

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies CCRS Online (External Students)

What is the CCRS?

The CCRS is awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. It is strongly recommended for any teacher who wants to teach in a Catholic school as well as anyone seeking to deepen their knowledge and understanding in Catholic faith and theology. Any person who wishes to be involved in Catholic education and formation may apply for the course. This includes those involved in Religious Education in schools, Parish Catechesis and other ministries in the Church and anyone wishing to follow the course for faith development or personal interest.

CCRS at Liverpool Hope University

The CCRS is delivered as a two year rolling programme and requires completion of a total of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. Four modules are offered each academic year and so it is possible to complete the course within two years or else take up to five years as allowed by the Board of Studies.

Module Availability 2023 - 24	Module Availability 2024 - 25
Old Testament core module	Church core module
New Testament core module	Sacraments core module
Person of Christ core module	Morality core module
Curriculum RE in a Catholic School specialist module	World Religions specialist module

Taking CCRS Online with Liverpool Hope University

CCRS Online modules are hosted in the university's virtual learning site and there is no requirement for campus attendance. Media-rich learning resources invite independent study and reflection together with interactive activities for collaborative exchange among tutors and students. It is possible to transfer into the CCRS Online from another CCRS local centre providing that the entire certificate is completed within a period of five years. Each CCRS Online module currently costs £100 and enrolment is done via the University's Online Store.

There is also a £25 Board of Studies registration fee payable after the first module has been completed. Module registration and payments are made via the University Online Store.

"The course has opened my eyes and enabled me to gain knowledge and understanding of teaching religious education in a catholic school."



