



Alphacrucis University College

# COURSE HANDBOOK

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN MINISTRY

*School of Ministry and Theology*

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### Overview

<b>Associate Degree in Ministry (ADM)</b>	Program Director	Johnny Kumar
	AQF Level	<a href="#">AQF Level 6</a>
	Qualification	Associate Degree
	Subjects	16
	Languages of Instruction	English, Korean, Spanish, French
	CRICOS Code	080056K
	ASCED Code	091703
	Accreditation	Self-accredited ( <i>last reviewed in 2023</i> )
	Course Length	2 years full-time; 4 years part-time
	Entry Requirements	<a href="https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/associate-degree-ministry/">https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/associate-degree-ministry/</a>

### COURSE OVERVIEW

The Associate Degree in Ministry (ADM) is designed to provide graduates with a broad theoretical and practical knowledge of ministry. The course aims to develop graduates who will be able to minister effectively in Christian and community settings and respond intelligibly to a wide variety of modern challenges and issues. The ADM seeks to link academic reflection and theology in meaningful ways to training needs which stem from increasing contemporary challenges that churches and other Christian communities are facing.

### Course Structure

*Note: Contact the Student Support Team for access to previous course version.*

**This course structure applies to students enrolled from Semester 2, 2023 onwards.**

The course structure is based on four semesters (each of 12 weeks duration, plus an exam week), with four subjects taught in each semester. It comprises:

- 120 credit points of core subjects
- 40 credit points of electives

To qualify for award of the degree of Associate Degree in Ministry a candidate shall accrue an aggregate of at least 160 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core subjects noted below.

Content of the course of study		Credit points
<b>Core Subjects</b>	ACA101 Faith and Purpose BIB104 Old Testament Foundations BIB105 New Testament Foundations CCM101 Introduction to Cross Cultural Ministry EXP201 Professional Practice HIS102 Church History Foundations LEA201 Leadership Principles MIN101 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry MIN102 Christian Spirituality MIN201 Pastoral Management and Administration THE105 Introduction to Theology THE201 Christian Ethics	12 x 10
<b>Electives</b>	40 credit points taken from any Level 7 course of study offered by AC.	4 x 10
<b>Rules of progression</b>	Maximum of 9 subjects (90 credit points) at 100 level.	
<b>Prerequisites for specific subjects</b>	Prerequisites are noted on each subject outline. Students must have completed the prerequisite to enrol in the subject.	

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### Indicative Course Progression

Based on a full-time study mode

CORE		ELECTIVES	
First Year			
Semester 1		Semester 2	
ACA101	Faith and Purpose	HIS102	Church History Foundations
BIB104	Old Testament Foundations	BIB105	New Testament Foundations
MIN101	Introduction to Pastoral Ministry	THE105	Introduction to Theology
CCM101	Introduction to Cross Cultural Ministry	MIN102	Christian Spirituality
Second Year			
Semester 3		Semester 4	
LEA201	Leadership Principles	EXP201	Professional Practice
MIN201	Pastoral Administration and Management	2XX	Elective
THE201	Christian Ethics	2XX	Elective
2XX	Elective	2XX	Elective

### Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrate a broad knowledge of Christian history, doctrine and tradition as a foundation for ministry.</li></ul>
Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• skills to analyse and interpret the biblical text, using sound hermeneutical methods, as a core document of the Christian faith with consideration for the contemporary application of the text;</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• skills to comprehend, apply and communicate a Christian worldview, with particular emphasis on the role of the gospel in providing an ethical framework for personal living.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ability to discuss and analyse contemporaneous topics, issues and challenges impacting on Christian ministry and the Pentecostal community, and create solutions to these challenges;</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ability to collaborate with the broader community of Christian ministers and community leaders to provide appropriate collegial support;</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• basic skills in critical thinking and self-directed research, using a range of sources and methods.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• some ability in self-reflection and evaluation of ministry and leadership performance for the purpose of vocational development.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cognitive and technical skills required for ministry functions, including some depth within the field of Christian studies;</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• breadth and complexity of (para) professional ministry skills pertinent to engagement with congregational communities. This includes the ability to apply knowledge and skills to a range of contexts.</li></ul>



### Work Integrated Learning

Work Integrated Learning may be undertaken through various Professional Practice and Professional Experience subjects at AC. These subjects seek to create a direct linkage between the learning, skills and values engaged in lectures, and the reflection which occurs when these are applied in real-life settings. These work-based training subjects comprise of instruction, academic assessment and a placement in a workplace for a minimum of 100 hours of voluntary unpaid work for each subject.

To qualify for the award of the Associate Degree in Ministry, a candidate will complete at least 1 subject (10 credit points) of Professional Practice. Students are usually required to find their own workplace/ employer/ mentor to be approved by AC. In some cases, a new aspect within a student's current paid employment may be suitable as a work placement.

*For further information related to Work-Integrated Learning please see the Professional Practice Handbook on Moodle or contact our [Student Support](#) team.*

### Other Course Information

For other course information, such as information on Professional Accreditation and available intakes, visit the course web page:

<https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/associate-degree-ministry/>

### Useful Links

#### AC WEBSITE



<https://www.ac.edu.au/>

#### ACADEMIC CALENDAR



<https://www.ac.edu.au/key-dates/>

#### HOW TO ENROL



Please see the [Timetable](#) for available subjects and contact [Student Support Team](#) for tailored academic advice before completing the enrolment form.

#### AC POLICIES



<https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/>

#### LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Enrolled students will have access to AC's [LMS](#)

#### FEES



<https://www.ac.edu.au/fees-financing/>

#### STUDENT FORMS



<https://www.ac.edu.au/forms/>

#### GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES



<https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/graduate-attributes-policy/>

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### Student Support

The Student Support team are available if you need assistance. Email the team via: [studentsupport@ac.edu.au](mailto:studentsupport@ac.edu.au) or book a phone or video call via: [Bookings](#)

Phone: (02) 8893 9005

<https://www.ac.edu.au/student-services/>

For disability support please contact [dso@ac.edu.au](mailto:dso@ac.edu.au)

