



Alphacrucis University College

# COURSE HANDBOOK

## MASTER OF THEOLOGY

*School of Ministry and Theology*

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## Overview

<b>Master of Theology (MTH)</b>	Program Director	Emma Austin
	AQF Level	<a href="#">AQF Level 9 (Postgraduate)</a>
	Qualification	Masters Degree (Coursework)
	Subjects	12
	Languages of Instruction	English, Korean, French
	CRICOS Code	080052C
	ASCED Code	091703
	Accreditation	Self-accredited ( <i>last reviewed in 2023</i> )
	Course Length	1.5 years full-time; up to 7 years part-time
	Entry Requirements	<a href="https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/master-theology/">https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/master-theology/</a>

### COURSE OVERVIEW

The Master of Theology (MTH) is designed to prepare graduates for ministry and leadership within church, academic and community settings. Graduates of the MTH will have an advanced knowledge of theological studies, including a working knowledge of recent developments and approaches in the area of their discipline specialisation. With an exciting vision to train professionally competent scholars, leaders and managers in a wide range of careers, the MTH provides a unique opportunity to engage in cutting edge research and critical exploration of contemporary issues. Developing specialised skills in fields such as Theology, Biblical Studies and Christian History, students will be trained to communicate complex ideas and propose solutions to a wide audience, as well as design and implement an advanced research thesis. Students also have a selection of electives, which range from Ancient Languages to Marketing, to add to their learning experience. With internationally acclaimed lecturers who bring not only academic expertise but practical experience into the classroom, the MTH will provide an educational experience of holistic formation which prepares students to change the world.

## 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 consists of 120 credit points, comprising:

- one 20 credit points core research methods subject (Core);
- one 40 credit point research project (20,000 words) in area of discipline (Core);
- two 20 credit point subjects to be taken from the area of specialisation (Major);
- 20 credit points to be taken from a discipline outside the specialisation (Elective Subjects).

To qualify for award of the degree of Master of Theology a candidate shall accrue an aggregate of at least 120 credit points.

Content of the course of study		Credit points
<b>Core Subjects</b>	RES601 Research Methods RES602 Research Project	20 40
<b>Specialisations</b>	<i>Specialisations are dependent on subject availability. Students are required to work with the Program Director to determine appropriate course progression</i>  <b>BIBLICAL STUDIES</b> BIB601 Methods in Biblical Studies BIB602 Seminar Presentation of Research in Biblical Studies  <b>MINISTRY</b> MIN601 Theory and Practice in Ministry MIN602 Seminar Presentation of Ministry Research  <b>THEOLOGY</b> THE601 Theologians: Method and Meaning THE602 Seminar Presentation of Theological Research	2 x 20
<b>Electives</b>	20 credit points, at 500 level or above, to be taken from a discipline outside the specialisation or variation by way of permission from the Program Director.	20
<b>Rules of progression</b>	At least 60 credit points must be completed in the area of specialisation at level 500 or above. Minimum of 40 credit points completed at 600 level.	
<b>Other Protocols of the course</b>	To be eligible to graduate, students must complete overall 120 credit points.	

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## Indicative Course Progression

Based on a full-time study mode

CORE		SPECIALISATIONS		ELECTIVES	
First Year					
Semester 1			Semester 2		
RES601	Research Methods	BIB/MIN/THE602	Relevant Seminar Subject		
BIB/MIN/THE601	Relevant Methods Subject		6xx Elective (or 5xx Elective [x2])		
Second Year					
Semester 3					
RES602	Research Project				

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## Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• advanced and integrated understanding of theological studies specific to their discipline;</li><li>• have an understanding of general research principles and methods, and advanced knowledge of specific research approaches used in the selected disciplinary field.</li></ul>
Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• critically evaluate new developments of research and scholarship in the selected disciplinary field;</li><li>• ability to lead advanced discussion and analysis of contemporaneous topics, issues and challenges impacting on Christian ministry and the Pentecostal community, and create solutions to these challenges. This includes the ability to apply knowledge and skills to new and diverse contexts;</li><li>• communicate effectively complex ideas and proposed solutions to peers and general audiences.</li><li>• articulate new questions or issues and apply the knowledge and skills developed within the selected disciplinary field to develop appropriate solutions;</li><li>• design and implement a major research project in the selected disciplinary field</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 each subject.

## 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/master-theology/>

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## 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)

Appendix 1

## COURSE PROGRESSION TRACKING TEMPLATE

### Master of Theology

<b>Student:</b>	
<b>Student ID number:</b>	
<b>Year of commencement:</b>	

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20 credit points to be taken from a discipline outside the specialisation

20 cp + 40 cp Core subject Subject Code & Name	Subject Credit Points	Comments

2x20 cp Specialisation subject Subject Code & Name	Subject Credit Points	Comments

20 cp of electives Subject Code & Name	Subject Credit Points	Comments