



Union Theological College

STUDENT CHARTER

2020 – 2021

Union Theological College welcomes students from all backgrounds and perspectives to study Christian theology in a community of faith and scholarship.

THE COLLEGE IS COMMITTED TO:

preparing students to make effective and positive contributions in our society and across the world;

equipping students for effective ministry within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; and

providing research-informed teaching and innovative approaches to learning and assessment.

STUDENTS UNDERTAKE TO:

Treat staff, faculty, and fellow students with respect, dignity and courtesy

Attend induction events and meetings with tutors

Respond promptly to communication

Prepare for, and participate in, timetabled classes and obtain agreement in advance of any essential absences

Take responsibility for managing their own learning, seeking advice and guidance as required

Use assessment as a tool for learning and engagement, upholding the highest standards of academic integrity

Submit work by stated deadlines and to reflect upon feedback

Make prompt payment of any relevant fees

Engage in the student representative systems and work collaboratively in the evaluation of learning, assessment and student experience in order to improve the quality of learning and teaching

Communicate any potential problems and difficulties with the hope that these may be resolved informally in the first instance

Respect the physical environment and the spiritual ethos of the College.

Follow College, University (where appropriate) and Public Health Agency (PHA) guidance relating to COVID-19, including PHA guidance to self-isolate and get a COVID-19 test as necessary.



Agreed by the Student Body and Faculty by email on 06/11/2020

Principal

Representative of the General Student Council

THE COLLEGE UNDERTAKES TO:

Encourage student, faculty and staff to treat one another with respect, dignity and courtesy

Provide high standards of research-informed teaching

Provide students with the necessary support, advice and guidance

Design and administer fair, transparent, and varied assessments

Facilitate learning with high-class library facilities, a virtual learning environment, and other necessary resources

Facilitate the needs of students for recreation and social interaction in the dining room and common room

Provide access to opportunities to enhance personal, spiritual and ministerial development

Provide student support via the personal tutor scheme

Appoint, support and develop high-quality faculty and staff

Support student participation in the management of programmes

Maintain an open and accessible complaints system

Have in place appropriate measures, in line with advice from the Public Health Agency (PHA) regarding COVID-19 to create an environment in which it is safe to study and live

THE COLLEGE UNDERTAKES TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A College timetable, a programme specification and module outlines

Timely constructive feedback on submitted work

Details on complaints and appeals procedures

Course fees and payment options