

Bristol Baptist College

Bristol seeks to form men and women who are 'able, evangelical, lively, and zealous' for mission and ministry in today's world. We focus on word and Spirit, formation in community, prayer, missional discipleship, and growing character alongside honing gifts.

A significant exercise mapping Spurgeon's courses at Undergraduate and Master's level against what we offer has already been undertaken, and further work is now underway.

With support from the London Baptist Association and the Baptist Union/Baptists Together we are working at pace to establish a London Hub which could deliver both Ministerial Formation on weekly basis, and academic teaching in block weeks, from London. We are employing new staff, on a temporary basis in the first instance, to facilitate this. **We want to be in a position to give us much help to Spurgeon's students as we possibly can.**

We are also exploring whether we can teach some of the academic work by distance learning. **The key is to contact us through one of the dedicated email addresses we have set up so we can give tailored help.**

Baptist Union Ministerial – Buministerial.enquiries@bristol-baptist.ac.uk

Non BU Ministerial – ministerial.enquiries@bristol-baptist.ac.uk

For other undergraduate students – undergraduate.enquiries@bristol-baptist.ac.uk

Post graduate students – postgraduate.enquiries@bristol-baptist.ac.uk

In terms of credit transfer, here is the current position as we understand it

- If you are studying for an **undergraduate degree** and have successfully completed and passed year 1 (level 4), we believe we will be able to grant you exemption from repeating this year.
- If you are studying for an undergraduate degree and have successfully completed and passed up to three modules in year 2 (level 5), we believe we will be able to grant you exemption from repeating these modules (up to a maximum of 60 credits).
- If you are further into your degree than this, we will need to make a special case with our accrediting university to transfer credits. We will do all we can to argue the case in these challenging circumstances for you, and are bringing in additional staff with the skills required to enable us to do this.
- If you are studying for a **Master's degree** and have successfully completed and passed two modules or more, we believe we will be able to grant you exemption from up to 60 credits. This is the equivalent of studying for one year part-time.
- If you are further into your Master's degree than this, we will need to make a special case with our accrediting university to transfer credits. We will do all we

can to argue the case in these challenging circumstances for you, and are bringing in additional staff with the skills required to enable us to do this.

- If you are doing Ministerial Formation alongside this, or ministerial formation having already completed academic training, we will seek to deliver that formation through the London Hub, and do our very best to help as many Spurgeon's students as possible through this route. We have experience in running a Hub already (in Exeter) and are confident we can do this in London.

Please note

Our Current Pattern of Academic Training based in Bristol is also available to all Spurgeon's students. This may be a possibility for some.

Undergraduate

- Students come to Bristol Baptist College on Tuesday (Academic) and Wednesday (Ministerial Formation) in term time (20 weeks a year) together with two community weeks
- Academic Teaching can be done via block weeks

Once again, the key is to contact us directly, then we can give you tailored help and advice. Finally, whatever route you decide to take, you are in our prayers.

Peter Morden, Principal, Bristol Baptist College