



ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

AWARD SUMMARY

CRICOS: 112541F

Nomenclature: AssocDegThMin

AQF Level 6 Associate Degree

Entry Requirements An Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 65, or its equivalent (e.g. OP \leq 16); OR Satisfactorily completed an appropriate University College award; OR Mature Age Special Entry Admission for those who have reached the age of 21; AND Satisfactorily completes a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.

Duration: 2 years full-time or 6 years (maximum) part-time.

Attendance Type: Full-time, part-time.

Delivery Mode: Multi-modal

Structure: 144 credit points (16 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 score less than 5.5 in all bands of the test.

Exit Points

Students enrolled in the Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry may exit with a Diploma of Theology, a Diploma of Leadership, or a Diploma of Ministry provided they have met the requirements of the Diploma award. [06]

Enrolment

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

Graduate Profile and Rationale

The Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry is an undergraduate award that provides an opportunity to undertake some theological study with special focus on Theology or Christian Ministry. The special focus is achieved by completing a major in the area of interest.

Graduates will be theologically reflective participants alongside others in a variety of Christian ministry settings.

Course Outcomes

Knowledge

Graduates will have a broad theoretical and technical knowledge with depth in the underlying principles and concepts in Theology and Christian Ministry, with basic knowledge in Theology and Biblical Studies forming the basis for further learning

Skills

Graduates will have cognitive, thinking, and technical skills in a theologically related body of knowledge, so that they are able independently to:

- identify, analyse, and evaluate theological information and concepts from a range of sources;
- identify and provide solutions to reasonably complex problems in Christian ministry;
- interpret and transmit responses to reasonably complex problems in theological studies (Bible and Theology);
- demonstrate a broad understanding of knowledge and ideas, with some depth in theological studies (Bible and Theology);
- communicate clearly and coherently theologically related knowledge and ideas in a range of ministry settings.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- use intuition and judgment to make plans, solve problems, and make decisions in para-professional ministry, demonstrating a broad understanding of theological knowledge by applying it creatively in ministry;
- adapt knowledge and skills in a range of ministry settings and/or for further studies in one or more (sub)disciplines;
- work in collaboration with others within broad parameters while exercising responsibility and accountability for their own learning through theologically reflective ministry practice.

Academic regulations for the Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry

1 Admission to Candidature

1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry shall:

- 1.1.1 have an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 65, or its equivalent (e.g. OP \leq 16); OR
- 1.1.2 satisfactorily complete an appropriate Australian University College of Divinity award; OR
- 1.1.3 Mature Age and Special Entry Admission for those who have reached the age of 21; AND
- 1.1.4 satisfactorily complete a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.

1.2 A candidate for the Associate Degree of Theology and 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 Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry may be concurrently enrolled in 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:

- 1.4.1 achieving an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 6.0 with no score below 5.5 in all bands of the test.

1.5 Application for enrolment in the Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the course.

2 Course Structure

2.1 The Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry requires the completion of 144 credit points (16units) which shall include:

- 2.1.1 at least 18 credit points within the discipline of Biblical Studies;
- 2.1.2 at least 18 credit points within the subdiscipline of Systematic Theology;
- 2.1.3 at least ONE major (54cps) in EITHER theological studies (the disciplines of Biblical Studies, Theology, and Humanities in the Christian Tradition), or the discipline of Christian Life and Ministry (or one of its subdisciplines).

2.2 A major is made up of 54 credit points from 6100–6299 or 7100–7299 series units, with not more than 18 credit points from 6100 or 7100 series units.

2.3 Students may apply to the appropriate body of their Member Institute to include in the major or submajor a sequence of units from other areas of study.

2.4 Units coded “A” are not counted towards a major/sub-major in any discipline or subdiscipline.

2.5 Course units shall be taken from University College units coded within the 6100–6299 series, or the 7100–7299 series

3 Period of Candidature

3.1 The period of candidature for the Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry shall normally be 2 years full-time and up to 6 years part-time.

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

4 Leave of Absence

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

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 Policies and Regulations of the University College, whose stipulations are severe.

6 Credit

6.1 Candidates may seek credit up to a maximum of 72 credit points in the Associate Degree of Theology and 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 Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry.

7 Progress to Further Awards

7.1 Students who complete the Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry and desire to undertake the Bachelor of Ministry, or Bachelor of Theology will receive direct credit for successfully completed AQF 7 units to equivalent Bachelor units, and for units at AQF 6 completed with a grade of Credit or higher; or subject to additional assessment requirements set by the University College 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.

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