# FORMISSION COLLEGE

# Campus in Malenovice, Czech Republic Fact Sheet



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## **ForMission College**

ForMission College is passionate about equipping a generation of leaders to revive the church and reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. ForMission equips Christian Leaders to transform their communities through accredited training, thought leadership and missional support. Our ethos is to take the learning to the student. We are based in Birmingham, UK, and operate by a dispersed campus network over the UK and Europe, allowing ease of access to our programmes by the students. Our accredited degrees are validated by Newman University.

We offer a range of programmes in the UK including:

- BA (Hons) Theology, Mission and Ministry (with a specialism in Missional Leadership)
- BA (Hons) Theology, Mission and Ministry (with a specialism in Youth Work)
- MA Missional Leadership
- MA Missional Leadership and Spirituality
- MA Missional Leadership and European Studies

Since 2019, we have been grateful to support the development of leaders for Central and Eastern Europe, in partnership with Josiah Venture, through a campus in Malenovice, Czech Republic.

### **Our Programme**

Our BA (Hons) Theology, Mission and Ministry programme is a fully-accredited UK degree, validated by Newman University, Birmingham.

This programme delivers high-quality cutting-edge missional education and training. It achieves this by combining theological and biblical study with a mission emphasis and practical work-based learning throughout the course experience. Students will gain an understanding of missional theology and explore the foundations of Christian belief, practice and missional ministry within the student's chosen church, organisation or training context.

The programme is a 3-year full-time university degree, taught completely in English.

#### **Course Structure**

The course is split into four aspects:

- Class time: 6 one-week intensives at the Czech campus for teaching and tutorials
- Cluster time: 3 hours a week in local or Skype based discipleship and formation
- Work-based learning: working for at least 12 hours a week in a ministry context
- Private study: 1-2 days a week

The Czech campus will operate on **6 residential weeks** based at Malenovice. Students typically arrive on a Monday and leave on a Friday. During the week they engage in full facilitated learning days, personal and spiritual formation.

The programme takes **3 years** to complete.

Each year the students will study 6 modules in 2 semesters.

## The Learning Approach

In order to create a new mindset for mission, the course facilitates creative interplay between personal learning packs, student learning groups, written assignments, placement tasks and coaching support.

**Learning Packs**: Students are supplied with all the materials that are needed via Moodle (Virtual Learning Environment). They use this to prepare for participation at the residential weeks.

**Student Groups**: An exploration of the learning materials happens once a week at a series of tutorials at a local Learning Centre.

**Assignments**: Each module has written assignments that contribute to the module's final assessment, and oral class presentations/debates are sometimes used for grading purposes along with essays, reports, and journals.

**Work-based learning**: Each module also provides students with tasks to be fulfilled in a ministry context.

**Regular Coaching**: Students meet a coach weekly for general support. Three times a term individual progression with placement tasks are assessed. Work place assessment, including an electronic journal, also contributes to the assessment for each module.

All of our courses are built on five important formation personal development foundations:

- Spiritual Formation: helping participants to develop spiritual practices that enable them to discern God's mission
- Missional Formation: learning the key ideas and skills needed to equip the church for God's mission through the missional leader
- Ministry Formation: developing the character of Christ the disciple-maker becoming like Christ the missional leader par excellence
- Personal Formation: developing the interpersonal communication skills which make it possible for people to respond well to your leadership style
- Intellectual Formation: learning cutting edge theories which can be tested in the placement context

#### Content

The course combines theological and biblical study with a mission emphasis. It is built around themes such as:

- *Biblical Studies*: Enables students to reflect on the Bible from a missional point of view, as it is applied to a variety of situations.
- Theology: Equips students to theologically reflect on the beliefs and practices of their churches or organisations, as well as helping you apply missional theology to your ministry situation.
- Mission: Provides an overview of the history of mission in the West, which sets
  the scene for the current missional challenges the church faces in reaching
  people groups for Christ. It enables the student to practically research the
  communities they wish to work among so that they can do so in ways that are
  relevant to them.
- *Electives/Optional modules*: A range of elective modules are offered, allowing students to specialise in an area that interests them.

The student will keep a personal journal of their learning experience.

## Partnership with Josiah Venture

Students are registered as students of ForMission College UK. As a college we work with Josiah Venture and their partner national organisations to deliver the programme to students in Central and Eastern Europe.

## **Entry Qualification**

Students need to have the equivalent of A Level passes in 2 subjects. They will also need to satisfy the College that their English is at a level which enables them to study at a higher educational level (normally a B2 level).

The student will need to pass each year to progress towards the next year of the degree.

#### **Fees**

The fee for the programme is approximately £6300 per year. (Prices subject to annual change.)

Students that are ministering in Central and Eastern Europe will be eligible to apply for 2 grants to support them with their fees.

- £1300 from the Springdale Foundation
- £3000 from the Josiah Venture "Emerging Leader Scholarship" Fund

If these grants are received, the annual cost is lowered to £2000 per student. We suggest that the student supply £1000 toward their fees, and the student's placement church or ministry support their fees by £1000.

Tuition payments are made directly to ForMission College, UK, in one or two instalments per year.

### **How to Apply**

Go to our website, *formission.org.uk*, and click on the 'apply' section of the BA programme. The online application form will guide you through the process. Our admissions team will get in touch with you to arrange an interview with a Czech campus representative.

For more information, please email malenovice@formission.ac.uk.

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