ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF MINISTRY

AWARD SUMMARY

CRICOS: None

Nomenclature: AdvDipMin

AQF Level 6 Advanced Diploma

Entry Requirements	Satisfactory completion of Year 12 in the Australian school system, or its equivalent; OR Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR Special Entry Admission for those with evidence of capacity for successful study at this level; AND Satisfactorily completes a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.
Duration:	1.5 years full-time or 5 years (maximum) part-time.
Attendance Type:	Full-time, part-time.
Delivery Mode:	Online, face-to-face, or multi-modal
Structure:	108 credit points (12 units).

English Proficiency:

Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally require a minimum IELTS (or equivalent) score of 6.0 with no subtest result below 5.5.

Enrolment

Contact the Registrar of the college with whom you intend to study for enrolment and fee details.

Graduate Profile and Rationale

The Advanced Diploma of Ministry provides students with the opportunity to undertake AQF Level 6 study in practical ministry-oriented disciplines. It is designated to inform and prepare men and women for ministry in one or more areas of pastoral service requiring some interpretive judgement and adaptive skills.

The Advanced Diploma of Ministry will integrate studies in biblical and theological disciplines with pastoral practice. A specialisation in pastoral, leadership and/or church focused ministry is required in which biblical and theological knowledge is applied to Christian practice. The award requires the completion of course units in Biblical Studies, Theology, and Christian Life and Ministry.

Course Outcomes

Knowledge

Graduates will have:

- technical and theoretical knowledge and concepts with an integrated foundational knowledge in Biblical Studies, Theology, and Christian Life and Ministry,
- reflective experience of focused and ethical practical ministry that will form the basis for further learning.

Skills

Graduates will have cognitive, communication, and technical skills in a ministry-related body of knowledge so that they are able to:

- identify, analyse, and act on ministry-orientated information from a range of foundational and intermediate sources,
- examine ideas and perspectives related to Christian faith and ministry,
- communicate relevant ministry-related knowledge, skills, and ideas to others.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- demonstrate an understanding of biblical and theological knowledge, including ethical practice, in its application to Christian ministry,
- perform technical operations within Christian ministry that have a level of complexity, taking personal responsibility for them,
- organise, with initiative and judgement, the work of self and others, and plan, coordinate, and evaluate the work of teams with some autonomy (within well-defined parameters).

Academic regulations for the Advanced Diploma of Ministry

1 Admission to Candidature

1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Advanced Diploma of Ministry shall:

- 1.1.1 have satisfactorily completed Year 12 in the Australian school system, or its equivalent; OR
- 1.1.2 Successfully completed a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR
- 1.1.3 have adequate grounds for Special Entry according to standard criteria as administered by the Student Support and Administration Committee; AND
- 1.1.4 Satisfactorily complete a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.

1.2 A candidate for the Advanced Diploma of Ministry shall be designated as full-time or part-time. A student is designated as full-time if enrolled in three units (27 credit points) or more in a semester or part-time if enrolled in less than three units (27 credit points) per semester.

1.3 No candidate for the Advanced Diploma of Ministry may be concurrently enrolled in is any other undergraduate or postgraduate course within the University College or any other tertiary institution unless approval has been granted by the Academic Board.

1.4 Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally will be required to demonstrate competency in English by an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 6.0 with no subtest score below 5.5.

1.5 An application for enrolment in the Advanced Diploma of Ministry program is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Teaching Body offering the program.

2 Course Structure

2.1 The Advanced Diploma of Ministry requires the completion of 108 credit points (12 units) which shall include:

- 2.1.1 at least 9 credit points in Biblical Studies;
- 2.1.2 at least 9 credit points in Theology;
- 2.1.3 at least 36 credit points in Christian Life and Ministry of which at least 18 credit points are Supervised Ministry (or units with the equivalent focus of hands-on ministry practice);
- 2.1.4 at least 18 credit points of focused study in Pastoral Theology units at AQF Level 6 or above;
- 2.1.5 A further 36 credit points from approved units.
- 2.1.6 Course units will be taken from the University College units coded within the 5100 series and above with at least 36 credit points taken at AQF Level 6 or above.

3 Period of Candidature

3.1 The period of candidature for the Advanced Diploma of Ministry shall normally be 1.5 years (3 Semesters) full-time and up to 5 years (10 Semesters) part-time.

3.2 In certain circumstances the Student Support and Administration Committee may grant extensions.

4 Leave of Absence

4.1 The Student Support and Administration Committee may grant leave of absence from the Advanced Diploma of Ministry. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the Advanced Diploma of Ministry.

4.2 The period of leave shall normally be one semester after which a candidate may apply for a further period of one semester or will be required to complete candidature.

5 Assessment

5.1 The assessment of units shall be in the manner approved by the Academic Board in line with the University College's established guidelines for assessment packages.

5.2 Students may be required by the Academic Board to present themselves for oral examination.

5.3 Academic and non-academic misconduct will be penalised in accordance with the regulations of the University College, whose stipulations are severe.

6 Credit

6.1 A candidate may seek credit up to a maximum of 72 credit points in the Advanced Diploma of Ministry.

6.2 Credit will be granted for units that are from an equivalent award or institution and have outcomes, content, demand hours, and assessment equivalent to that of units in the Advanced Diploma of Ministry.

7 Progress to Further Awards

7.1 Students who complete the Advanced Diploma of Ministry may articulate into the Bachelor of Ministry and receive credit awarded to equivalent Bachelor units for:

- 7.1.2 Units completed at AQF Level 6 or above.
- 7.1.3 For units completed at AQF Level 5 with a grade of Credit or higher; or subject to additional assessment requirements set by the Student Support and Administration Committee.

8 Saving Clause

8.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Academic Board of the University College may, in any case in which it may deem it appropriate to do so, vary, dispense with, or suspend any requirement or prescription by these regulations, and report forthwith to the Council of the University College.

Version	Date and Governance	Changes
1.0	7/12/2022 Academic Board	approved
2.0	4/3/2024 Academic Board	IELTS schedule change
3.0	26/8/2024	Course Structure: 2.1.1 change 18 to 9 credit points 2.1.5 change 27 to 36 credit points