

BACHELOR OF MINISTRY

AWARD SUMMARY

CRICOS: 082719D

Nomenclature: BMin

AQF Level 7 Bachelor Award

Entry Requirements An Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 65, or its equivalent (e.g. OP \leq 16); OR Articulation from suitable University College programs; 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: 3 years full-time or 9 years (maximum) part-time.

Attendance Type: Full-time, part-time.

Delivery Mode: Online, face-to-face, or multi-modal

Structure: 216 credit points (24 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 Bachelor of Ministry may exit with a Diploma of Christian Studies or Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry, provided they have met the requirements of the award.

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 course is a primary undergraduate award which provides a broad and coherent study of Christian Life and Ministry and related studies in Biblical Studies and Theology. This degree prepares candidates for professional and lay Christian ministry and for further learning beyond the degree.

The course is organised through a structure of majors and sub-majors (see Academic Regulations section 2.1). Not all majors and sub-majors are available at all Teaching Bodies. However, students may be able to complete a desired major or sub-major by completing units offered at another Member Institution.

Course Outcomes

Knowledge

Graduates will have:

- a broad and coherent body of knowledge with depth in the underlying principles and concepts in Christian Life and Ministry;
- broad knowledge in Theology, Biblical Studies, and other theological areas of practice that will form the basis for independent lifelong learning.

Skills

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

- review, reflect on, and synthesize theological information and identify and provide solutions to complex problems;
- think critically and to generate and evaluate complex ideas;
- demonstrate an understanding of theoretical concepts in theology;
- communicate theologically-related knowledge, skills and ideas clearly and coherently.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- demonstrate an understanding of theological knowledge by applying it creatively in Christian ministry;
- make high level, independent judgments in a range of ministry settings;
- initiate, plan, and implement activities and projects within a range of ministry settings.

Academic regulations for the Bachelor of Ministry

1 Admission to Candidature

1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Bachelor of 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 have adequate grounds for Special Entry; OR
- 1.1.3 articulate from appropriate Australian University College of Divinity programs; OR
- 1.1.4 Mature Age and Special Entry Admission for those who have reached the age of 21; AND
- 1.1.5 satisfactorily complete a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.

1.2 A candidate for the Bachelor of Ministry shall be designated as full-time or part-time. A candidate for a Bachelor of Ministry will be designated as full-time or part-time. A student is designated as full-time if enrolled in 27 credit points or more in a semester, or part-time if enrolled in fewer than 27 credit points per semester.

1.3 No candidate for the Bachelor of 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 Bachelor of Ministry is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the course.

2 Course Structure

2.1 Study Areas

| | Discipline | Sub-disciplines | Majors / Sub-majors |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Christian Thought | Biblical Studies | | Biblical Studies |
| | Theology | Systematic Theology Worship & Liturgy | Theology (discipline) Systematic Theology Worship & Liturgy |
| | Humanities in the Christian Tradition | Church History Philosophy | Humanities in the Christian Tradition (discipline) Church History Philosophy |
| Christian Practice | Christian Life & Ministry | Christian Spirituality Mission Pastoral Counselling Pastoral Theology | Christian Life & Ministry (discipline) Christian Spirituality Mission Pastoral Counselling Pastoral Theology |

2.2 The Bachelor of Ministry requires the completion of 216 credit points (24 units) which shall include:

- 2.2.1 one major and sub-major in Christian Life & Ministry, or one of the following subdisciplines: Christian Spirituality, Pastoral Counselling, Mission, Pastoral Theology; AND
- 2.2.2 sub-majors in both Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology; AND
- 2.2.3 Candidates who have completed 108 credit points towards the Bachelor of Ministry may select up to 36 credit points from the Schedule of 8100 and 9200 series units. Within these units, a candidate can only select up to 18 credit points of 9200 series units, provided they have already completed at least a sub-major in that subdiscipline with a Grade Point Average of at least 2.0.

2.3 All course units will be taken from the University College Schedule of units of study.

2.4 Majors and sub-majors are available in:

- 2.4.1 Biblical Studies
- 2.4.2 Christian Life & Ministry, subdisciplines Christian Spirituality, Mission, Pastoral Counselling, Pastoral Theology
- 2.4.3 Humanities in the Christian Tradition, subdisciplines Church History, Philosophy
- 2.4.4 Theology, subdisciplines Systematic Theology; Worship & Liturgy

2.5 A major in a subdiscipline requires 54 credit points from the subdiscipline, with not more than 18 credit points from 7100 series units. Under certain provisions (see 2.7), up to 36 credit points from 8100 and 9200 series units may be included.

- 2.5.1 If a student wishes to undertake a major in Biblical Studies, then 54 credit points in Biblical Studies (see details below) plus 9 credit points in A7112 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew, A7122 Introduction to New Testament Greek, or A7111 Introduction to Biblical Languages must be taken before or concurrently with any post-7100 series Biblical Studies units.

2.6 A major in a discipline requires 54 credit points from the discipline, with at least 27 credit points in one subdiscipline, with not more than 18 credit points from 7100 series units. Under certain provisions (see 2.7), up to 36 credit points from 8100 and 9200 series units may be included

2.7 A sub-major requires 36 credit points from units assigned to the major, including no more than 18 credit points from 7100 series units. Under certain provisions (see 2.7), up to 36 credit points from 8100 and 9200 series units may be included.

2.8 Units coded "A" are not counted towards a major/sub-major in any discipline or subdiscipline.

2.9 Candidates who have completed 108 credit points towards the Bachelor of Ministry may select up to 36 credit points from the Schedule of 8100 and 9200 series units. Within these units, a candidate can only select up to 18 credit points of 9200 series units, provided they have already completed at least a sub-major in that subdiscipline with a Grade Point Average of at least 2.0.

2.10 All course units will be taken from the University College Schedule of Units of Study.

3 Period of Candidature

3.1 The period of candidature for the Bachelor of Ministry shall normally be 3 years (6 Semesters) full-time and up to 9 years (18 Semesters) part-time.

3.2 In certain circumstances the Student Support and 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 Bachelor of 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 subject 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 144 credit points in the Bachelor 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 Bachelor of Ministry.

7 Saving Clause

- 7.1 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 |
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| 1.0 | 14/11/2013 Academic Board | Approved |
| 2.0 | 29/3/2021 Academic Board | review |
| 3.0 | 4/3/2024 Academic Board | IELTS requirements for admission update |
| 4.0 | Curriculum Review 2022 Academic Board (updated 11 October 2024) | Removed Christian Ethics subdiscipline from Course Structure 2.2.1 and 2.4.4 |