

GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY

AWARD SUMMARY

CRICOS: None

Nomenclature: GradDipIM

AQF Level 8 Graduate Diploma

Entry Requirements Satisfactorily completed a three-year AQF Level 7 award or equivalent in any discipline (or equivalent) from an institution recognised by the Academic Board; OR either a University College Graduate Certificate in Intercultural Ministry (GradCertIM) or Graduate Certificate in Arts (GradCertArts). To receive the award they are required to complete a further 36 credit points (4 units), and surrender the GradCertIM or GradCertArts upon graduation; 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 (8 units) including 36 credit points (4 units) taken from the list of approved University College Master of Intercultural Ministry units and four elective units (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) result of 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 Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Ministry course is designed for those who hold a tertiary qualification in a non-theological discipline, who wish to pursue a graduate qualification in intercultural ministry, and who are seeking skills in intercultural studies to enhance their professional work. Graduates will be able to apply a body of intercultural knowledge in a range of contexts relating to ministry and/or further learning.

Graduates will have added particular transferable knowledge and skills in intercultural ministry to enhance their work in Christian ministry and mission.

Course Outcomes

Knowledge

Graduates will have:

- specialised theoretical and technical knowledge related to the practice of intercultural ministry which are transferable to a variety of complex intercultural contexts;
- an understanding of the principles and methods of inquiry applicable to intercultural theory and their application to real-world ministry practice.

Skills

Graduates will demonstrate specialised cognitive and technical skills in intercultural ministry, so that they are able independently to:

- Analyse critically, evaluate and adapt information to complete a range of activities associated with intercultural ministry;
- Analyse, generate and provide solutions to complex problems to guide effective engagement in intercultural ministry;
- transmit intercultural knowledge, skills and ideas to specialist and nonspecialist of audiences.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- make high level, independent judgements related to a range of issues pertaining to intercultural living and/or ministry;
- plan and execute an advanced research or field-based project in an area of intercultural ministry.

Academic regulations for the Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Ministry

1 Admission to Candidature

- 1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Ministry shall:
 - 1.1.1 hold a three-year AQF Level 7 award in any field from an institution recognised by Academic Board; OR
 - 1.1.2 hold either an Australian University College of Divinity Graduate Certificate in Intercultural Ministry or Graduate Certificate in Arts. To receive the award, they are required to complete a further 36 credit points (4 units), and surrender the Graduate Certificate in Intercultural Ministry or Graduate Certificate in Arts upon graduation; OR
 - 1.1.3 qualify for professional entry as determined by the Student Support and Administration Committee; AND
 - 1.1.4 satisfactorily complete a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.
- 1.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of this regulation the Student Support and Administration Committee may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission as a candidate for this degree by carrying out such work and/or sitting for such examinations as the Student Support and Administration Committee may determine.
- 1.3 In exceptional cases an applicant may be admitted as a candidate for a Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Ministry if the applicant submits evidence of other academic and professional attainments, including a minimum of 5 years in a leadership role, to the Student Support and Administration Committee.
- 1.4 A candidate for the Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Ministry shall be designated as full-time or part-time. A candidate is designated as a 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.
- 1.5 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma of Intercultural 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.
- 1.6 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:
 - 1.6.1 achieving an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 7.0 with no score below 6.5 in all bands of the test.
- 1.7 Application for enrolment in the Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Ministry is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the course.

2 Course Structure

- 2.1 The Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Ministry requires the completion of 72 credit points, taken from University College Schedule of units of study coded within the 8100 and 9200 series units.
- 2.2 The Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Ministry requires the completion of 72 credit points (8 units) which shall include:
- 2.2.1 four units (36 credit points) taken from the list of approved Master of Intercultural Ministry specialist units;
 - 2.2.2 four elective units (36 credit points) from the 8100 and 9200 series taken from the University College Schedule of units of study coded within the 8100 and 9200 series.
- 2.3 Units coded "A" are not counted towards a Concentration or Specialisation in any discipline or subdiscipline.

3 Period of Candidature

- 3.1 The period of candidature for the Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Ministry shall normally be 1 year full-time (2 semesters) and up to 3 years (6 semesters) 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 Graduate Diploma of Intercultural 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 A candidate may seek credit up to a maximum of 36 credit points in the Graduate Diploma of Intercultural 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 Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Ministry.
- 6.3 Credit for Recognised Prior Learning may be granted subject to a successful application.

7 Progress to Further Awards

- 7.1 Students who satisfactorily complete this award will be eligible to articulate with full credit to the University College Master of Intercultural Ministry, upon which they are required to surrender their Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Ministry, provided that they meet the entry requirements of that award.

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	5/9/2021 Academic Board	Approved
2.0	4/3/2024 Academic Board	IELTS admission requirements update