

MASTER OF INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY

AWARD SUMMARY

CRICOS: None

Nomenclature: MIM

AQF Level 9 Masters (Coursework)

Entry Requirements Satisfactorily completed a AQF Level 8 award (Graduate Certificate) in the Australian Standard Classification of Education field 0917– Philosophy and Religious Studies (or equivalent) from an institution recognised by the Academic Board; OR
qualify for professional entry as determined by the Student Support and Administration Committee; 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) taken from the list of approved Master of Intercultural Ministry specialist units; two units (18 credit points) focused on intercultural practice in the context of the candidate's work, ministry or mission and two elective (18 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.

Exit Points

Students enrolled in the Master of Intercultural Ministry may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Intercultural Ministry provided they have completed at least 36 credit points.

Enrolment

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

Graduate Profile and Rationale

The Master of Intercultural Ministry course is designed for those who hold a graduate certificate in the field of philosophy and studies in religion, who wish to pursue a further qualification in intercultural studies, as part of continuing education for ministry.

The Master of Intercultural Ministry focuses on building intercultural capacity for people involved in leading or ministering to others across cultural divides. Students may be seeking skills in intercultural studies to enhance their professional work or to engage in effective ministry.

Graduates will have specialised knowledge and skills for further learning in intercultural ministry and research, and the ability to apply such knowledge and skills in an intercultural context.

Course Outcomes

Knowledge

Graduates will have:

- an integrated understanding of an advanced body of knowledge related to intercultural contexts;
- an expert 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, reflect on and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts and theories associated with intercultural ministry;
- implement with discrimination established intercultural theories to provide effective engagement in intercultural ministry;
- interpret and transmit intercultural knowledge, skills and ideas through coherent and sustained leadership to specialist and non-specialist audiences.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- apply knowledge and skills in a way that demonstrates initiative, autonomy, expert judgement adaptability and accountability in the field of intercultural ministry;
- plan and execute a substantial research or field-based project in an area of intercultural ministry.

Academic regulations for the Master of Intercultural Ministry

1 Admission to Candidature

1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Master of Intercultural Ministry will:

- 1.1.1 hold an AQF Level 8 award (Graduate Certificate) in the Australian Standard Classification of Education field 0917– Philosophy and Religious Studies (or equivalent) from an institution recognised by the Academic Board; OR
- 1.1.2 hold from a university or other tertiary institution, qualifications approved by the Student Support and Administration Committee, equivalent to the requirements set out in the paragraph above; AND
- 1.1.3 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 A candidate for the Master 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.

1.4 No candidate for the Master 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.

1.5 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:

- 1.5.1 achieving an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 7.0 with no score below 6.5 in all bands of the test.

1.6 Application for enrolment in the Master of Intercultural Ministry is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the course.

2 Course Structure

- 2.1 The Master of Intercultural Ministry requires the completion of 72 credit points, taken from the University College Schedule of units of study coded within the 8100 and 9200 series units.
- 2.2 The Master 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 (see Schedule below); AND
 - 2.2.2 two practical units (18 credit points) focused on intercultural ministry practice in the context of a place of work, ministry or mission through research, self-guided study, or field study (this may be a capstone unit, research project, research essay, independent guided study, site visit, field placement or action research project) from the list in the Schedule below; AND
 - 2.2.3 two elective units from the 8100 and 9200 series in the University College Schedule of units to complete the 72 credit points required by the award.
- 2.3 The program must include at least two 9200-series units.
- 2.4 A specialisation is based on a list of units approved by the Academic Board and may vary from time to time.
- 2.5 Units from the entry Graduate Certificate (or Graduate Diploma) if equivalent, to units required for the award may be considered for inclusion as specialist and/or practical units and in the forming of the missions specialisation (54 credit points, including at least 2 x 9200 level units) within the Master of Intercultural Ministry.
- 2.6 Units coded "A" are not counted towards a specialisation in any discipline or subdiscipline.
- 2.7 Candidates who have previously studied a Bachelor of Theology or Bachelor of Ministry or equivalent may not enrol in units with content similar to those covered by their previous studies.

3 Period of Candidature

- 3.1 The period of candidature for the Master of Intercultural Ministry shall normally be 1 year (2 Semesters) full-time 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 Master 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 Master 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 Master 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 postgraduate awards, 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.

SCHEDULE

Master of Intercultural Ministry Specialist Units

M8100 Introduction to Intercultural Mission
M8101 Missiological Hermeneutics
M8120 Cultural Anthropology for Mission
M8140 Encountering Living Faiths of the World
M8160 Gospel, Culture and Communication in Australia and New Zealand
M8143 Introducing Islam
M9227 Intercultural Communication
M9232 Spiritual Warfare and Mission
M9242 Interreligious Dialogue
M9275 Transformational Development within a Global Context
P8158 Working in a Team Ministry Setting
P9221 Managing Crisis and Conflict in Ministry
P9222 Mastering Change in Ministry
S8104 Spiritual Formation for Intercultural Ministry
T8140 Biblical Theology of Mission

Intercultural Ministry Practical Units

Units focused on intercultural practice in the context of a place of work, ministry or mission through research, self-guided study, or field study:

M8128 Engaging in Intercultural Ministry (Fieldwork) (9 credit points)
X8100 Research Methodology (9 credit points)
X8194 Fieldwork (9 credit points)
X9291 Research Project (9 credit points)
X9292 Research Project (18 credit points)
X9293 Independent Guided Study (9 credit points)
X9294 Independent Guided Study (18 credit points)
X9296 Research Essay (18 credit points)
X9297 Seminar (9 credit points)
X9298 Action Research Project (18 credit points)
X9299 Capstone Unit (9 credit points)

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1.0	5/9/2021 Academic Board	Approved
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