



FACTS ABOUT FEES 2020-21

Our fees for the Academic Year beginning in September 2020 are as follows:

TABLE OF FEES

	COURSE	NOTES	TOTAL FEES PAYABLE
BA	Certificate of Higher Education	This is a TWO year course 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.	£3,500 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.	£3,500 per annum
	BA(Hons)	This is the final TWO years of a SIX year course leading to a BA(Hons) in Kingdom Theology	£3,500 per annum
	Graduate Diploma (Including Flexi-GradDip)	A TWO year course leading to a Graduate Diploma in Kingdom Theology. If a student opts to withdraw after ONE year they will receive a Graduate Certificate.	£3,500 per annum
	Graduate Diploma in Church Planting and Leadership	A TWO year course leading to a Graduate Diploma in Church Planting and Leadership. If a student opts to withdraw after ONE year they will receive a general Graduate Certificate in Kingdom Theology.	£3,500 per annum
	Graduate Diploma in Kingdom Theology and Student Ministry	A TWO year course leading to a Graduate Diploma in Kingdom Theology and Student Ministry. If a student opts to withdraw after ONE year they will receive a general Graduate Certificate in Kingdom Theology.	£3,500 per annum



COURSE	NOTES	TOTAL FEES PAYABLE
Post-Graduate Diploma	A TWO year course leading to a PG Dip in Kingdom Theology. This course is also the first TWO years of the MA in Kingdom Theology.	£3,350 per annum plus
MA (Including Flexi-MA)	A TWO* year course leading to an MA in Kingdom Theology.	£3,350 per annum plus £650 Dissertation fee

* Many students take advantage of the opportunity to complete their dissertation over a longer period and effectively spread their studies over THREE or more years rather than TWO. No extra costs are incurred should you choose to spread out your studies in this way but you pay a dissertation fee on submission of the dissertation proposal.

What do the fees cover?

The fees cover all tuition costs, course materials and full board at the two residenceals per year. All University validation fees, access to your Hub library and online journals are also included. For MA students the cost of the dissertation is payable when you submit your dissertation proposal. For GradDip CPL and SM students, including Flexi - CPL and SM students, these fees cover the cost of the mini-Resis for your courses including accommodation but not the travel to and from the mini-Resis.

How are the fees charged?

An acceptance fee of £350 is required to confirm a place on a WTC course. This is payable once you have been offered a place on the course 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. The payment options are as follows:

- Pay monthly in 10 instalments (which incurs a £75 administration fee per year) commencing by 31 August 2018 **at the latest**, with the final instalment due by 31 May 2019 **at the latest**.
- Pay termly in three instalments (which incurs a £50 administration fee per year) due by 31 August 2018, 31 December 2018 and 31 March 2019.
- Pay in full by 31 August 2018 and incur no administration fee.

Any fees that are more than 60 days overdue will result in suspension from the course. If fees are not paid in full by 1 June 2019, 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 course, 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. For the BA, students should expect prices to increase in years three and five, although, as above, in exceptional circumstances we reserve the right to increase prices to cover our costs at other times.

Is there anywhere I can apply for a bursary?

WTC has two small bursary funds – the Principal's Bursary Fund which is for those who are either ex-offenders and / or ex-addicts, and a General Bursary Fund. There is an opportunity to apply for either bursary fund when you submit your online application to study with us. Please check your eligibility before you apply. This can be found under the 'Study with Us' tab. There are currently no WTC bursaries for the MA.

GradDip CPL students can apply for WTC bursaries as above.

We hope that sending churches for GradDip SM students will help them with a proportion of their fees. GradDip SM can apply for up to £500 from WTC to match sending church funding and Fusion staff can apply for bursaries from Fusion. Other WTC bursaries are not open for GradDip SM candidates.

Flexi-Grad Dip students can apply for WTC bursaries as above.



Can I apply for a student loan?

WTC appears as a listed body on the Student Finance England and N Ireland websites:
<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>.

If you meet the eligibility criteria you may qualify for a student loan. Our courses are 60 credits per year.

On the Student Finance website, make sure you enter **University of Chester** as your place of study. WTC courses then appear on the drop down menu as: Kingdom Theology (Westminster) with the relevant qualification following (eg Bachelors Degree with Honours/Certificate of Higher Education etc).

Currently, WTC students in N Ireland studying for the Graduate Diploma, GradDip Student Ministry, and the GradDip Church Planting & Leadership courses can apply for student loans from Student Finance N Ireland.

If applying for the Student Loan, please be aware of the additional £100 administration charge (University of Chester makes a charge to us for their services and we have admin costs of our own). You may wish to add this to your loan when applying for Student Finance.

The University of Chester has already confirmed the WTC teaching weeks to Student Finance England / Student Finance Northern Ireland. Forms do not need to be sent to WTC for student loan applications.

Applications for Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)

Both those applying for student loans, and those who have not applied for student loans can apply for DSA. Check on <https://www.ucas.com/finance/additional-funding/disabled-students-allowances-dsas> to see what disabilities qualify for DSA. (These include dyslexia, mental health issues and being deaf.)

Medical evidence is required to support the DSA application.

WTC completes Section 5 of the DSA form, not the University of Chester. Please send your form to Ali, at: studyskills@wtctheology.org.uk

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

There are many creative ways that students find to pay their course fees. Here are just 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 course 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 at <http://www.unigrants.co.uk/religion-religious-studies>
- 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.
- 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.

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 which would enable you to do this.

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

If you withdraw from your course 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 course and there is a £100 administration charge for this. If you have paid for a whole year and then take a break mid-way through, the fees for that term must be paid in full, but an amount will be refunded for subsequent terms.

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.

Withdrawal or Interruption of Studies Costs:

Amount owing at point of withdrawal or interruption	BA	Graduate Diploma	MA
Before attendance at the first Residential and before enrolment with University of Chester	£350	£350	£350
Post attendance at Residential 1 *	£1,385	£1,385	£1,365
Any point between Residential 1 and the end of term 1 **	£1,970	£1,970	£1,915
Any point between the end of Term 1 and end of Term 2**	£2,790	£2,790	£2,680
Any point between the end of Term 2 and end of Term 3**	£3,600	£3,600	£3,450

*University of Chester fees, plus 50% of termly tuition, plus £100 admin fee

**Terms finish prior to the Christmas, Easter and Summer breaks

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 Residential are not included in fees. The Residentials are currently held at the University of Wolverhampton's Telford campus. For CPL and SM Grad Dip students, travel to and from the mini-Resis. Venues will be announced once confirmed.

If you are travelling a distance and would like to arrive the night before the Residentials begin, or would like to stay an extra night at the end, you are usually able to arrange additional accommodation in the same venue. You should allow approximately £70 per night for a B&B in January 2021. The September 2020 Residential will be held online.

Which currency can I pay in?

We can only accept payment in sterling. We recommend using TransferWise for payments in any other currency. ([transferwise.com](https://www.transferwise.com)).