on the CertHe or BA programmes, and up to 20% for GradDip students. Other criteria apply. There are currently no WTC bursaries for the MA.

Both WTC bursaries are awarded on an annual basis, and you can apply each year you meet the criteria.

WTC is also eligible to select two students each year to apply for a grant sponsored by the Evangelical Alliance and funded by the Jerusalem Trust. This scheme is particularly geared towards those in their final year of study, intending to work in full-time pastoral ministry, and who have special financial needs. Please read the application criteria carefully. (WTC has no influence on the decision about who receives this grant.)

If you think you are eligible to apply for any of these funds and need assistance, please contact our Finance Manager (finance@wtctheology.org.uk) and we will help you with information and/or forms.

Can I apply for a student loan?

WTC students cannot access government loans through the Student Loan Company.

However, WTC has partnered with Kingdom Bank, a private, Christian bank to provide student loans. Kingdom Bank along with WTC will assess your application and only eligible applications would be approved. The assessment would also include carrying out a credit search to assess credit worthiness. Visit https://wtctheology.org.uk/student-loans/ for more information.

NB: A £75 administration fee applies where students utilise a loan from Kingdom Bank. (This replaces the termly payment plan administration fee).

Applications for Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)

WTC students are not currently eligible for student loans, and are therefore not eligible for DSA.

I really want to do the programme but I am not sure I can afford it. What do you suggest?

There are many creative ways that our students find to pay their programme fees. Here are a few ideas:

- Ask your friends and family for support.
- If you are in employment, ask your employer if they would be willing to cover a proportion of your programme fees. Many employers are committed to Continuing Professional Development and are happy to help.
- There are a number of grant making trusts which have supported WTC students in the past. The details for some of these can be found in **this list of organisations** who may give grants to individuals.
- If you are involved in any form of church service, ask your church if they would be willing to help. (They may not be able to support you financially, but may be able to give you an opportunity to talk about your desire to study. We find that this often opens up other avenues of support.)
- Some churches pay a contribution to the cost incurred by members undergoing relevant training, even where they are not currently involved in church service.
- Think of creative ways to raise the money through doing something for sponsorship, i.e. run a marathon or host a sponsored event.
- Apply for a WTC Bursary if you meet the criteria.
- Create a public profile with Stewardship (you can see an example of a WTC student profile Jake James).
- · Crowd-fund to help pay for fees.
- And last but by no means least, PRAY. If God wants you to study, he will make a way. Ask him to show you how.



Are there other costs that I should consider?

You should consider the costs of getting to your Hub approximately twenty times per year.

The costs of travel to and from the Residentials are not included in fees. The Residential venue for the academic year 2024-25 will be the University of Nottingham.

If you are travelling from a distance and would like to arrive the night before the Residential begins, or would like to stay an extra night at the end, you are usually able to arrange extra nights' accommodation in the same venue. The cost of this should not be more than £90 per night.

What if my circumstances change during the year and I am struggling to pay my fees?

Please talk to us! We are keen to work out a way in which you can carry on with your studies by setting up a payment plan which is realistic, and which would enable you to do this.

What happens if I start the programme and then want to leave?

If you withdraw from your programme before completing a full year, you will be required to pay the full term's fees for the term in which notice is given, plus a £100 administration fee. Please see the table below for further details.

To avoid the following term's fees becoming due, notice should be given no later than the date by which fees for the following term are payable. If you decide to withdraw after having paid the full year's fees, an appropriate reimbursement will be made by WTC after deducting the amount due from you.

What happens if I want to apply for an *Interruption of Studies* (IoS) or to defer my studies?

It is possible to take a study break mid-way through your programme.

Students taking an IoS will be charged £250 each year of their IoS. This will be prorated if they take the IoS mid-year. This cost covers the administration fee (£100) and also a fee (£150) for continued access to:

- MyWTC, Moodle, and online/library resources
- 1 x 30 min meeting with a Faculty member
- 2 x 30 min meeting with the Learning Development Tutor

If students do not want the continued access to resources and meetings with LDT and Faculty, they pay £100 per year of their IoS.

loS fees are waived for students in receipt of the PBF for the first year of their loS. After that, if they wish to continue to access the resources and support, they need to pay as above.

Students enrolled with Chester University will lose access to all Chester resources, as their enrolment has been suspended with the University for the period of the IoS.

If you return to your studies the following academic year, you will pay the fee level you would have paid if you had not taken an IoS. If you re-commence your studies later than the following academic year, you will pay the current fee level on your return.

(See IoS cost breakdown on next page).



Withdrawal or Interruption of Studies Costs

Amount owing at point of withdrawal or interruption	Undergrad	Postgrad
Before attendance at first Residential and before enrolment with the University of Newman	£400	£400
Post attendance at Residential 1 up to 30 th Sept	£1,950	£1,850
Any point between 30 th Sept and 31 st Dec	£2,650	£2,500
Any point between the 31st Dec and 31st Mar	£3,950	£3,750
Any point between 31st Mar and 31st July	£4,650	£4,400

Repeating Residentials

If you return to studying in 2024/25 following an IoS, you will return at the same point in the academic year as when you interrupted.

However, if you wish to repeat the teaching at either the September or the January residential, the following additional fees will apply:

Sept 2024 Resi Repeat = £450 Jan 2025 Resi Repeat = £350

Foundations Course Fees

The fees outlined above relate to our validated courses. We also offer a Foundations in Theology Course (FC) which is unaccredited. The fees for the FC are £1,000, and are payable up front, and this can be paid via bank transfer or via debit/credit card through Stripe. A payment processing fee may apply for card payments.

Which currency can I pay in?

We can only accept payment in sterling. Direct bank transfers are preferred, however we can accept card payments via Stripe if absolutely necessary.