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COURSE GUIDE

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**ALPHACRUCIS**  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



**Alphacrucis (AC) is a  
multidisciplinary Christian  
University College preparing  
students for vocations in Business,  
Counselling, Education, Ministry,  
Music, and Social Sciences.**



# TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOODS & NATIONS



PRESIDENT  
STEPHEN FOGARTY

“We equip Christian leaders to change the world. Join us on campus or online, and belong to a community who light the way in their communities, at work, and in the world.”



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# Alphacrucis at a Glance

At AC, all of our teaching is grounded on the principle of helping you put your faith into practice — in work, relationships, and community.

We offer courses in Arts, Business, Chaplaincy, Counselling, Education, Leadership, Ministry, Music, Theology, and Social Sciences. Courses range from VET, and Bachelors, through to Masters and Doctoral level.



## ALPHACRUCIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

AC was awarded University College status by the Australian national tertiary regulator, TEQSA, in January 2022. This status is recognition of a high standard of education at AC.



## ACCREDITATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

AC partners with organisations such as Chaplaincy Australia, Australian Christian Churches, Youth Alive, and Mission Australia, to provide practical learning experiences and career opportunities for our students and graduates.



**OVER 1,100**

churches represented from a range of different denominations



## EMPOWERING CHRISTIAN LEADERS

AC integrates leadership training into each of our courses. Whether you want to be a church, business, educational, not-for-profit, or community leader, we tailor training to you and your context. For those who have an undergraduate degree, our Graduate Certificates, Diplomas, and Masters courses offer leadership specialisations.



**91.9%**

graduate satisfaction\*



**90.9%**

Rated teaching practices positively\*



**20,000+**

alumni and students in Australia and worldwide



Partnerships with

**100+**

independent schools

\*Postgraduate students in humanities, culture and social sciences courses  
<https://www.compared.edu.au/institution/alphacrucis-college/study-area/humanities-culture-social-sciences/postgraduate>

# Our Students



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student stories

Our Leadership, Ministry, and Theology students range from those who are leading in their ministry calling to those still exploring what God has in store for them. No matter which course or specialisation you choose, we are confident we can help inspire and equip you.

## THOMAS BOBAN

Bachelor of Ministry

"Studying at AC enriched my life as a Christian. I not only understood 'what' I believe, but 'why' I believe it. This understanding transformed the way I do ministry and engage in my local church. I believe this transformative experience is paramount in the journey of a church leader. AC was a catalyst for my own leadership journey."

## EVANGELINE BENNETT

Bachelor of Ministry

"Since I felt the call to ministry, I knew that my next step after high school was to study through Alphacrusis College. My goal was to learn and grow at a tertiary institution with a high reputation that is widely recognised and aligns with my denominational movement. My connection to Alphacrusis through family members and pastors allowed me to trust that this college would set me up, lead me in the right direction and provide me with opportunities."

## RYAN KERRISON

Master of Theology

"I spent 7 years studying with Alphacrusis beginning with my undergraduate in Theology and finally graduating with a Masters in 2022. Some of the standout classes for me included Trinity and Christian Life and Christ & Salvation. The former equipped me with an understanding of the inner trinitarian life and how theologians have understood it across the tradition, whereas the latter helped me to see how the death of Christ on a cross was both significant and deeply meaningful. I'm not exaggerating when I say that these qualifications help me every day with the task of communicating the Gospel and helping people answer their questions about faith and Jesus."

## TRISH & OTI

Graduate Certificate in Leadership

"Studying leadership at AC has uniquely prepared us to guide our church in this new world. We wanted to better ourselves as leaders and to outwork our role more appropriately to a contemporary church context. We had a very specific role in continuing and further developing what our parents had set up at church prior to our leadership. Studying at AC helped us cement our calling and helped outwork our leadership at the highest capacity."

# Our Faculty



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for more  
faculty bios

Our faculty are a group of disciplinary experts passionate about equipping our students to change the world through transformative learning experiences. Scan the QR code to see all our current faculty.



**PROF JACQUELINE GREY**  
Professor in Biblical Studies

Jacqui is a Professor in Biblical Studies who specialises in hermeneutics and Old Testament Studies. Jacqui speaks regularly at local and international events and has appeared on various national TV and radio programs in Australia. She has previously lived in Turkey as a missionary and has also hiked the Camino de Santiago (800km across Spain). Her research interests include Pentecostal hermeneutics, prophetic literature, and feminist readings of Scripture.



**ASSOC PROF BEN MYERS**  
Graduate Research School Director

Ben is the Director of the Graduate Research School who specialises in literature and theology, and early Christian thought. He has published extensive works in the many areas of theology with a particular focus in modern theology and seventeenth century England. Ben is half Serbian; his mother's family came to Australia as refugees from Yugoslavia. He grew up living in a beach shack on Magnetic Island in far north Queensland, writing his first book at the age of 5 and was surprised when no one offered to publish it.



**REV DR ADAM WHITE**  
Head of Biblical Studies

Adam is the Head of Biblical Studies who specialises in Paul's Letters and New Testament Studies. Adam is an ordained pastor with the ACC and preaches in churches all across Australia. Adam likes to refer to himself as "The Accidental Academic" after failing high school and becoming a spray painter, before eventually going on to complete a PhD. His research interests include Graeco-Roman history, ancient education and culture, and Pauline studies — he has published two books on these topics.



**PROF STEPHEN FOGARTY**  
President & Head of Graduate Leadership Studies

Stephen is Head of AC's flagship program in graduate leadership studies. He is also an ordained pastor with the ACC. He brings decades of leadership in churches, church planting, and higher education. Stephen also fulfills executive leadership roles in Christian ministry and educational organisations, and he speaks regularly throughout Australia and internationally. His research interests are transformational and authentic leadership, organisational leadership, and volunteer motivation.

# Our Neighbourhoods and Nations

Students can choose from 6 locations across Australia or join us online from anywhere in the world.



## STUDY TOURS

Each year, our students get to visit Greece & Turkey on a New Testament Tour or Israel & Jordan on an Old Testament Tour.

They can also choose to go to India or Thailand on a Cross Cultural Ministry field study trip. These trips bring the Bible to life and show the gospel at work, and are a great opportunity to make new friends while travelling.

QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN TERRITORY

NEW SOUTH WALES AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

VICTORIA

TASMANIA



## FLEXIBLE STUDY

Students have the option to learn online through pre-recorded video classes, live Zoom classes or live, in-person classes and workshops.\* Some courses include compulsory work placements (such as teaching or counselling) and these are arranged based on the student's location.

Access subjects anytime, anywhere, engaging with peers and learning from mentors.

\*Check course page on [ac.edu.au](http://ac.edu.au) for details.



## PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Our programs include practical placements in the workplace to ensure students apply what they are learning, and are job-ready on graduation. For example, through Australian Christian Churches (ACC) Queensland, we offer ministry internships for selected AC students in ACC QLD/NT regional churches. Students in this program receive 100 hours of mentored practical ministry opportunities to gain valuable experience in church leadership.



## LOCAL CHURCH COLLEGE

Local Church Colleges (LCCs) are "pop up colleges" hosted in your church. Deliver an accredited Certificate IV as well as Higher Education Diplomas to equip your leaders within your church context. Running an LCC provides church leaders the structure to raise up home grown leaders who will carry their heart, passion, and culture.

## BRISBANE CAMPUS



## LOCATIONS

### ADDRESSES

**NSW\***  
30 Cowper Street, Parramatta, Sydney, NSW 2150

**QLD AND NT**  
48 O'Keefe St, Woolloongabba, QLD 4102

**VIC**  
Level 4, 350 Queen St, Melbourne VIC 3000

**WA**  
96 Norwood Rd Rivervale WA 6103

**TAS**  
45 Melville St, Hobart TAS 7000

**SA**  
1013 South Rd, Melrose Park, South Australia 5039

\* Includes Korean Campus

## SYDNEY CAMPUS



# Leadership, Ministry & Theology

**At AC, you can study theology and ministry, and combine biblical studies with areas such as applied theology, Christian leadership and pastoral care.**

AC graduates pursue a wide range of vocations in leadership and ministry in churches, local and international social justice organisations, not-for-profits, chaplaincy, and teaching in schools and higher education. We focus on applying theology to all aspects of life, so graduates can integrate their faith in their professional careers.



▶ Scan QR Code to preview some of our recent webinars and meet more faculty.



**TIM HEALY**  
Associate Lecturer  
in Ministry and Theology



**DARYL POTTS**  
Lecturer  
in Ministry



**EMMA AUSTIN**  
Associate Lecturer In  
Old Testament Studies



**JEFFREY AERNIE**  
Head of School of  
Ministry and Theology



**JOHNNY KUMAR**  
Director of Undergraduate Studies  
and Associate Lecturer



**JOSH NEWINGTON**  
Associate Lecturer  
in Ministry and Theology



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“My time studying at AC has enabled me to preach better, pastor more effectively, and has helped to cultivate an even greater love for the word of God. I have learnt that it is important to grow in our development and understanding of the Bible, but it is incredibly valuable to do so with a Pentecostal lens. Our heritage as a movement is crucial to who we are and how we minister to others. As a Pentecostal bible college, AC offers the opportunity to grow in knowledge of the word of God and equip me practically for ministry.”

“ **KATRINA YASSI**  
Master of Arts

# Courses at a Glance

Detailed information and entry requirements are available at:  
**AC.EDU.AU/AWARDS**



Scan QR code for more information on our courses

Course	Locations*	Full-Time Duration (Yrs)**
<b>11088NAT Certificate IV in Ministry and Discipleship</b>	O	1
Diploma of Leadership	S M B P A H O	1
Diploma of Business and Diploma of Leadership	S O	1.5
Diploma of Chaplaincy and Diploma of Leadership	S M B P A H O	1.5
Diploma of Entrepreneurship and Diploma of Leadership	S M B P A H O	1.5
<b>Diploma of Ministry</b>	S M B P A H O	1
Diploma of Business and Diploma of Ministry	S O	1.5
Diploma of Chaplaincy and Diploma of Ministry	S M B P A H O	1.5
Diploma of Entrepreneurship and Diploma of Ministry	S M B P A H O	1.5
Associate Degree in Ministry	S B P A H O	2
Undergraduate Certificate in Ministry	S M B P A H O	0.5
Undergraduate Certificate in Bible	S M B P A H O	0.5
<b>Bachelor of Ministry</b>	S M B P A H O	3
Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Ministry	S B P O	4
<b>Bachelor of Theology</b>	S M B P A H O	3
Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Theology	S B P O	4
Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Honours)	S M B P A H O	1
<b>Graduate Certificate in Leadership</b>	S M B P A H O	0.5
Graduate Diploma in Leadership	S M B P A H O	1
<b>Master of Arts</b>	S M B P A H O	1.5
<b>Master of Leadership</b>	S M B P A H O	1.5
<b>Master of Theology</b>	S M O	1.5
Master of Philosophy	S M B P A H O	Up to 5 years
Doctor of Ministry	S M B P A H O	Up to 10 years
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	S M B P A H O	Up to 10 years

Key = S Sydney M Melbourne B Brisbane P Perth A Adelaide H Hobart O Online

\*Students can choose to blend online and on campus classes each semester.

\*\*Part-Time options also available.

## FEATURED COURSES

## LEADERSHIP, MINISTRY & THEOLOGY



**11088NAT**

### Certificate IV in Ministry and Discipleship

This entry-level certificate gives you a very practical introduction to ministry and discipleship through a mix of core units and electives. Acquire discipleship skills, grow your faith, and learn to communicate biblical principles. Be equipped for ministry as an effective church team member or even a team leader.

**6 Core Units + 2 Elective Units**

### Diploma of Ministry

The Diploma of Ministry is a stand-alone one-year program and a potential pathway into the Bachelor of Ministry. This course gives you a thorough foundation in theology and ministry, and includes a practical workplace experience component. Elective subjects cover Communication and Leadership Skills, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Worship, Christian Spirituality, and Evangelism.

**5 Core Subjects + 3 Elective Subjects**



### Bachelor of Ministry

The Bachelor of Ministry is a three-year degree providing foundations in practical ministry skills, and theology and biblical studies, offering specialisations including Ministry, Humanities, or Chaplaincy. This course will equip you for teaching, preaching, and senior leadership roles in churches and other ministry organisations.

**11 Core Subjects + 8 Specialisation Subjects + 5 Elective Subjects**



**Complete a double degree in Ministry and Business in 4 years**  
Enquire to find out more.





## Bachelor of Theology

The Bachelor of Theology is a three-year degree similar to the Bachelor of Ministry, offering its own specialisations including Ancient Languages or Christian Studies. This course will equip you for teaching, preaching, and senior leadership roles in churches and other ministry organisations.

**11 Core Subjects + 8 Specialisation Subjects + 5 Core Subjects**

 **Complete a double degree in Theology and Business in 4 years**  
Enquire to find out more.

## Master of Arts

The Master of Arts is a flexible postgraduate qualification with opportunities to specialise in Chaplaincy, Christian Studies, and Counselling, in addition to a wide range of electives offered by AC. The research and writing skills gained will be applicable to most workplaces including, but not limited to, churches and not-for-profit organisations. The Master of Arts can also be a pathway towards further research and doctoral studies.

**2 Core Subjects + 5 Specialisation Subjects + 4 Elective Subjects + 1 Capstone Subject**



## Master of Theology

The Master of Theology provides a unique opportunity to engage in innovative research and critical exploration of contemporary issues. You can specialise in Biblical Studies, Theology or Christian History. You will be trained to communicate complex ideas and propose solutions to a wide audience, as well as design and implement an advanced research thesis. Your research can prepare you for ministry and leadership roles in church, academic, and community settings. It is also a potential pathway to doctoral studies (PhD).

**1 Research Methods Unit (Core) + 1 Research Project (20,000 words) in Area of Discipline (Core) + 2 20 Credit Point Subjects From Area of Specialisation (Major) + 20 Credit Points of Elective Subjects**

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



### Ruth Lesmana

Through AC's student-led missions initiative, Sounds of Silence, Ruth developed an interest in anti-trafficking movements. After her studies she felt called to the Thai-Myanmar border to work with displaced people affected by the long-running civil war. For eight years she transformed communities where people were at risk of human trafficking. She built partnerships with organisations in the area, taught English and vocational skills, and assisted with natural farming and sustainability projects. Now back in Australia, Ruth has devoted herself to helping refugees settle in Australia and has recently been awarded Local Woman of the Year by Camden Council for her work.

BACHELOR OF MINISTRY



**Glyn Barrett**  
Master of Leadership

## Graduate Certificate in Leadership

The Graduate Certificate in Leadership is a unique and practical postgraduate qualification designed for busy senior Christian leaders. Study can be daunting, but leaders with little or no formal education can enter through Professional Entry into this course. New students benefit from extensive study support and a dynamic learning cohort to help you succeed in your studies and your leadership. Your effectiveness will be transformed by a trusted, proven Christian framework to guide your leadership and grow your organisation to be healthy, effective, and life-impacting. It is also a pathway into the Master of Leadership or Master of Arts.

### 4 Core Subjects



*Applicants who do not meet academic entry requirements but meet eligible professional entry requirements may be considered when applying into the Graduate Certificate in Leadership.*

## Master of Leadership

The Master of Leadership is a world-class, transformative, and practical postgraduate qualification designed for busy senior Christian leaders with a bachelor's degree. Students who complete the Graduate Certificate in Leadership can also enrol in AC's flagship Master of Leadership. Your leadership effectiveness will be transformed by a trusted, proven Christian framework to guide your leadership and grow your organisation to increased health and effectiveness. It is also a pathway into special research and doctoral studies (including DMin or PhD).

**4 Core Subjects + 7 Elective Subjects + 1 Capstone Subject**



**Anne Iuliano**  
Master of Leadership

## Transforming Leadership Program

Our changing world means leaders are fundamentally required to bring consistent ingenuity to their leadership, their teams, their people, and their organisations. Transforming Leadership provides dynamic resources, short courses, and events in a trusted space and community for senior Christian leaders to learn, grow, and collaborate. Leaders survived significant challenges recently. Now is the time to transform your leadership, increase your team's focus and effectiveness, and play a pivotal role in transforming your neighbourhood and our nation.

**You are not called to do leadership on your own. We can all be better leaders. Transform your leadership, transform your leaders, transform your world.**



**Michael Murphy**  
Master of Leadership

## TRANSFORMING LEADERSHIP

[transforming-leadership.com](http://transforming-leadership.com)



## Helen Kobakian

Master of Leadership

"The program stimulates discussion that helps all of us process new ideas and information. And when you arrive at that point where the new information is transformed into digested knowledge and understanding, it's like a train bursting from a long dark tunnel into the summer sun."



# FAQs & Pathways

## What are the entry requirements?



### DOMESTIC STUDENTS

For those who completed High School within the last 2 years, an ATAR of 65 for Bachelor degrees is required. VET and Diploma studies do not require the submission of an ATAR.

Applicants who did not complete High School or did not achieve a sufficient ATAR for their desired course but who completed a Certificate III equivalent or higher study are eligible for HE studies.

Applicants over the age of 21 can be eligible for admission on the basis of Provisional Entry and complete the Provisional Entry Qualifying Period (1 semester full-time or 4 units part-time) to become a full candidate.

Postgraduate studies require the completion of an AQF level 7 Bachelor degree or higher, each award having its own unique entry requirements, for example, applicants for the Graduate Certificate in Leadership may be considered for professional entry based on their experience.



### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The same academic requirements for Domestic Students apply to International Students.

International Students must also provide evidence of English Language Proficiency — IELTS or equivalent. The minimum IELTS or equivalent score required differs by award so check the course pages on our website for details. International Students may be exempt from submitting an English Proficiency score if they are citizens of Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom or United States of America or if they have completed a Certificate IV or higher course within the last 2 years in Australia.



## How do I finance my study?

Domestic students can choose to finance their studies via government loans — FEE-HELP, pay upfront or obtain a loan through private providers i.e. ZeeFi.

International students are required to pay an Enrolment Fee of \$200 and must submit their first semester's tuition in full to obtain a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). Payments can be made by direct debit or BPOINT.

Students entering Education and Teaching courses via the Hub Model can access Scholarships and financial assistance. Each Hub offers different options and students will need to apply for scholarships and assistance with their hub directly.

We also offer Early Entry scholarships to high school leavers for select courses. Visit our website to find out more.



## What is the difference between full-time and part-time study?

Higher education students can study part-time or full-time. Students can choose their study load each semester, which is 3-4 subjects per semester for a full-time load or 1-2 subjects per semester for a part-time load. Students may also apply for a Leave of Absence or defer their studies if they need a break due to changed circumstances. There are requirements for courses to be completed within a time period, such as the Diploma of Ministry which is 1 year full-time and up to 4 years part-time.

## Pathways

We offer many pathways for you to start, progress or complete your studies to get to your destination.

For example, if you don't meet the entry requirements or are not sure about committing to a 3-year Bachelor degree, you can start with a 1-year Diploma, then decide after your 1st year whether to progress further. You can do the same with Postgraduate study — working up from a Graduate Certificate to a Masters. Our pathways give you flexible entry and exit options — talk to us to find out what suits you best!



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### Example of a full-time undergraduate pathway:

#### UNDERGRADUATE

Expand your employment options by building from a diploma to a bachelor degree or a double degree.



### Example of a full-time postgraduate pathway:

#### POSTGRADUATE

You can start with just one semester of study and then continue on with further study to upgrade your qualification in your own time.



## What are the delivery modes?

AC offers a choice of learning in different modes. These include online pre-recorded video classes, live Zoom classes or live, in-person classes and workshops. We also offer intensive or extensive classes, where the core content is covered over 3-5 days, and the students have the rest of the semester to learn at their own pace.

Students can also choose to combine some units from 3rd party education institutions to count as credit towards their AC degree (subject to approval by the relevant AC program director and head of school).

For people who want to access AC content and teaching without requiring a qualification, we offer the option of "auditing" some classes.

Lastly, each year we offer study tours to Israel, or Greece and Turkey. AC students, alumni, staff, family, and friends are welcome to join these life-changing tours.



## When can I start my studies?

AC offers two main intakes a year — Semester 1 starting in March and Semester 2 starting in August, each running for 13 weeks with a 2 week mid-semester break. Some courses, such as Education, begin their classes in February and July respectively. There are also subjects being delivered as pre-semester intensives outside of these periods. Students can also study online in our Summer School period (November to February) to complete studies faster.

# Student Life

With locations around Australia there's always something on at AC! Students can form study groups, gather for weekly Chapel and lunch, and challenge each other to a friendly game of ping pong.



## CHAPEL

All students, staff, and alumni are welcome to join us for our weekly chapel services. Worshipping together is at the centre of AC's integrative student experience.



Pastor Phil Pringle teaching at a Masterclass at AC Sydney.



## STUDENT SUPPORT

Our Student Support team are here to support you through your studies with a range of services including a Student Wellbeing Centre and other support services for international students, indigenous students, and those with disabilities. We also provide access to 24/7 live online academic support.



Pastor Darlene Zschech



Pastor Mark Varughese

## CLASSES THAT FIT YOUR SCHEDULE

AC offers Intensives that can be taken over a few days. Intensives are a great way to complete a course if you can't commit to weekly classes or squeeze an extra subject into your study schedule. We understand that people lead busy lives and this is just one of many flexible study options offered at AC.

Contact us on 1300 228 355 for more information.

# Next Steps

We have 3 main new student intakes a year\*, usually in February/March, July/August, and November. Contact us via our website, email [futurestudents@ac.edu.au](mailto:futurestudents@ac.edu.au) or call 1300 228 355. You can also attend our open events, free webinars, and masterclasses.

\*Intakes vary by course, check the course pages on website for details.



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## Semester 1

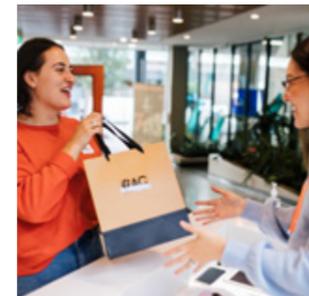
## Semester 2

## Summer Intake

February/March

July/August

November



## Open Days, Webinars & Masterclasses

We also run open days for prospective students to come and experience a class and meet faculty and current students. To find out more about upcoming events or see highlights of previous events and masterclasses, visit: [ac.edu.au/events](http://ac.edu.au/events)



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## Apply Now

Start your application today. You can save and submit your online application to AC at any time. For more info on how to apply: [ac.edu.au/apply-now/how-apply](http://ac.edu.au/apply-now/how-apply)

## ACCREDITATIONS, REGISTRATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS



Alphacrucis (AC) University College is accredited by The Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA)



AC's teacher training programs are accredited by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).



AC is an approved VET Provider, a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA).



AC is listed on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS)



AC is approved for Austudy, Abstudy, Youth Allowance, FEE-HELP and VET Student Loans.

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STUDENT, YOU BELONG TO A  
WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY OF  
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