

Bachelor of Ministry (BMin)

The Bachelor of Ministry is designed to develop deeply reflective leaders responsive to the changing face of ministry and mission. Centred on the integration of practice and theology, students will engage with contemporary approaches to scripture, mission, leadership and Christian discipleship as they grow and develop their skills for Christian ministry.

The course provides academic and professional preparation for lay and ordained ministry in a variety of contemporary missional contexts. It also provides preparation for the ordained positions of Minister of the Word and Minister of Deacon in the Uniting Church.

Employment and vocational outcomes include: youth workers, church planters, children and family workers, church administrators, chaplains in hospital, mental health and disability settings, congregational ministries and worship leaders.

The course is delivered via blended learning. It requires three years of full-time study or the equivalent study part-time.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the course of BMin candidates must have:

- Completed the final year of secondary schooling in the Australian Secondary System, including the SACE, the International Baccalaureate or other equivalent Year 12 qualification

OR

- Have attained an educational level considered by the ACD Academic Board to be equivalent including a satisfactorily completed (or part completed) higher education qualification from an accredited tertiary institution, equivalent to the satisfactory completion of at least one semester of full-time study

OR

- A VET qualification from an accredited VET provider at Certificate IV level or above.

ADDITIONALLY

- For admission to the Practice stream of the BMin a candidate shall attend an interview with the Course Coordinator and provide such referee reports as may be requested. Reports will normally address a candidate's vocational potential, their potential or demonstrative ability to integrate and reflect, their learning style and potential to work effectively within the genre of the program, the availability of suitable in situ supervision, and the suitability of the candidate's work setting as a learning context.

Course Aims

The purpose of the BMin is to equip Christian leaders to be competent in establishing, developing, transforming and growing healthy communities and networks. The course enables students to engage seriously with contemporary ministry and mission contexts that are developing and evolving. The course provides academic and professional preparation for ordained and lay ministry roles.

The course provides opportunity to people who are interested in the study of Christian ministry in contemporary society, whether this leads to a Christian ministry role or to personal enrichment and leadership development for other fields of endeavour. It is open to people of any, or no, denominational background.

The Bachelor of Ministry is designed to provide a strong foundation across the full range of theological disciplines that underpin contemporary ministry leadership – biblical studies, Christian education and discipleship, Christian leadership and missiology – with the ability to specialise in two of these areas (major studies). Supervised Field Education and integrative studies are designed to foster theological integration in the context of contemporary ministry practice, and guided study units provide flexibility to students and the opportunity to combine academic and practical development for professional preparation.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the Bachelor of Ministry students will have:

- the cognitive skills to undertake research, analyse information and apply knowledge and techniques learned in an academic or professional context
- developed skills for self-directed and life-long learning
- skills and capacities to be a reflective ministry practitioner, integrating aspects of theory and practice in an academic or professional context
- developed interpersonal, communication, creative and teamwork skills appropriate to employment and/or further study.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Ministry will:

- be able to initiate, plan, problem solve and implement decisions in a leadership role in a range of ministry contexts
- have the appropriate knowledge and skills to make independent judgements in a range of leadership contexts
- be able to identify and apply innovative approaches and solutions to issues arising in ministry practice
- understand the dynamics of healthy interpersonal relationships, and be able to generate appropriate trust
- have skills and capacities to be a reflective practitioner.

Credit

Credit may be granted for recognition of prior studies undertaken at another approved Higher Education Institution.

Program of study

The Bachelor of Ministry course consists of 108 credit points comprising of 24 units.

Students are required to complete:

- Eight level 1 core units,
- Two majors, and
- One minor.

Majors and minors are available in the following areas:

- Biblical studies
- Christian Discipleship
- Leadership
- Pastoral Care
- Missiology and
- Innovation.

A major is 6 units equivalent to 27 credit points. A minor is 4 units equivalent to 18 credit points. No more than two level 1 units may be included in a major or minor.

In addition all students must complete two units of Supervised Field Education, two units of Integrative Ministry Practice, and the unit MINS3002 Biblical Hermeneutics. One unit of Supervised Field Education may be included as an elective unit in any major.

Elective units may be selected from the full range of units available, provided prerequisites are met.

Specialist Practice Stream

A specialist Practice stream is available for students who are approved by the course adviser to take this stream, on the basis of additional admission requirements.

Students in the Practice stream are required to complete:

- eight level 1 core units
- five units of Supervised Field Education
- two units of Integrative Ministry Practice
- the unit MINS3002 Biblical Hermeneutics
- electives and Guided Study units.

Students in the practice stream will be guided in their study program by an individually assigned academic adviser. Units may be selected from the full range of units in the course.

Study program template

Level	Structure	Biblical Studies	Christian Education & Discipleship	Leadership		Missiology	
				Leadership	Pastoral Care	Missiology	Innovation
Level 1	Core units (36 points)	MINS1101 MINS1201	MINS1601 MINS1603	MINS1509 MINS1510		MINS1304 MINS1305	
Level 2 & 3	Required unit for a Major in this area	MINS3002 <i>is a required unit for Biblical Studies Major and also a upper level core unit</i>	no units specified	no units specified	MINS3514	MINS2318	MINS2317 MINS3342 MINS2323
	Elective units to complete a Major in this area	3 units from: MINS2001 MINS2704 MINS2002 MINS2705 MINS2110 MINS3003 MINS2111 MINS3109 MINS2216 MINS3110 MINS2218 MINS3111 MINS2219 MINS3218	4 units from: MINS2601 MINS2602 MINS2603 MINS2604 MINS2611 MINS2612 MINS3601 MINS3602 MINS3603 MINS2613	4 units from: MINS2527 MINS2531 MINS2533 MINS2534 MINS3514 MINS3515 MINS3518 MINS3520	3 units from: MINS2524 MINS2532 MINS2536 MINS2537 MINS3519	3 units from: MINS2314 MINS2316 MINS2319 MINS2320 MINS2321 MINS2323 MINS3335 MINS3336 MINS3338 MINS3339 MINS3341 MINS3343 MINS3344	1 unit of Supervised Field Education in addition to the SFE units required for the course
	Required unit/s for a Minor in this area	MINS1101 MINS1201 MINS3002	MINS1601 MINS1603	MINS1509 MINS1510	MINS1509 MINS1510 MINS3514	MINS1304 MINS1305 MINS2318	MINS1304 MINS1305 MINS2323
	Elective units to complete a Minor in this area	one Biblical Studies elective unit	two Christian Education & Discipleship elective units	two Leadership elective units	one Pastoral Care elective unit	one Missiology elective unit	One additional Supervised Field Education unit
Level 2	Core units (9 points)	MINS2801 Integrative Ministry Practice A MINS2528 Supervised Field Education 1					
Level 3	Core units (13.5 points)	MINS3801 Integrative Ministry Practice B, MINS2529 Supervised Field Education 2, and MINS3002 Biblical Hermeneutics for Mission and Ministry					

Biblical Studies

MINS1002	Introducing the Scriptures
MINS1101	Interpreting the Old Testament
MINS1201	Interpreting the New Testament
MINS2001	Bible and Culture
MINS2002	Guided Study in Biblical Studies A
MINS2110	Israel's Response to Exile
MINS2111	Pentateuch
MINS2216	Pauline Letters
MINS2219	Synoptic Gospels
MINS3002	Biblical Hermeneutics
MINS3003	Guided Study in Biblical Studies B
MINS3109	Writings of the Hebrew Bible
MINS3110	Old Testament Wisdom Literature
MINS3111	Prophets Then and Now
MINS3218	Gospel of John & Johannine Letters

Please note that units marked as MINSXXXX are new to the curriculum and does not have unit codes yet. Please refer to the full name of the unit when enrolling for these units.

Christian Education & Discipleship

MINS1601	Spirituality for 21st Century Disciples
MINS1603	Beyond Sunday: Intro to Life, Faith & Work
MINS2601	Guided Study in Christian Education & Discipleship A
MINS2602	Youth and Young Adult Ministry
MINS2603	Ministry with Children and Families
MINS2604	Chaplaincy and Ministry in Schools
MINS2601	Media and Communication in Contemporary Culture
MINS2612	Faith & Work
MINS2613	Church Planting
MINSXXXX	Church Revitalisation & Renewal
MINSXXXX	Radical Missional Discipleship
MINS3601	Guided Study in Christian Education & Discipleship B
MINS3602	Creative Arts in Worship, Learning and Mission
MINS3603	Discipling Adults in Christian Community
MINSXXXX	A Public Faith in a Secular Age

Biblical Languages

MINS2704	Biblical Greek
MINS2705	Biblical Hebrew

Missiology

MINS1304	Introduction to Christian Thought
MINS1305	Reading Cultures
MINS2314	The Theology of Jesus Christ, Word and Saviour
MINS2316	Guided Study in Missiology A
MINS2317	Guided Study in Innovation A
MINS2318	Mission Then, Mission Now
MINS2319	Spirit and the World
MINS2320	Evangelism, Conversion and Mission of God
MINS2321	Reformation History / Mission then Mission now B
MINS2322	Service as Good News - The Diaconate in History
MINS3335	God the Trinity
MINS3336	Church, Ministry, and Sacraments
MINS3338	Heritage, Theology and Polity of the UCA
MINS3339	Missional Church Leadership
MINS3341	Guided Study in Missiology B
MINS3342	Guided Study in Innovation B
MINS3343	Living the Text in a Postmodern Context
MINS3344	The Gift of Forgiveness

Supervised Field Education Units

MINS2528	Supervised Field Education 1
MINS2529	Supervised Field Education 2
MINS2530	Supervised Field Education 3
MINS3516	Supervised Field Education 4
MINS3517	Supervised Field Education 5
MINS2801	Integrative Ministry Practice A
MINS3801	Integrative Ministry Practice B

Leadership

MINS1509	Introduction to Christian Leadership
MINS1510	Introduction to Formation for Ministry
MINS2524	The Caring Practices of the Church
MINS2527	Christian Leadership
MINS2531	Guided Study in Leadership A
MINS2532	Guided Study in Pastoral Care A
MINS2533	Homiletics
MINS2534	Liturgy and Worship
MINS2536	The Ministry of Pastoral Care
MINS2537	Theology and Practice of Chaplaincy
MINS3514	Formation for Christian Leadership
MINS3515	Leadership and Organisational Culture
MINS3518	Guided Study in Leadership B
MINS3519	Guided Study in Pastoral Care B
MINS3520	Advanced Christian Leadership

