# **Department of Theology & Religion**

# **Module Descriptions 2024/25**

# **Level C (i.e. 1st Yr.) Modules**

Please be aware that all modules are subject to availability.

For many of these modules, some experience of studying Theology may be required, and you should remember this when choosing your modules. If there is another module that you need to have studied before taking this, it will be stated in the module description.

Please note that at the time this document has been prepared (October 2024) the following information is provisional, and there may be minor changes between now and the beginning of 2024/25 academic year.

**Please note: Forms of assessment are currently undergoing review for 2024/25, and as a result the assessment information listed within this handbook may be subject to change.**

## **LC Life After Death: What Happens When We Die?**

***MODULE CODE:*** 39777

***CREDIT VALUE:*** 20

***ASSESSMENT METHOD:*** 1 x 2,000 word essay (50%)

1 x 2,000 word critical reflection (50%)

***SEMESTER:*** 2

***PRE-REQUISITE:*** None

***DESCRIPTION***

Life after death is a perennial interest but especially for religious communities. Who doesn’t want to know what happens when they die? And, for many, the whole point of being religious is in order to gain access to heaven. This class will look at the development of ideas about the afterlife in a variety of ancient and modern religions. It will look at how what people think about immortality is reflective of their social and cultural values, legislative and ethical systems, and social hierarchies. Examining what people say about life after death can tell us a great deal about how people respond to crisis and process grief; it reflects how various groups value (or not) gender, disability and race; and can tell us about our own anxieties about who we are and who we want to be.