

## MASTER OF LEADERSHIP AND THEOLOGY

### AWARD SUMMARY

**CRICOS:** None

**Nomenclature:** MLeadTh

**AQF Level 9 Masters (Coursework)**

**Entry Requirements** Satisfactory completion of an AQF Level 7 undergraduate degree in any discipline.  
Desirable but not mandatory - at least two years' experience in a leadership role in an area aligned with the course's focus, for example: church leadership, educational leadership within a religious school, ministry, and social services provided by a religious organisation.

**Entry Pathways** Students who have completed an AQF Level 7 undergraduate degree in any discipline from an approved tertiary education institution will complete the full 108 credit Master of Leadership and Theology course.

Students may enter the Master of Leadership and Theology directly or enter through the nested Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Theology or the Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Theology. Students will receive full credit for units completed within the Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma programs in accordance with the Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning policy.

Students who have completed prior studies in the areas of Leadership or Theology at AQF 8 and 9 may be eligible for credit. Credit will be considered according to the Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning policy. Given the specific nature of this course and its goal of integrating leadership and theology, no credit will be awarded for a AQF Level 7

undergraduate degree in leadership. Students who have completed a AQF Level 7 undergraduate degree in theology will be exempt from T8106 Foundations for Theological Studies and may select an elective unit in its place.

**Duration:** 1.5 years full-time or 6 years (maximum) part-time.

**Attendance Type:** Full-time, part-time.

**Delivery Mode:** Online

**Structure:** 108 credit points (12 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 at least 7.0 with no subtest below 6.5.

### **Enrolment**

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

### **Exit Points**

Students enrolled in the Master of Leadership and Theology may exit with either a Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Theology, or a Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Theology, provided they have met the requirements of the award.

## **Graduate Profile and Rationale**

The Master of Leadership and Theology qualifies individuals who apply an advanced body of knowledge in a range of leadership contexts, particularly religious and not for profit, for professional practice or scholarship and as a pathway for further learning.

### **Knowledge**

Graduates will have:

- a body of knowledge that includes the understanding of recent developments in the field of leadership, theological studies, religious organisations and and/or professional practice in the field;
- knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to work and learning in the field of leadership and theology.

### **Skills**

Graduates will have:

- cognitive skills to demonstrate mastery of theoretical knowledge and to reflect critically on theory and professional practice or scholarship in the field of Leadership and Theology particularly as applied to religious organisations;
- cognitive, technical and creative skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts and theories in the field of Leadership and Theology and to apply established theories to different bodies of knowledge or practice;
- cognitive, technical and creative skills to generate and evaluate complex ideas and concepts at an abstract level;
- communication and technical research skills to justify and interpret theoretical propositions, theological principles, methodologies, conclusions and professional decisions in the field of Leadership and Theology to specialist and non-specialist audiences;
- technical and communication skills to design, evaluate, implement, analyse and theorise about developments that contribute to professional practice or scholarship in the field of Leadership and Theology.

### **Applications of Knowledge and Skills**

Graduates will have the ability to:

- demonstrate creativity, theological acuity and initiative to new situations in professional practice and/or for further learning;
- demonstrate a high level of personal autonomy and accountability;
- plan and execute a substantial research-based project, capstone experience and/or piece of scholarship.

## **Academic regulations for the Master of Leadership and Theology**

### **1 Admission to Candidature**

1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Master of Leadership and Theology requires:

1.1.1 Satisfactory completion of an AQF Level 7 undergraduate degree in any discipline.

Desirable but not mandatory – at least two years experience in a leadership role in an area aligned with the courses focus, for example: church leadership, educational leadership within a religious school, ministry and social services provided by a religious organisation.

1.2 Entry Pathways are as follows:

1.2.1 Students who have completed an undergraduate degree in any discipline from an approved tertiary education institution will complete the full 108 credit point (12 unit) Master of Leadership and Theology course.

1.2.2 Students may enter the Master of Leadership and Theology directly or enter the nested AUCD Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Theology or the Graduate Diploma in Leadership and Theology. Students will receive full credit for the units they complete within the Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma programs in accordance with the Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning policy.

1.2.3 Students who have completed prior studies in the areas of leadership or theology at AQF 8 and 9 may be eligible for credit. Credit will be considered according to the Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning policy. Given the specific nature of this course and its goal of integrating leadership and theology, no credit will be awarded for a Level 7 undergraduate degree in leadership. Students who have completed a Level 7 undergraduate degree in theology will be exempt from T8106 Foundations for Theological Studies and may select an elective unit in its place.

1.2.4 English language proficiency, Special Entry and Professional Entry criteria will apply as per AUCD policy.

1.3 A candidate for the Master of Leadership and Theology shall be designated as full-time or part-time.

1.4 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 subtest below 6.5.

1.5 Application for enrolment in the Master of Leadership and Theology

program is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the program.

## **2 Course Structure**

2.1 The Master of Leadership and Theology requires the completion of 108 credit points (12 units) which shall include:

2.1.1 four compulsory units (36 credit points):

M8161 Leadership: Mission, Identity and Community

P8155 Foundations of Christian Leadership

P9290 Capstone Project in Leadership and Theology

T8106 Foundations for Theological Studies

2.1.2 Two Specified Electives (18 credit points) chosen from:

M9265 Pluralism and Cultural Leadership

P9236 Theology and Practice of Social Justice

P9263 Leading Self, Leading Others

P9264 Advanced Studies in Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:  
Models of Leadership

P9265 The Leader as Explorer, Guide and Meaning Maker

2.1.3 Six Electives (54 credit points) chosen from the subdisciplines of Pastoral Theology (P), Mission (M), Systematic Theology (T), Biblical Studies (B), Education (D), or Spirituality (S), coded within the 8100 and 9200 series.

2.2 Other units which are at AQF 8 or 9, whether from the AUCD or completed with another recognized provider, may be applied either as specified or unspecified credit in accordance with the AUCD Credit Policy.

## **3 Period of Candidature**

3.1 The period of candidature for the Master of Leadership and Theology shall normally be 1.5 years full-time and up to 6 years (maximum) part-time.

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

## **4 Leave of Absence**

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

4.2 The period of leave shall normally be one teaching period after which a candidate may apply for a further period of one teaching period 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.

## **6 Credit**

- 6.1 Articulating students with an AQF 8 Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Theology or a Graduate Diploma in Leadership and Theology from the University College will receive credit of 36 credit points in the Master of Leadership and Theology.
- 6.2 Candidates from other institutions or with other awards may seek credit up to a maximum of 36 credit points in the Master of Leadership and Theology, in accordance with the University College Credit Policy.
- 6.3 Students who have held a leadership position for two or more years may be eligible for up to 36 credit points in Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in the Master of Leadership and Theology. Applicants for Recognition of Prior Learning must submit supporting documentation as required by the University College Credit Policy.
  - 6.3.1 Applications for Recognition of Prior Learning will be assessed in accordance with the University College Credit Policy.

## **7 Exit Points**

- 7.1 Students enrolled in the Master of Leadership and Theology may exit with either a Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Theology, or a Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Theology, provided they have met the requirements of the 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.

<b>Version</b>	<b>Date and Governance</b>	<b>Changes</b>
1.0	9/10/2023 Academic Board	Approved
2.0	3/12/2024 Academic Board	New Course Structure, New Schedule A
3.0	30/6/2025 Academic Board	<p>A) Updates to: Nomenclature; Total Credit Points/ Units required; Duration; Exit Points; Removal of restriction on concurrent study; Course Structure; Credit; Removal of Schedule A</p> <p>B) Universal Revisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Delete Prohibition of enrolling in two awards simultaneously</li> <li>2) Extend Part-time duration of study to FOUR TIMES (4x) the full-time duration</li> <li>3) Remove requirements for compulsory admission interviews</li> <li>4) Replace 'semester' with 'teaching period'</li> <li>5) Remove: 'whose stipulations are severe' in relation to Academic Integrity breaches</li> </ol>