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“The content is relevant, the material is of a high standard and the student discussions foster a great opportunity to learn, share and have fun together. Outstanding... life-changing. Having been in ministry with my husband for 28 years, I actually found myself. This is a college way ahead of its time. Not just a piece of paper, more a way of life!”

JEAN DOBSON, BA GRADUATE

WELCOME



Mission is ForMission's beating heart.

*The core of our motivation is to build up the church
so that the Kingdom is extended.*



INTRODUCTION

As Principal of ForMission College, I enjoy the privilege of sharing with BA and MA students at their graduation ceremony and hearing their stories. Students tell of God at work in their many contexts. Their stories are varied and exciting.

At ForMission, students not only fulfill their academic potential but, through practical experience, develop their gifts and skills in leading others in mission and ministry.

The diversity of the backgrounds and ages of ForMission students is encouraging. If the church is to reach our communities with the love and message of Jesus, it will require people from all walks of life to be trained and released.

It is a delight to see the graduates receive their award, many of whom never thought they would ever be able to study at a higher level, let alone be awarded a university degree. For some they are the first person in their family to graduate.

Around the world, ForMission students are working within their communities as mission workers and leaders, finding new and exciting ways of expressing the mission of Jesus.

It would be a privilege for us to support you in the next stage of your journey.

REVD DR MARTIN ROBINSON
Principal

Martin Robinson



A photograph of a person's legs and feet standing on a cobblestone path. The person is wearing dark blue trousers and black sneakers with white laces. A puddle in the foreground reflects the person's legs and feet. The text "OUR VISION" is overlaid in the top left corner.

OUR VISION



We are passionate about equipping a generation of leaders to revive the church and reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

ForMission equips Christian leaders to transform their communities through accredited training, thought leadership and missional support.

Our academic programmes are an important part of what we do, however they are only part of the story of who we are.

ABOUT FORMISSION



OUR HISTORY

We began as Springdale College in 1980 as a mission college in Selly Oak, Birmingham, where prominent missionary Lesslie Newbigin taught in his last years of active ministry.

In 2009 Springdale College joined Together in Mission to become a mission agency focussed on the training of leaders. We developed practical courses for students from a wide range of denominations and networks.

Today, Springdale College and Together in Mission are known as ForMission.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

We draw together the most innovative and inspiring missional leaders of this generation through networking events and think tank gatherings, which inform and shape our training programmes. We believe an understanding of Missio Dei is essential to revive the church.

We work with leaders of missional excellence around the world to learn and develop the most impactful way of doing mission in the 21st Century.

SUPPORTING MISSION

We support leaders and churches to be missional in their local community. As a missional organisation we have a high value for delivering Quality, and value being Relational, Innovative and Practical.

Our partnerships help us to deliver highly practical work-based learning throughout the course. We seek to develop an ongoing relationship with our students beyond graduation to encourage them in their mission contexts.

TRAINING

ForMission College also offers practical courses that can be delivered in the local church.

FACULTY

Our teaching faculty are experienced missional practitioners; they have experience of church planting, church leadership and are active in mission. They are also qualified at a Bachelors, Masters or Doctoral level. Full profiles can be found on our website.

ACCREDITATION

Our BA and MA programmes are validated by Newman University.

As a provider of Higher Education, we are also regularly reviewed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education to ensure that we are working to the appropriate standards.

The full report our most recent QAA review can be found at college.formission.org.uk/qaa-review.



BA

Full-time or Part-time study

Eligible for student loan funding

Option to study in intensive study blocks

Weekly study at a campus near you

Work-based learning throughout the course



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BA PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME AIMS

Our undergraduate study programme aims to equip potential church leaders and workers to be missionally effective in their church or ministry context.



HOW THE COURSE WORKS

The course combines theological and biblical study with a mission emphasis and practical work-based learning throughout the course. You will gain an understanding of missional theology and explore the foundations of Christian belief, practice and missional ministry within your chosen church, organisation or training context.

All our student electives are subject to change depending on the academic timetable and sufficient student numbers.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY AND AWARD OPTIONS

| AWARD OPTIONS | FULL TIME | PART TIME |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| FOUNDATION DEGREE IN THEOLOGY, MISSION AND MINISTRY | 2 YEARS | 4 YEARS |
| BA (HONS) IN THEOLOGY, MISSION AND MINISTRY WITH A SPECIALISM IN MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP | 3 YEARS | 6 YEARS |
| BA (HONS) IN THEOLOGY, MISSION AND MINISTRY WITH A SPECIALISM IN YOUTH WORK | 3 YEARS | 6 YEARS |
| BA (HONS) IN THEOLOGY, MISSION AND MINISTRY WITH FOUNDATION YEAR WITH A SPECIALISM IN MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP | 4 YEARS | 8 YEARS |
| BA (HONS) IN THEOLOGY, MISSION AND MINISTRY WITH FOUNDATION YEAR WITH A SPECIALISM IN YOUTH WORK | 4 YEARS | 8 YEARS |

THE COURSE STRUCTURE

The course is structured around taught modules through our facilitated learning, tutorial learning, personal formation focussed on clusters with other students and practical work-based learning throughout the course.

YEAR ONE

- Introduction to the Bible
- Introduction to Christian Theology
- Mission History of the Church
- Mission in a Multicultural Pluralistic Society
- Themes in Culture and Sociology
- Mission and Ministry (elective)
- Mission and Youth Ministry (elective)

YEAR TWO

- Intermediate Biblical Studies
- Spiritual and Missional Theology
- Apologetics
- Forming Missional Communities
- Leading Teams and Forming Disciples (elective)
- Leading Youth Teams (elective)
- Leading Teams and Forming Disciples in Youth Ministry (elective)
- Missional Media (elective)
- Reverse Mission (elective)
- Theology of Worship (elective)
- Pastoral Counselling (elective)
- Independent Study Module (elective)

YEAR TWO

- Scripture from a Missional Perspective
- The Church, the Spirit and Missional Transformation
- Dissertation (elective)
- Special Project Reflective Assignment (elective)
- Missional Leadership (elective)
- Change Management and Conflict Resolution (elective)
- Missional Leadership in Youth Ministry (elective)
- Change Management and Conflict Resolution in Youth Ministry (elective)

WHAT IS A TYPICAL WEEK LIKE?

The course is split into roughly three elements; class time, practical work-based learning and independent study. You will need to spend a third of your full time week on each aspect. Typically class time is 1-2 days, work-based learning for 12 hours a week and 1-2 days for independent study.

WHAT WILL I STUDY AND HOW?

You will study the core areas of Biblical Studies, Theology, Mission and Ministry, as well as other subjects depending on your chosen electives. Throughout the degree you will undertake study at your local campus, whilst engaging in a range of work-based learning, designed to develop your skills in mission and ministry. This will give you experience which will be invaluable for your employment after graduating.

COURSE RESOURCES

You will receive course notes for every module which are delivered in facilitations, workshops and coaching based at one of our Regional Campuses. You will also have access to the College's extensive online library and learning platform.

APPLYING FOR OUR BA PROGRAMME**FEES**

Our aim is to make training as affordable as possible to empower more people to serve in a wide range of church and mission situations.

BA (HONS) THEOLOGY, MISSION AND MINISTRY (WITH OR WITHOUT FOUNDATION YEAR)

£6,300 for full-time study*

Fees for part-time study will be calculated proportionally

FOUNDATION DEGREE IN THEOLOGY & MISSION

£6,300 for full-time study*

Fees for part-time study will be calculated proportionally

**prices subject to annual change*

If you exit the programme after passing 1 year of the BA, you will be awarded **CertHE IN THEOLOGY, MISSION AND MINISTRY**.

If you exit the programme after passing 2 years you will be awarded a **DipHE IN THEOLOGY, MISSION AND MINISTRY**. Students studying at our intensives campus will incur an additional charge for accommodation and meals.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. GCSE English at grade C or grade 5 (or above), and 2 A Level passes (grade E or above) or equivalent.
2. If you do not meet the educational requirements, you will need to pass an initial student evaluation in order to be eligible for entry to the programme.
3. We also consider applications for entry with Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) on a case by case basis.
4. As part of the admissions process you will be invited to interview (usually at your local campus).
5. Where English is not your first language, you will be asked to pass a test at B1 level or provide an IELTS certificate at an equivalent level for direct entry onto the BA course.

COME AND MEET US

We always welcome students to visit one of our campuses and get first hand experience of studying with us. Please contact us to arrange a visit.

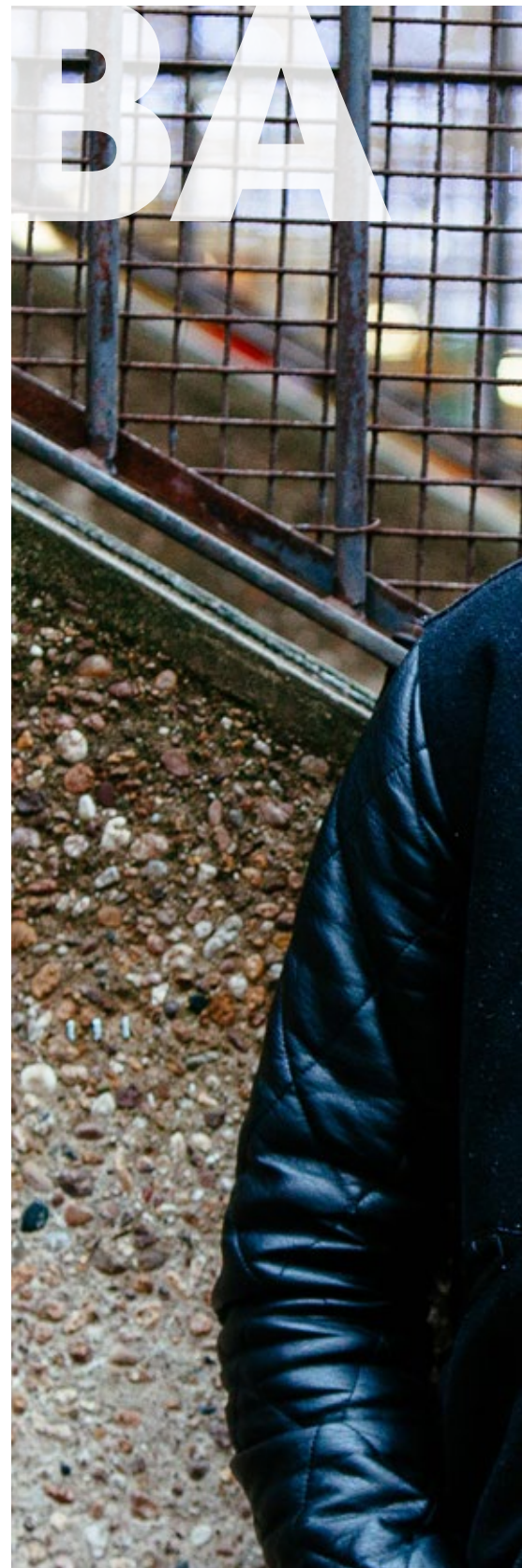
HOW TO APPLY

Go to our website and click on the 'apply' section of the BA programme. The online application form will guide you through the process. Our admissions team will get in touch with you to arrange an interview at one of our campus locations.

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“The course has really changed my thinking towards God’s mission, a deeper knowledge of who God is and His nature, and the purpose of His church.”

GRANT LAWLEY, BA GRADUATE

“It’s fantastic! I have grown academically in my studies. The course is very practical and encouraged us to be increasingly missional. Before I started the course, I was unsure about my academic ability, however I improved so much. The help I have received from tutorials and facilitators enabled me to produce high quality essays and I have a greater understanding of theology.”

SAM COOPER, BA GRADUATE



“I enjoy the smaller teaching environment and the interaction with the lecturers and other students as part of exploring the theology.”

LAURA EMPSON, YEAR 3, BA, EXETER



MA

Part-time programmes over 3 years

3 pathways for study

Campus for study near you

*Postgraduate student
loans available*

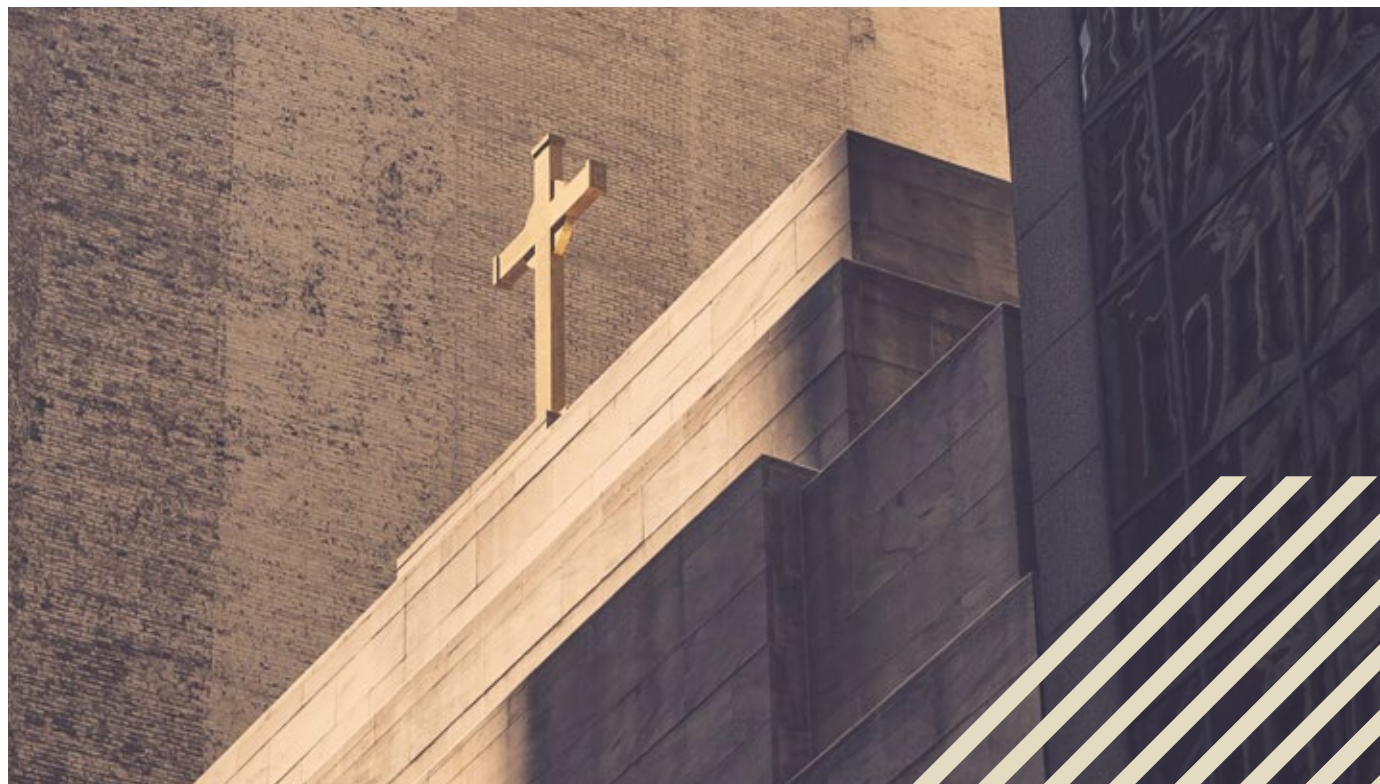


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MA PROGRAMMES

PROGRAMME AIMS

This programme equips those in leadership in Christian churches, organisations and communities with the ability to engage in and develop contextually-focused appropriate approaches to missional leadership and practice in post-modern societies.



The MA programme has three distinct specialist pathways:

1. MA Missional Leadership
2. MA Missional Leadership and Spirituality
3. MA Missional Leadership and European Studies

HOW THE PROGRAMMES WORK

We aim to advance students' knowledge and critical understanding of contemporary issues in mission, drawing on missiology, sociology, psychology, leadership studies, theology and biblical studies.

The taught module assessments and the dissertation module offer students opportunities to develop their particular interests in these fields, and the skills of independent study and research in a discipline of their choice.

WHO ARE THE PROGRAMMES AIMED AT?

The programme is aimed at a wide range of students who are in some form of Christian ministry within churches, mission agencies or community organisations/projects.

STUDY OPTIONS

The programmes are studied in a part-time mode.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programmes are completed in 3 years. The first two years comprise 6 taught modules: three core modules, two specialist modules and one further optional module. The dissertation module is completed in the third year on a subject of the student's own choice (within a field relevant to the named award). Entry points are September 2019, January 2020 and June 2020.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL YEAR LOOK LIKE?

Teaching takes place either at a central location or at one of our Regional Campuses (Birmingham, London and Manchester*). Individual modules are facilitated in different ways with a mixture of stand-alone study days, or as intensives of two or more study days including overnight stays, which enhance the student experience. There is a residential summer school in June in each year of taught modules.

PROGRAMME SPECIALISMS

This MA programmes allow students to study a broad range of topics related to their chosen specialism.

The emphasis of the programmes is on contemporary expressions of Christian faith and practice.

STUDENTS STUDY THREE CORE MODULES ON ALL PROGRAMMES

CONTEMPORARY MISSION IN THE WEST AND THE MISSIONAL CONVERSATION

Enabling students to engage with the challenges of secularisation, post-modernity and the influence of the church in contemporary Western society.

MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP: FORMATION AND SKILLS

Examining the task of leadership, and the skills needed to equip the church effectively in God's mission today.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES AND CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGY

Quantitative and qualitative methods in both local and global contexts, contextual theology, theology of place and social justice in wider society.

TWO PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC SPECIALIST MODULES

MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP: COMMUNICATION AND TEAMWORKING

Exploring the theory and skills of inter-personal leadership and communication, building and developing teams and developing self-awareness.

MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT WITH CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

Examining cultural theory, trends and the Church's mission in a postmodern, secular context through missional perspectives and practices.

MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY PROGRAMME

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND PRACTICES

Identify distinctively Christian concepts of 'community' including themes of discipleship and intentional Christian communities and their practices.

SPIRITUALITY IN CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

Exploring approaches to spirituality of missional movements in local communities and the wider cultural context of globalisation, postmodernism and secularism.

MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND EUROPEAN STUDIES

EUROPEAN STUDIES: THE MAKING OF EUROPE

Exploring the role of Christianity in the making of Europe and the idea and paradox of 'Europe' in the past and present.

EUROPEAN STUDIES: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Exploring the Gospel and Europe as a 'post Christian' secular context, with multi-religious identities, and European (dis)-integration.

ALL PROGRAMMES REQUIRE A DISSERTATION MODULE

DISSERTATION MODULE

The final module, which is done throughout year 3, is the dissertation project and students have an opportunity to choose a topic to research in depth and which will relate to their chosen MA specialism. This project will include an in-depth literature review of key theories and concepts and significant practical field research which will usually include original content and perspectives.

• Subject to student numbers.

"The study material is excellent. Well put together and including a wide range of reading material from leading thinkers on the topic... After 25 years in ministry you have a lot of different ideas, experiences and models. Getting them into some kind of order and evaluating them for their usefulness today is crucial for the next 25 years of ministry."

MICHAEL KOHL, YEAR 3, MA, MANCHESTER

OPTIONAL MODULES AVAILABLE ON ALL PROGRAMMES*

Students study one optional module out of the following:

URBAN MISSION: LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES

Exploring Trinitarian approaches to urban community development, alleviation of urban poverty and evaluating leadership challenges.

GLOBALISATION, MIGRATION AND MULTI-DIRECTIONAL MISSION

Evaluating neo-colonialism, globalisation, multi-directional migration, contemporary cultural shifts and global and local trends in cross-cultural mission and expressions of 'new Christianities'.

MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP IN EUROPEAN HISTORY

Engaging in a two-week European studies tour, with readings, presentations and seminars on the Christian heritage of Europe and key missional leaders and movements in the European context.

FORMING AND LEADING MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES

Exploring community practice, mentoring and managing conflict as part of forming and leading healthy missional communities.

INDEPENDENT STUDY MODULE

Identifying a topic, issue, or ministerial area relevant to an aspect of missional leadership and developing an independent learning project including library and practical research.

PROGRAMME RESOURCES

Student resources include college-produced material, with access to a wide-ranging online journal database, electronic resources and the College's online virtual learning provision. The programme includes personal development through guided personal reflection, ensuring students' studies and practical ministry continually inform each other.

TEACHING STAFF

Our academic staff are also involved in leadership roles which gives the programmes a clear practical focus and place a high value on research and reflective practice.



APPLYING FOR OUR MA PROGRAMMES

FEES

Our aim is to make training as affordable as possible to empower more people to serve in a wide range of church and mission situations.

For UK & EU citizens studying the Missional Leadership programmes, the fee is £8995 (payment plan by agreement)

For the Missional Leadership and European Studies programme, the fee is £9995 (payment plan by agreement)

Student Loan funding is available for eligible students on all MA programmes run by ForMission College.

If you exit the MA programme after passing 1 year, you will be awarded a **PGCert**. If you leave after passing 2 years, you will be awarded a **PGDIP**.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. A good first degree (first, upper second or strong lower second) or Graduate Diploma in Theology or related subject.
2. Previous awards do not need to be in theology and a degree in a related subject is usually sufficient evidence of an ability to engage with the programme.
3. Students without a degree but who can demonstrate significant ministry experience will also be considered, subject to appropriate assessment.

COME AND MEET US

We always welcome students to visit one of our campuses and get first hand experience of studying with us. Please contact us to arrange a visit.

HOW TO APPLY

Go to our website, formission.org.uk and click on the 'apply' section of the MA programme. The online application form will guide you through the process. You will need to have documentary evidence (passport, birth certificate and copies of educational certificates). Our admissions team will get in touch with you to arrange an interview at one of our campus locations.

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"I love the fact that the facilitators are practitioners and are passionate about engaging our world with the Gospel, and that being the shaper of the church... I am having to change in my missiology and ecclesiology."

MARCUS MOSEY, GRADUATE



“The facilitators are inspirational as they are also living missionally and looking at creative ways of doing ministry. The programme has given me a type of optimistic thinking, where I look at a ministry and see all the potential to develop that into a place where people can know God and can go out and catch the vision to share the gospel with others and develop community.”

LUCY BUTLER, BA GRADUATE

“It is an eye opener being exposed to new strategies and different formulas of doing missional work from what I have been accustomed in the ministry.”

MICHAEL MURADZIKWA, BA GRADUATE

OUR CAMPUSES

Because of our network of campuses in the UK we are able to offer a learning experience near to your home.

Students can study whilst working in their current ministry situation demonstrating the flexibility, innovation and quality our courses are known for.

It won't be long before you develop a new set of relationships with your fellow students and staff at your local regional campus.

You will also have the opportunity to meet students from other campuses at 'intensive study' sessions or through events sponsored and hosted by ForMission.

LONDON

ForMission College London
Summit House, 100 Hanger Lane
London W5 1EZ

MIDLANDS (BIRMINGHAM)

ForMission College Midlands
Rowheath Pavilion, Heath Road
Birmingham B30 1HH

MANCHESTER

ForMission College Manchester
1st Floor, Glenn House,
Montfort Street
Salford Quays M50 2RP

LIVERPOOL

ForMission College Liverpool
Lombard Chambers, Ormond Street
Liverpool L3 9NA

LEEDS

Formission College Leeds
Unit 27, Unity Business Centre
26 Roundhay Road
Leeds LS7 1AB

RESIDENTIAL INTENSIVE MODE OF STUDY

For BA programme only where the modules are taught in intensive blocks and the students are residential.

INTENSIVE CAMPUS (MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP)

Head Office: Rowheath Pavilion
Heath Road
Birmingham B30 1HH

INTENSIVE CAMPUS (YOUTH WORK):


ForMission College Intensives Campus,
43 London Road
Bicester OX26 6BU

CENTRE ADDRESS WHERE YOUTH CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE:

The Poplars
Bromsberrow Heath
Ledbury HR8 1QY

Our campus locations are subject to change depending on student numbers.





“There’s a clear link between the activity in my placement and the theology in the classroom. The programme has given me more confidence to pioneer missional strategies.”

MATT BRINKLEY, BA GRADUATE



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