

The Statues of the Bellarmine Institute

**Ecclesiastical Faculties
of Theology and Philosophy
at Heythrop College
London**

THE BELLARMINE INSTITUTE

CONSTITUTIONⁱ

1. The nature of the Ecclesiastical Faculties at Heythrop College

1.1 Foreword

In 1614 the Society of Jesus established a house of studies for English Jesuits in Louvain for the study of philosophy and theology. As a foundation of the Society of Jesus, the College was recognised as having the ability to admit members of the Society to degrees in those subjects.

The College subsequently moved to Liege and thence to St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst. In 1840 the newly founded University of London granted the College the right to prepare its students for external degrees of the University. From 1848 the Faculty of Theology was re-located to St Beuno's, near St Asaph in North Wales. In 1926 the Faculties were reunited at Heythrop in Oxfordshire with the intention of establishing a *Collegium Maximum*, and at this time acquired the name "Heythrop College". Following the codification of canon law relating to Universities by Pope Pius XI in his Apostolic Constitution *Deus scientiarum Dominus* in 1931, the College was placed under the patronage of St Robert Bellarmine and the right of its two faculties of philosophy and theology to confer various ecclesiastical degrees on its Jesuit students, up to and including the doctorate, were confirmed by Decree of the Holy See in 1932.

After a formal request by the British Jesuit Province and the Hierarchy, by Decree dated 24th November 1964 the Faculties of the College were raised and erected as a Pontifical Athenaeum by the name of the "*Heythrop Faculties of Theology and Philosophy*" or "*Athenaeum Heythropense Studiorum Ecclesiasticorum*" with the right to confer degrees on students from any part of the world.ⁱⁱ The inauguration ceremony was held on 15 June 1965, and His Eminence Cardinal John Heenan was installed as Chancellor of the Athenaeum by the Apostolic Delegate in the name of Pope Paul VI.

On 25 July 1968, the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities approved the search for affiliating the College with a state university, provided it was approved by the local Episcopal Conference.

In February 1969, a formal application was made by the Rector of Heythrop College to the Senate of the University of London for Heythrop College to be received as a constituent college of the University. This request was agreed and the College joined the University in September 1970. The College was civilly incorporated by Royal Charter of 11th March 1971, which recognises its unique relationship with the Catholic Church and the Society of Jesus. In 1972, Cardinal Heenan, as Archbishop of Westminster, was appointed Visitor of Heythrop College. Since 1970, Heythrop

College has continued to be a centre for the education of future priests and ministers of the Catholic Church while also offering to a wider range of students its courses in Philosophy and Theology at undergraduate, postgraduate and doctorate levels and undertaking research.

1.2 The Ecclesiastical Faculties: Bellarmine Institute

The Heythrop Faculties of Theology and Philosophy confer ecclesiastical degrees according to the Apostolic Constitution *Sapientia Christiana*, issued by John Paul II in 1979 and constitute a specialist institute of professional study, training and research at Heythrop College, known as the 'Bellarmine Institute'. It is established and maintained with the approval of both the Governing Body of Heythrop College and the Congregation for Catholic Education of the Holy See.

The main purposes of the Bellarmine Institute can be expressed as follows:

Firstly, to provide opportunities for the study, teaching and research of Theology and Philosophy in a way that promotes a more profound knowledge and understanding of Christian revelation and of those matters connected with it; to enunciate systematically the truths contained therein, to consider in the light of revelation the most recent progress of the sciences and to present them effectively to the people of today.

Secondly, to provide students with an education in Catholic doctrine in the first, second and third cycles; to prepare them to carry out their future tasks effectively and to provide for the continuing education of the ministers of the Church.

Thirdly, to collaborate closely in the work of evangelization with the Hierarchy and with the local and the universal Church (SC3).

Fourthly, to establish fruitful collaboration with other ecclesiastical faculties and with non-ecclesiastical faculties and centres of Theology and Philosophy.

2. Government

2.1 The Patron

The Patron of the Bellarmine Institute is the Archbishop of Westminster. The Patron cares for the well-being of the Bellarmine Institute and assists it in its service to the local and universal Church.ⁱⁱⁱ

2.2 The Chancellor

2.2.1 The Society of Jesus has a particular relationship with Heythrop College. The Chancellor of the Bellarmine Institute is the Superior General of the Society of Jesus. In a special way, he promotes the continuation and progress of the Faculties and fosters their communion with the local and universal Church (SC 12).

2.2.2 The Chancellor, who at Heythrop College will be known as the “President of the Bellarmine Institute”, is responsible for

- a) appointing the Rector of the Bellarmine Institute (after the Congregation for Catholic Education has given the *nihil obstat* to the appointment and the Governing Body of Heythrop College has given its approval);
- b) passing on to the Congregation for Catholic Education a statistical summary report on the Bellarmine Institute every three years;
- c) conferring (or appointing a delegate to confer, who for such cases is normally the Vice-President) on those who teach disciplines concerning faith or morals their canonical mission, after making their profession of faith;
- d) conferring (or appointing a delegate to confer, who for such cases is normally the Vice-President) on those teachers of disciplines other than those concerning faith and morals the permission to teach.

2.3 The Vice-Chancellor

2.3.1 The Vice-Chancellor of the Bellarmine Institute is the Provincial with responsibility for the Jesuits in Britain. At Heythrop College, he is known as the “Vice-President”.^{iv} As Provincial he is *ex officio* the President of the College and a member of the Governing Body.

2.3.2 The Vice-President is responsible for

- a) proposing one or more names to the President for appointment as Rector of the Bellarmine Institute;
- b) ensuring that the Bellarmine Institute has the sufficient number of lecturers with the required qualifications;
- c) passing on to the President the triennial report prepared by the Rector of the Bellarmine Institute for the Congregation for Catholic Education, and endorsing any other official communication about the Bellarmine Institute that the President needs to pass on to this Congregation;
- d) being an intermediary step between the Bellarmine Institute and the President before unresolved conflicts between a permanent lecturer and the Institute are presented to the President;

- e) interpreting when needed the Constitution for and on behalf of the Governing Body and the Faculties;
- f) serving as delegate for the President when needed.

2.4 The Rector

2.4.1 The Rector of the Bellarmine Institute, who is known at Heythrop College as the “Director of the Bellarmine Institute”, is a person who is truly knowledgeable about university life, and who usually, but not necessarily, comes from among the teachers of the Institute (SC 17).

2.4.2 The Director of the Bellarmine Institute will ordinarily be the Principal of Heythrop College. If at any time this arrangement is not possible, the Director shall be a member of the senior management team of Heythrop College. In any case, the appointment of the Director is made by the President (after approval is given by the Congregation for Catholic Education and by the Governing Body of Heythrop College) (SC 18).^v

2.4.3 As Principal, the Director is an *ex officio* member of the Governing Body of Heythrop College; if the Director is not the Principal, as a member of the senior management team, he will be in attendance at the Governing Body.

2.4.4 The Director has the duty

- a) to govern the Bellarmine Institute, to promote its unity, progress and appropriate co-operation with the wider community of Heythrop College (SC 19; 8; 20n2);
- c) to send every three years, via the Vice-President, a report to the Congregation for Catholic Education, according to the outline provided by that same Congregation (NASC 14, 6), which report is also submitted to the Governing Body of the College, and to ensure that the Patron is also kept well informed;
- d) to approve, through the appropriate processes and procedures of Heythrop College, the outline of modules taught in the Bellarmine Institute;
- e) to appoint lecturers to the Bellarmine Institute;
- f) to ensure the academic and financial health of the Bellarmine Institute.

2.4.5. The Director’s term of office is normally five years, normally once renewable. Renewal of office is made by the President (after approval is given by the Congregation for Catholic Education and by the Governing Body of Heythrop College) (SC 18).^{vi}

2.4.6 The removal of the Director from office would be subject to the College’s Constitution and Ordinances

2.4.7 If the Principal is the Director of the Institute, the appointment as Director would cease on the termination of the appointment as Principal.

2.5 The Board of the Bellarmine Institute

2.5.1 The Board is the collegial organ that advises and assists the Director of the Bellarmine Institute in his duties and deliberations (SC 15).

2.5.2 The Board consists of the Director of the Bellarmine Institute (who has the role of Chairman), the Deans of the Faculties, and at least two representative members of the Theology Faculty and one of the Philosophy Faculty, as agreed by the members of each faculty.

2.5.3 The Board of the Bellarmine Institute meets at least once a term.

2.5.4 The Board advises the Director of the Bellarmine Institute as regards the formulation of the Regulations related to this Constitution, and also, once these are formulated, as regards modifying them when necessary. Regulations, and eventual changes therein, must be approved by both the Vice-President (or his delegate) and the Governing Body of Heythrop College

2.6 The Deans of the Faculties

2.6.1 Each Ecclesiastical Faculty has a Dean. The Deans are chosen from among the Senior Faculty Members of the Bellarmine Institute and are appointed by the Director once they have been recommended by the Board of the Institute to the Vice President, *and* approved for appointment by the President *and* received the *nihil obstat* from the Congregation for Catholic Education. The Dean's term of office is normally five years, once renewable. Renewal of office is made by the Director with the approval of the Vice President.

2.6.2 The Dean is to promote and coordinate all the activity of the Faculty, especially matters regarding studies. He is to ensure that such activities are carried out in line with the overall mission of the Bellarmine Institute (NASC 15).

2.6.3 The Dean is the chairperson of the Faculty Council, which is the collegial organ that advises and which assists him in his duties and deliberations. The Faculty Council consists of all those who are permanent lecturers of the faculty, associate and Senior Faculty Members.

2.6.4 If not the head of the relevant department in Heythrop College, the Dean shall be a member of that department's Board, a member of the academic leadership team and attend the meetings of the Academic Board.

3. Lecturers

3.1 Definitions:

Lecturers of the Bellarmine Institute can be Visiting Lecturers, Lecturers, Associate Faculty Members (SC – ‘Associate Faculty Members’), or Senior Faculty Members (SC – ‘Senior Faculty Members’).^{vii} Those who are as defined in SC as ‘permanent’ in a Faculty in full and firm right are, in the first place, the Senior Faculty Members, and, in the second place, the Associate Faculty Members (NASC 16n1).

3.2 Employment

3.2.1 The academic and administrative staff of the Bellarmine Institute are employed by Heythrop College and the terms of their employment are subject to the Ordinances of the College. Academic staff are appointed to teach in the Institute in a manner in keeping with the requirements of *Sapientia Christiana* and this Constitution.

3.2.2 With regard to their work in the Institute, academic members of staff of the Institute are supervised by their Faculty Dean who reports to the Director.

3.2.3 Members of the academic staff of the Institute may be promoted to permanent lecturer, Associate Faculty Member and Senior Faculty Member, according to the regulations of the Bellarmine Institute.

3.2.4 Others who are suitably qualified and experienced, who are not already members of the College staff, may also be appointed to teach in the Institute as part-time visiting lecturers.

3.3 The number of qualified teachers in each faculty will be sufficient to deliver the programmes of each faculty. A teacher is qualified if he or she has obtained the necessary academic degrees from an Ecclesiastical Faculty. Teachers who possess neither a Doctorate nor a Licentiate from an Ecclesiastical Faculty are appointed on the condition that their training is consistent with the content and method that is set forth in an Ecclesiastical Faculty (DRESP 61).

3.4 Academic staff are appointed to the Bellarmine Institute according to the Ordinances of the College on the recommendation of the Director. They must be distinguished by wealth of knowledge, witness of life, and a sense of responsibility. They have an ecclesiastical higher degree, or equivalent title, or exceptional and singular scientific accomplishment; and they also demonstrate teaching ability, and suitability for doing research (SC 25).

3.4.1 Those who teach disciplines concerning faith or morals must before appointment also receive, after making their profession of faith, a canonical mission from the President or his delegate, who for such cases is normally the Vice-President (SC 27).

3.4.2 Lecturers of disciplines other than those concerning faith and morals must receive before appointment permission to teach from the President or his delegate, who for such cases is normally the Vice-President (SC 27).

3.5 Associate Faculty Members are appointed to the Bellarmine Institute according to the Ordinances of the College once they have been recommended by the Director and Board of the Institute *and* approved for appointment by the Vice President. They must have at least a Licentiate earned in an Ecclesiastical Faculty, or equivalent degrees, and moreover must have given satisfaction for at least three years as lecturers with a satisfactory research and publication record.

3.6 Senior Faculty Members are appointed to the Bellarmine Institute according to the Ordinances of the College once they have been recommended by the Director and Board of the Institute to the Vice President, *and* approved for appointment by the President *and* received the *nihil obstat* from the Congregation for Catholic Education. They must have a Licentiate and a Doctorate earned in an Ecclesiastical Faculty, or equivalent degrees, and moreover must have given satisfaction, as regards lecturing, research, and publications, for three years after being appointed Associate Faculty Members.

3.7 All lecturers and Faculty Members are to seek ways of co-operating with each other within their faculty and with colleagues in the other faculty of the Bellarmine Institute and the wider College (NASC 21n1).

3.8 Academic freedom in research and teaching is the responsibility, as well as the right of the members of each faculty, to study, to investigate, to present, to publish and otherwise disseminate and to interpret facts and ideas involved in theological and philosophical inquiry. As the Bellarmine Institute is a professional institute primarily for the training of present and future priests and ministers of the Catholic Church, it is recognised that teaching and research in the Institute takes place in a way which is informed by the accepted standards of responsible scholarship, by fidelity to God's Word, and by the teaching of the Catholic Church.

3.9 Lecturers in the Bellarmine Institute are subject to the disciplinary procedures of the Statutes of Heythrop College (see Statute 6, III). The reasons for dismissal are contained in sections 9 (i), (ii) and (iii) of those Statutes and include in (i) conduct amounting to a criminal offence; in (ii) failure, refusal or inability to perform some or all of their duties; in (iii) conduct of a kind judged to be inappropriate or unacceptable on the part of a holder of the post held by the member of staff (for example, (e) "deceit, deception or dishonesty in relation to the College or any related activity, including research and examining"). Lecturers can be withdrawn from teaching at the Institute on the grounds of conduct that is doctrinally incongruent or in any other way inappropriate with the proper goals of an Ecclesiastical Faculty. Grounds for disciplinary action thus include the appropriately documented inability or unwillingness of a faculty member to teach or research in a way that is informed by

the accepted standards of responsible scholarship, by fidelity to God's Word, and by the teaching of the Catholic Church.

3.10 In cases involving a Faculty Member, care must be taken that, first of all, these matters be settled between the Director or Dean and the lecturer concerned. If they are not settled there, the matters should be dealt with by an appropriate committee established for the purpose by the Director, so that the first examination of the facts may be carried out within the Institute itself. If this is not sufficient, the matters are to be referred to the Vice-President, who, with the help of experts, must consider the matter and provide for a solution. The possibility remains open for recourse, via the President, to the Holy See for a definitive solution, always allowing the lecturer to explain and defend himself or herself (NASC 22 n2).

4. Students

4.1 Students enrol for courses in the Bellarmine Institute at Heythrop College in the ordinary way, through the admissions office of the College. Details of these courses are to be found in the Programme of Studies and on the College website.

4.2 Students of the Bellarmine Institute are "ordinary students", "extraordinary students" or "visiting students". "Ordinary" students are those students who are enrolled, full time or part time, on a degree programme in either the faculty of philosophy or the faculty of theology and are taking a course or courses for credit. Extraordinary students are those who audit a course at the Bellarmine Institute and who are not following any degree programme at the Bellarmine Institute or at any other institution. Visiting students are those who audit a course at the Bellarmine Institute and are also enrolled in some degree course at some other teaching institution.

4.3 The Academic and General Regulations, the Student Conduct Regulations and the Financial Regulations of Heythrop College specify the rights and duties of students, as published by the College. Grounds for disciplinary action against students enrolled in the Bellarmine Institute include the public violation of Catholic morals, plagiarism, falsification of administrative documents and other cases specified in the Regulations.

4.4 The College reserves its right as part of its academic freedom as an institution of higher education to admit, examine and make awards to its students.

5. Officials and Staff

5.1 In governance and administration, the Bellarmine Institute makes use of the various officials, such as administrators, librarians, and finance officers, who are employed by Heythrop College (SC 36).

6. The Study Programme

6.1. Each of the two Faculties of The Bellarmine Institute, the Faculty of Theology and the Faculty of Philosophy, offers first, second, and third cycle study programmes. Each of these programmes includes core modules or seminars that are compulsory and also other modules or seminars that are optional. For each programme, full details about admission requirements, content, and assessment are found in the *Bellarmino Institute Programme of Studies*.

6.2. The modules offered at the Bellarmine Institute are advertised on the Bellarmine Institute subsection of the Heythrop College website. Where appropriate, these modules may be open to other students who may be studying for University degrees and modules of equivalent levels at Heythrop College.

6.3. Major changes in the study programme, proposed by the relevant Dean and Faculty Council, take effect after being approved by the Director (in collaboration with the Board of the Institute) and also by the College's quality framework established by the Academic Board.

6.4 The College reserves its right as part of its academic freedom as an institution of higher education to govern the curriculum of its programmes of study.

7. Academic Awards

7.1 The academic awards conferred by Bellarmine Institute are as follows: STB Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology; STL Licentiate in Sacred Theology; STD Doctorate in Sacred Theology; BacPhil Baccalaureate in Philosophy; PhL Licentiate in Philosophy; PhD Doctorate in Philosophy.

7.2 The Bellarmine Institute functions with the understanding that

7.2.1 Obtaining the baccalaureate award (on completion of the "first cycle" programme of studies) enables one to understand, express and make clear to others the knowledge acquired. The STB and BacPhil include the studies required for priestly ordination. The BacPhil includes, and goes beyond, the two year programme of philosophy studies required for entry to the STB programme.

7.2.2 Obtaining the licentiate (on completion of the "second cycle" programme of studies), enables one to teach in a major seminary or equivalent school and is therefore required for this purpose (SC 50);

7.2.3 Obtaining the doctorate (on completion of the "third cycle" programme of studies) enables one to teach in an Ecclesiastical Faculty and which is therefore required for this purpose.

7.3 To be admitted to these programmes, the following general requirements must be met:

7.3.1 Applicants must have the necessary level of English.

7.3.2 Applicants must be registered for the appropriate Heythrop College, University of London, degree and fulfil the entry requirements for both programmes.

7.3.3 Applicants for the STB must have completed at least two years of philosophical studies; applicants for the STL must have obtained the STB; applicants for the STD must have obtained the STL; applicants for the LPhil must have obtained the BacPhil; applicants for the LPhil must have obtained the BacPhil; applicants for the PhD must have obtained the LPhil. However, applicants who have completed earlier studies at a non-Ecclesiastical institution or at an Ecclesiastical institution that does not grant canonical degrees and have qualifications of an equivalent level to those required for admission, may be asked to take an entrance examination organized by the Bellarmine Institute.

7.3.4 Applicants must provide certificates and/or transcripts of previous studies issued and authenticated by the appropriate university, faculty, seminary, or some other appropriate educational institution.

7.3.5 Applicants are required to provide a letter of recommendation testifying to their good standing in the Church, their good character and moral integrity. In the case of seminarians or diocesan clergy, this should be from their Ordinary or from the Rector of their college; for members of Institutes of Consecrated Life or of Societies of Apostolic Life, this should be from their Superior or Major Moderator or Director of Studies; for other applicants, this should be from an ecclesiastical person who knows them well.

7.3.6 Where appropriate, the modules of study in the programmes of the Bellarmine Institute may be open to other students studying for University degrees and modules of equivalent levels at Heythrop College.

7.4 The programmes of study in each faculty are designed to enable students to acquire an integrated and organic intellectual formation, to make a personal synthesis of what they have learnt and to develop a special area of research.

7.5 The modules which make up the programmes of study are either “core”, those which are essential to the programme being studied, or “optional”, those which support or complement the “core” modules and which can be chosen by the students in accordance with the regulations of the programme being studied.

7.6 In keeping with the principles of Ignatian pedagogy, care is taken by lecturers to provide each student with both an intellectual formation and, in collaboration with their formators in seminaries and religious communities, a personal formation appropriate to ministers of the Church.

7.7 Teaching methods provide students with opportunities for individual and group learning and for developing the skills needed for inter-disciplinary study and for

research. Students are taught in such a way that they develop an appreciation of the need for continuous intellectual formation.

7.8 The requirements for each award are set out in the relevant Programme of Study and are found in the Appendices, which form part of this Constitution. They are advertised in the relevant section of the College website. They are in keeping with the provisions of *Sapientia Christiana* and subsequent documentation of the Holy See. Amendments to these Appendices will be subject to the quality assurance procedures of the College and will be approved by the Board of the Institute, the Governing Body, the Vice President and the Congregation for Catholic Education.

7.9 Awards will be conferred annually by the Institute to students who satisfy the requirements of the award. The certificates will be signed by the Vice-President and the Director. Ecclesiastical degrees are awarded by the Bellarmine Institute in the name of the Supreme Pontiff or, *sede vacante*, in the name of the Holy See, to enrolled students on completion of the requirements for their degree. The diplomas testifying to the conferral of these degrees are to be signed by the Director and countersigned by the Dean of the faculty in which the studies were undertaken. The appropriate seal will be affixed thereto.

7.10 Quality Assurance

7.10.1 The programmes and modules of the Institute will be subject to the quality assurance policies and procedures of Heythrop College to ensure that they are consistent with the Quality Assurance Agency Quality Code in the UK and also with European Standards and Guidelines.

7.10.2 The Governors of the College recognise the right of the Agency for the Evaluation and Promotion of Quality in Ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties (AVEPRO) to conduct, from time to time, quality reviews of the Institute.

8. Matters relating to teaching and learning

8.1. For teaching space, tutorial rooms, electronic facilities, and other teaching needs, the Bellarmine Institute makes use of the facilities available at Heythrop College.

8.2. Teaching Staff and students at the Bellarmine Institute as members of the College have full access to the Heythrop College Library, whose conservation and growth are provided for by the College and the Society of Jesus.

8.3. Teaching staff and students at the Bellarmine Institute as members of the College are entitled to use the Heythrop College information technology systems, which include its Virtual Learning Environment and on-line and blended learning resources. They also have full access to the large multi-subject collection of the main library of the University of London, and to its wide range of electronic resources.

9. Finance

9.1 Students contribute to the expenses of the Bellarmine Institute through their fees.

9.2 Teachers, officials, and any staff assistants are paid a suitable remuneration in line with the established practice of Heythrop College.

9.3 The programmes offered at the Institute will be charged at the rate established by the College authorities.

9.4 The Institute will operate as a separate budget centre within the College for both income and expenditure. As such

9.4.1 it will be expected to balance its accounts and preferably generate a surplus;

9.4.2 ground rules for any cross-subsidy will be articulated;

9.4.3 it will operate within the financial planning and control systems of the College and report to the College management and Governing Body;

9.4.4 grants and donations to the Bellarmine Institute will be identified within the accounts of the Institute.

10. Planning and cooperation

10.1. The Bellarmine Institute fosters collaboration with other ecclesiastical faculties by means of teacher exchanges, mutual communication of scientific work, and the promoting of common research.

10.2. The Bellarmine Institute fosters collaboration also with non-ecclesiastical faculties and institutions, while taking care to preserve its own identity.

11. Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution will be made with the approval of the Governing Body of Heythrop College, the Vice President and the President and will be submitted to the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education for its confirmation.

Appendices (which form part of the Constitution)

Appendix 1

STB Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology

1 The Programme

The STB at the Bellarmine Institute is a specialised bachelor's in Sacred Theology.

All programmes offered through the Bellarmine Institute conform to the requirements of the framework for higher education qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (FHEQ) and the Framework for Qualifications of the European Higher Education Area (FQ-EHEA 'Bologna').² For the purposes of this document, credit values are expressed as ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) points.

2 Admission

To be admitted for the STB, the following general requirements must be met:

- Applicants must have the necessary level of English.
- Applicants must be registered for the University of London Heythrop College Bachelor of Divinity (BD) and fulfil the entry requirements for both programmes.
- Applicants for the STB must have completed at least two years of philosophical studies. Applicants who have completed these two years of philosophical study at a non-Ecclesiastical institution or at an Ecclesiastical institution that does not grant canonical degrees may be asked to take an entrance examination organized by the Bellarmine Institute.
- Applicants must provide certificates and/or transcripts of previous studies issued and authenticated by the appropriate university, faculty, seminary or other appropriate educational institution.
- Applicants are required to provide a letter of recommendation testifying to their good standing in the Church, their good character and moral integrity. In the case of seminarians or diocesan clergy, this should be from their Ordinary or from the Rector of their college; for members of Institutes of Consecrated Life or of Societies of Apostolic Life, this should be from their Superior or Major Moderator or Director of Studies; for other applicants, this should be from an ecclesiastical person who knows them well.

3 Programme Structure

To be eligible for the award of the STB, students must take:

² See: <http://www.gaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/BolognaLeaflet.pdf>

- Modules to a value of 60 ECTS credit points at level 4 in their first year, unless stated otherwise. All modules are compulsory.
- Modules to a total value of 60 ECTS credit points at level 5 in their second and further modules to a total value of 60 ECTS credit points at level 6 in their third year.
- The four modules taught as a summer school in the summer term of the first or second year, depending on availability and timetabling, with a total value of 30 ECTS credit points.

By the end of year three, provided that all programme and examination requirements have been met, students will be eligible for the award of the BD (University of London) degree, and the STB (Ecclesiastical) degree.

Appendix 2

STL Licentiate in Sacred Theology

1. The Programme

The STL at the Bellarmine Institute is a specialised licentiate in Theology. The aim of this degree is to help students deepen their knowledge of theology and to introduce them to research in this discipline. A number of specializations are possible: Systematic Theology, Dogmatic Theology, Moral Theology, Biblical Theology, Pastoral Theology, Spiritual Theology.

All programmes offered through the Bellarmine Institute conform to the requirements of the framework for higher education qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (FHEQ) and the Framework for Qualifications of the European Higher Education Area (FQ-EHEA 'Bologna').¹ For the purposes of this document, credit values are expressed as ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) points.

2. Admission

To be admitted for the STL, the following requirements must be met:

- Applicants should normally have the necessary level of English.
- Applicants must be registered for the two-year Heythrop College, University of London, Master's programme in Theology.
- Applicants should normally have certificates showing that they have completed at least two years of philosophy and three years of theology at an Ecclesiastical institution. Applicants who have completed the same number of years of study at a non-Ecclesiastical institution or at an Ecclesiastical institution that does not grant canonical degrees may be asked to take an entrance examination organized by the Bellarmine Institute.
- The final grade of the undergraduate theology degree must be a least upper second or equivalent.
- Applicants must have a good knowledge of Ecclesiastical Latin.
- Applicants must provide certificates and/or transcripts of previous studies issued and authenticated by the appropriate university, faculty, seminary or other appropriate educational institution.
- Applicants are required to provide a letter of recommendation testifying to their good standing in the Church, their good character and moral integrity. In the case of seminarians or diocesan clergy, this should be from their Ordinary or from the Rector of their college; for members of Institutes of Consecrated Life or of Societies of Apostolic Life, this should be from their Superior or

Major Moderator or Director of Studies; for other applicants, this should be from an ecclesiastical person who knows them well.

3. Programme Structure

The STL degree is spread over two academic years for full-time students, or three academic years for part-time students.

To complete the degree, students must attain a total of 125 ECTS points (250 UK credits). This comprises:

- Five modules, each of which is worth 15 ECTS points;
- Language acquisition worth 5 ECTS points;
- Dissertation worth 30 ECTS points;
- Final oral comprehensive examination worth 15 ECTS points.

Appendix 3

STD Doctorate in Sacred Theology

1. Introduction

- The doctorate is the academic degree which normally enables one to teach in an Ecclesiastical Faculty and which is therefore required for this purpose.
- The award of the doctorate requires the submission of a substantial body of original research which makes a real contribution to the progress of science and is undertaken by the candidate under the direction of a permanent lecturer or professor of the Bellarmine Institute. This research takes the form of a thesis that is assessed by a small committee of examiners appointed by the Institute, and by an oral examination. The principal part, at least, of this thesis must be published.
- Since the doctorate is a professional degree, candidates must be concurrently registered at the Bellarmine Institute and also at Heythrop College, University of London.

2. Admission

- Applicants are admitted for doctoral studies at the Bellarmine Institute on condition that they satisfy all the admission requirements for the MPhil/PhD programme offered at Heythrop College. See: Regulations for the Degrees of MPhil and PhD in the appendix below.
- Applicants for the STD, the Theology doctorate, must have completed the STL degree with a grade of at least Magna cum Laude or equivalent.
- Those with a two-year second-cycle degree in Philosophy or Theology obtained from a faculty that does not offer ecclesiastical degrees, or who have a first degree in philosophy together with a postgraduate philosophy degree that is not a Licentiate, as in the case of candidates with a Masters degree in Philosophy or Theology, will be asked to take one or more additional modules in order to reach the required standard for starting their doctorate at the Bellarmine Institute (SC 72).
- Applicants must provide certificates and/or transcripts of previous studies issued and authenticated by the appropriate university, faculty, seminary or other appropriate educational institution.
- Applicants are required to provide a letter of recommendation testifying to their good standing in the Church, their good character and moral integrity. In the case of seminarians or diocesan clergy, this should be from their Ordinary or from the Rector of their college; for members of Institutes of Consecrated Life or of Societies of Apostolic Life, this should be from their Superior or

Major Moderator or Director of Studies; for other applicants, this should be from an ecclesiastical person who knows them well.

3. Programme

- The student will be supervised by a permanent lecturer or professor of the Bellarmine Institute. The secondary supervisor will normally also be from the Bellarmine Institute.
- During their first year of study, doctoral students may be asked to follow a programme of seminars and lectures in line with their topic of research, as approved by their supervisor in consultation with the secondary supervisor and the Dean of the Faculty.
- Students will undergo an annual review organized by the Dean of the corresponding Faculty in line with the norms of the Heythrop College MPhil/PhD programme.
- After the first annual review, the student, with the guidance of the supervisor, will determine the topic or area of research for the dissertation and will submit it, together with a short bibliography.
- After the second annual review, the candidate, again with the guidance of the supervisor, will submit a detailed account of the research proposal of about 10,000 words, not including bibliography. If approved, the topic of this research proposal will be reserved for that student for the duration of five years. If the doctoral thesis is not submitted within this period, the student will be obliged to renew the reservation of the topic for another five years. No further prolongation is allowed.
- During their doctoral studies, students must acquire either a knowledge of a modern language other than the languages required for previous degrees, or an advanced knowledge of one of the languages previously studied.
- The final examination of the submitted thesis will be according to the norms of Heythrop College MPhil/PhD programme.
- The title of the Ecclesiastical Doctorate will be conferred by the Bellarmine Institute when the following conditions are satisfied:
 - The viva, the written thesis, and the defence must meet the required standard according to the PhD requirements of the University of London.
 - The thesis must be published, whole or in part, in the form stipulated by the supervisor and the Dean of the Faculty. A copy of the publication will be forwarded to the Congregation for Catholic Education.

BacPhil Baccalaureate in Philosophy

1 The Programme

- The Baccalaureate in Philosophy (BacPhil) at the Bellarmine Institute is a specialised bachelor's in Philosophy. The aim of this degree is to help students deepen their knowledge of Philosophy and to introduce them to research in Philosophy in the Christian tradition.
- All programmes offered through the Bellarmine Institute conform to the requirements of the framework for higher education qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (FHEQ) and the Framework for Qualifications of the European Higher Education Area (FQ-EHEA 'Bologna'). For the purposes of this document, credit values are expressed as ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) points.

2 Admission

To be admitted for the BacPhil, the following general requirements must be met:

- Applicants must have the necessary level of English.
- Applicants must be registered for the University of London Heythrop College Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and fulfil the entry requirements for both programmes.
- Applicants must provide certificates and/or transcripts of previous studies issued and authenticated by the appropriate university, faculty, seminary or other appropriate educational institution.
- Applicants are required to provide a letter of recommendation testifying to their good standing in the Church, their good character and moral integrity. In the case of seminarians or diocesan clergy, this should be from their Ordinary or from the Rector of their college; for members of Institutes of Consecrated Life or of Societies of Apostolic Life, this should be from their Superior or Major Moderator or Director of Studies; for other applicants, this should be from an ecclesiastical person who knows them well.
- Where appropriate, the modules of study in the programmes of the Bellarmine Institute may be open to other students studying for University degrees and modules of equivalent levels at Heythrop College.

3. Programme Structure

- To be eligible for the award of BacPhil, students must take the modules that are required for the award of the BA in Philosophy degree (University of London) and also some additional modules that are specific to the BacPhil. In the first year they take eight modules worth 60 ECTS credits in total. In their second year, they take eight modules and an additional module worth 7.5 credits. In their third year, they take six modules and write a dissertation, totalling 60 credits in all, and an additional language module (7.5 credits) and a final oral comprehensive examination (5 credits). The total number of credits for the BacPhil is 200 ECTS credits.
- The first two years cover the essential requirements for proceeding to the STB degree.

Appendix 5

PhL Licentiate in Philosophy

1. The Programme

The PhL at the Bellarmine Institute is a specialised licentiate in Systematic Philosophy. The aim of this degree is to help students deepen their knowledge of Philosophy and to introduce them to research in Philosophy in the Christian tradition.

All programmes offered through the Bellarmine Institute conform to the requirements of the framework for higher education qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (FHEQ) and the Framework for Qualifications of the European Higher Education Area (FQ-EHEA 'Bologna').¹ For the purposes of this document, credit values are expressed as ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) points.

2. Admission

To be admitted for the PhL, the following requirements must be met:

- Applicants must have the necessary level of English.
- Applicants must be registered for the two-year University of London Heythrop College Master's programme in Religion and Philosophy.
- Applicants must have certificates showing that they have completed the Baccalaureate in Philosophy. Students with prior philosophical studies in a non-ecclesiastical Faculty of Philosophy can be admitted to the PhL only after having satisfied the Dean that their preparation is compatible with that which is set forth in an Ecclesiastical Faculty of Philosophy, and after having filled any gaps with respect to the years and curriculum foreseen for the BacPhil.
- The final grade of the applicant's undergraduate philosophy degree must be at least upper second or equivalent.
- Applicants are required to provide a letter of recommendation testifying to their good standing in the Church, their good character and moral integrity. In the case of seminarians or diocesan clergy, this should be from their Ordinary or from the Rector of their college; for members of Institutes of Consecrated Life or of Societies of Apostolic Life, this should be from their Superior or Major Moderator or Director of Studies; for other applicants, this should be from an ecclesiastical person who knows them well.
- Where appropriate, the modules of study in the programmes of the Bellarmine Institute may be open to other students studying for University degrees and modules of equivalent levels at Heythrop College.

3. Programme Structure

The PhL degree is spread over two academic years for full-time students, or three academic years for part-time students. To complete the degree, students must attain a total of 125 ECTS points (250 UK credits). This comprises:

- Five modules, each of which is worth 15 ECTS points;
- Language acquisition worth 5 ECTS points;
- Dissertation worth 30 ECTS points;
- Final oral comprehensive examination worth 15 ECTS points.

PhD Doctorate in Philosophy

4. Introduction

- The doctorate is the academic degree which normally enables one to teach in an Ecclesiastical Faculty and which is therefore required for this purpose.
- The award of the doctorate requires the submission of a substantial body of original research which makes a real contribution to the progress of science and is undertaken by the candidate under the direction of a permanent lecturer or professor of the Bellarmine Institute. This research takes the form of a thesis that is assessed by a small committee of examiners appointed by the Institute, and by an oral examination. The principal part, at least, of this thesis must be published.
- Since the doctorate is a professional degree, candidates must be concurrently registered at the Bellarmine Institute and also at Heythrop College, University of London.

5. Admission

- Applicants are admitted for doctoral studies at the Bellarmine Institute on condition that they satisfy all the admission requirements for the MPhil/PhD programme offered at Heythrop College. See: Regulations for the Degrees of MPhil and PhD in the appendix below.
- Applicants for the PhD, the Philosophy doctorate, must have completed the PhL degree with a grade of at least Magna cum Laude or equivalent. Those with a two-year second-cycle degree in Philosophy or Theology obtained from a faculty that does not offer ecclesiastical degrees, or who have a first degree in philosophy together with a postgraduate philosophy degree that is not a Licentiate, as in the case of candidates with a Masters degree in Philosophy or Theology, will be asked to take one or more additional modules in order to reach the required standard for starting their doctorate at the Bellarmine Institute (SC 72)
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- Applicants are required to provide a letter of recommendation testifying to their good standing in the Church, their good character and moral integrity. In the case of seminarians or diocesan clergy, this should be from their Ordinary or from the Rector of their college; for members of Institutes of Consecrated Life or of Societies of Apostolic Life, this should be from their Superior or

Major Moderator or Director of Studies; for other applicants, this should be from an ecclesiastical person who knows them well.

6. Programme

- The student will be supervised by a permanent lecturer or professor of the Bellarmine Institute. The secondary supervisor will normally also be from the Bellarmine Institute.
- During their first year of study, doctoral students may be asked to follow a programme of seminars and lectures in line with their topic of research, as approved by their supervisor in consultation with the secondary supervisor and the Dean of the Faculty.
- Students will undergo an annual review organized by the Dean of the corresponding Faculty in line with the norms of the Heythrop College MPhil/PhD programme.
- After the first annual review, the student, with the guidance of the supervisor, will determine the topic or area of research for the dissertation and will submit it, together with a short bibliography.
- After the second annual review, the candidate, again with the guidance of the supervisor, will submit a detailed account of the research proposal of about 10,000 words, not including bibliography. If approved, the topic of this research proposal will be reserved for that student for the duration of five years. If the doctoral thesis is not submitted within this period, the student will be obliged to renew the reservation of the topic for another five years. No further prolongation is allowed.
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NOTES

1. These statutes (known as the “Constitution”) are drawn up according to the structure recommended in Appendix I of the document entitled Norms of Application of the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education for the correct implementation of the apostolic constitution *Sapientia Christiana* (abbrev. NASC). The Programme of Studies is modelled on current practice at the Pontifical Gregorian University. In the references, SC stands for *Sapientia Christiana*. DRESP refers to the recent update of SC concerning philosophical studies, issued January 2011, entitled Decree on the Reform of Ecclesiastical Studies in Philosophy.
2. The *Annuario Pontificio* has an entry about Heythrop that dates the Pontifical Athenaeum to 1st Nov, 1964. However, the date of the actual Decree is 24th November 1964.
- iii. The way the Patron and the Chancellor carry out their respective offices in mutual accord will be further specified in the “Regulations of the Bellarmine Institute.” It is to be recalled that, as regards the Governance Structure of Heythrop College, the Patron, as Archbishop, nominates one member of the Board of Governors of the College jointly with the Bishops’ Conference.
- iv. These Bellarmine Institute titles are introduced so as to avoid possible ambiguity with the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London.
- v. The Principal of Heythrop College is normally a Jesuit, according to the Heythrop College Royal Charter. The main function of Heythrop College as a whole includes the education of present and future priests and of ministers in the Catholic Church.
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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Term as used in <i>Sapientia Christiana</i>	Equivalent term used in the <i>Governing Document</i> (to avoid confusion with terms already in use in the University/College)
Statutes	Constitution
Chancellor	President
Vice Chancellor	Vice President
Rector	Director
Permanent Lecturers	Lecturers
Extraordinary Professors	Associate Faculty Members (of the Bellarmine Institute)
Ordinary Professors	Senior Faculty Members (of the Bellarmine Institute)