Australian University College of Divinity

BACHELOR OF MINISTRY (HONOURS)

AWARD SUMMARY

CRICOS: None

Nomenclature: BMin (Hons)

AQF Level 8 Award

Entry Requirements	Those who have completed the University College Bachelor of Ministry within the previous five years, with a grade point average of 2.7 in the coursework and 3.0 in the area of specialisation; OR hold equivalent qualifications from a university or other tertiary institution; AND Satisfactorily completes a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.
Duration:	1 year full-time or 3 years (maximum) part-time.
Attendance Type:	Full-time, part-time.
Delivery Mode:	Online, face-to-face, or multi-modal
Structure:	72 credit points, comprising 36 credit points in coursework and a thesis for 36 credit points.

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 at least 7.0 with no score less than 6.5 in all bands of the test.

Enrolment

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

Graduate Profile and Rationale

The Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) award qualifies candidates who apply a body of theological knowledge in a specific context to undertake professional work and as pathway for research and further learning in Christian ministry.

Course Outcomes

Knowledge

Graduates will have:

- a coherent and advanced body of knowledge with depth in the underlying principles and concepts in one or more disciplines related to Christian ministry, and knowledge of research principles and methods.

Skills

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

- review, analyse, synthesise and transform theological information and identify and transmit solutions to complex ministry problems;
- think critically, evaluate and generate complex ideas in developing new strategies in the practice of Christian ministry;
- technical skills to design and use research in a project;
- communicate theologically-related knowledge, skills and ideas clearly and coherently to a variety of audiences

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have ability to demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- with initiative and judgment in professional practice and/or scholarship in one or more theologically-related disciplines related to Christian ministry;
- adapt knowledge and skills in a particular context for Christian ministry;
- with responsibility and accountability for own learning and practice and in collaboration with others;
- to plan and execute project work and/or a piece of research and scholarship with some independence of perspective

Exit Points

Students who have completed the Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) will be eligible for entry into the Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Ministry provided they have met the entry requirements.

Academic regulations for the Bachelor of Ministry (Honours)

1 Admission to Candidature

1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) shall:

1.1.1 have satisfactorily completed the Australian University College of Divinity Bachelor of Ministry within the last five years and with a grade point average of at least 2.7 in the coursework and at least 3.0 in the area of specialisation; OR

1.1.2 hold an equivalent qualification from a university or other tertiary institution; AND

1.1.3 Satisfactorily completes a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.

1.1.4 The grade point average is calculated as follows:
GPA = (4H + 3D + 2C + 1P +0N) ÷ E where:
H is the number of credit points gained at H grade
D is the number of credit points gained at D grade
C is the number of credit points gained at C grade
P is the number of credit points gained at P grade
N is the number of credit points attempted which earned an N grade
E is the total number of credit points for which a student has enrolled (excluding units with W and S)

Transcripts must be supplied for verification.

1.2 A candidate for a Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) 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 An applicant may not be admitted to candidature unless the Member Institution in which he or she is enrolled can ensure that adequate supervision is available.

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 7.0 with no score below 6.5 in all bands of the test.

1.5 Applicants will be required to show evidence of competence in appropriate ancient and/or modern languages in order to access primary sources and significant secondary works relevant to their thesis topic. Language requirements will be determined at the time of application in consultation with the proposed supervisor.

1.6 Application for enrolment in the Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the

course.

1.7 No candidate for the Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) may be concurrently enrolled in any other undergraduate or postgraduate course within the University College or any other tertiary institution unless the candidate is enrolled in an approved joint degree program, unless approval has been granted by the Academic Board.

2 Course Structure

2.1 The Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) requires the completion of 72 credit points, comprising 36 credit points in coursework and a thesis for 36 credit points.

2.2 The award shall include:

2.2.1 an 8100-series Research Methodology Unit (9 credit points); AND

2.2.2 an 8100-series Honours Seminar Unit (9 credit points); AND

2.2.3 a further two units (18 credit points in total) in the area of specialisation from 9200-series units.

2.2.4 a supervised research project of 20,000 words for 36 credit points in the area of specialisation

2.3 A candidate may not submit as the main content of the project any work or material which has previously been submitted for a degree without major reworking.

2.4 The appropriate body of the Member Institution in which the candidate is enrolled shall appoint a supervisor.

2.5 Within four weeks (FTE) of enrolling in the year in which the thesis is to be written the candidate's supervisor shall receive a thesis topic which is to be submitted by the appropriate body of the Member Institution for approval to the Research Committee of the University College

2.6 All thesis proposals involving the gathering of personal information from people by surveys, interviews or case studies must first be referred to the Research Committee for approval using the appropriate forms and will be dealt with according to the procedures and policies of the Ethics Review Committee

3 Period of Candidature

3.1 The period of candidature for the Bachelor of Ministry (Honours) shall normally be 1 year full- time and up to 3 years part-time.

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

4 Monitoring of Candidature

4.1 Once each semester, and at any other time considered appropriate, the supervisor of the project shall report to the appropriate body of the Member

Institution on the progress of each candidate using the appropriate form.

5 Termination of Candidature

5.1 If for any reason the candidate's progress is deemed to be unsatisfactory, the Member Institution in which the candidate is enrolled shall ask the candidate to show cause why candidature should not be terminated.

5.2 Any show cause submission shall be forwarded to the Research Committee and the Committee's recommendation shall be forwarded to the Academic Board. The Committee may recommend the termination of candidature, continuation of enrolment and imposition of conditions on continuation of candidature.

5.3 If the candidate does not show cause, the Research Degree Committee shall recommend termination of candidature to the Academic Board.

5.4 Persons whose candidature has been terminated may have recourse to the appeals procedures. The decision of the appeals committee is final

6 Examination of Supervised Research Project

6.1 The candidate shall submit to the Member Institution in which she or he is enrolled three copies of a thesis embodying the results of the candidate's research. All copies of the thesis shall be bound in temporary form. The thesis must be written and presented in accordance with the current guidelines for the preparation of a thesis within the University College.

6.2 The thesis must be the candidate's own work, must be written in English and reach a satisfactory standard of literary presentation.

6.3 Before a candidate may submit a thesis, the supervisor must certify in writing that the thesis conforms to the requirements of the regulations. A certificate to this effect shall be supplied by the supervisor when the thesis is submitted. If the supervisor does not so certify, the appropriate body of the Member Institution in which the supervision took place shall determine whether the thesis shall be submitted after having considered written submissions from the supervisor and the candidate.

6.4 The University College Research Committee shall appoint two examiners, at least one of whom shall be external to the Member Institution of both the supervisor and the student. Examiners shall report in writing three months from the receipt of the thesis. Examiners will be replaced if the report is not received within four months unless the examiner is given leave to report later.

6.5 The thesis shall be graded by the examiners according to the standard grading practice within the College and a final grade achieved by averaging the grades awarded by the examiners; provided that where the examiners' marks differ by more than ten (10) marks a third examiner will be asked to grade the thesis and the final result will be based on consideration of the three grades.

6.6 The four course work units shall be graded according to standard grading practice within the University College.

6.7 The final grade of honours is calculated by taking into account the results of the Honours thesis (36 credit points) and the four course work units (36 credit points). The Academic Board of the Member Institution shall then propose a final grade of First-Class Honours, Second-Class Honours Division One, Second Class Honours Division Two or Third Class Honours, as deemed appropriate.

6.8 The classes of honours shall be H = First Class; D = Second Class, Division One; C = Second Class, Division Two; P = Third Class.

6.9 If a candidate completes all the components of the honours course but fails to qualify for the award of any class of honours, his or her academic record will be endorsed with an academic comment "Failed to qualify for a class of honours in the Bachelor of Ministry" and the honours course description against which the class of honours is normally recorded will be deleted.

7 Examiners' Reports

7.1 Candidates will be given a copy of the examiners' reports at the completion of the examination process. Examiners' names will be included unless a written request to the contrary has been received by the Office of the Dean.

8 Submission of the Completed Thesis

8.1 When any corrections as determined by the Research Committee in light of the examiners' reports have been completed, two bound copies of the thesis are to be submitted to the Office of the Dean. The bound copies are to conform to the guidelines for the presentation and binding of theses following examination.

9 Saving Clause

9.1 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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