



Alphacrucis University College

# COURSE HANDBOOK

## MASTER OF DIVINITY

*School of Ministry and Theology*

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## Overview

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| Master of Divinity | Program Director         | Tim Healy                                                                                                       |
|                    | AQF Level                | <a href="#">AQF Level 9 (Postgraduate)</a>                                                                      |
|                    | Qualification            | Masters Degree (Coursework)                                                                                     |
|                    | Subjects                 | 24                                                                                                              |
|                    | IELTS                    | 7.0                                                                                                             |
|                    | Languages of Instruction | English, Finnish, Korean, Spanish                                                                               |
|                    | CRICOS Code              | 115071G                                                                                                         |
|                    | ASCED Code               | 091703                                                                                                          |
|                    | Accreditation            | Self-accredited (accredited in 2023)                                                                            |
|                    | Course Length            | 3 years full-time; up to 10 years part-time                                                                     |
|                    | Entry Requirements       | <a href="https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/master-of-divinity/">https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/master-of-divinity/</a> |

### COURSE OVERVIEW

The Master of Divinity is designed to provide postgraduate-level education in the areas of Biblical Studies, Ministry, and Theology. This course draws on Alphacrucis' established areas of expertise and provide clarity on the relevant areas of professional study. The purpose of this AQF Level 9 coursework program is to provide an advanced body of knowledge and professional application for graduates in the areas of Christian ministry and theology.

The Master of Divinity is designed to introduce students to the disciplines of theology at an advanced level. It provides students an opportunity to progress from foundational to advanced knowledge in each of the classic disciplines of theology, including Biblical Studies, Church History, Practical Theology, and Systematic Theology. The course is designed for students who have completed undergraduate study in a discipline other than theology.

The Master of Divinity is designed to produce graduates who have an in-depth understanding of Christian worldview and its integration with vocation and community. In addition to developing skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and communication skills, the graduates will be equipped with advanced knowledge of theory in the areas of Biblical Studies, Ministry, and Theology, and the application of theoretical concepts in practical settings. Each also prepares students for further study by inclusion within the structured program of the requirement for independent research.

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## Course Structure

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

**This course structure applies to students enrolled from Semester 1, 2025 onwards.**

The course structure is based on six semesters, with 4 subjects taught in each semester, comprising:

- Core Subjects — 110 credit points
- Restricted Electives — 50 credit points
- Electives — 70 credit points
- Capstone — 10 credit points

To qualify for award of the degree of Master of Divinity a candidate shall complete at least 240 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core subjects noted below.

| Content of the course of study |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Credit points          |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Core Subjects</b>           | ACA401 Faith and Purpose<br>BIB404 Old Testament Foundations<br>BIB405 New Testament Foundations<br>BIB504 Biblical Interpretation<br>CCM401 Introduction to Cross Cultural Ministry<br>HIS402 Church History Foundations<br>MIN401 Foundations of Pastoral Ministry<br>MIN402 Christian Spirituality<br>THE405 Introduction to Theology<br>THE501 Christ and Salvation<br>THE503 Spirit and Church | 11 x 10                |
| <b>Restricted Electives</b>    | 20 credit points BIB 500 level<br>20 credit points MIN 500 level<br>10 credit points THE 500 level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5 x 10                 |
| <b>Electives</b>               | 20 credit points at 400 level or above<br>50 credit points at 500 level or above*<br><br>Electives may be taken in the disciplines of Biblical Studies (BIB), Cross Cultural Ministry (CCM), History (HIS), Ministry (MIN), Theology (THE), or Worship Studies (WOR)<br><br>*Students undertaking RES501 complete 40 credit points at 500 level or above                                            | 7 x 10<br>or<br>6 x 10 |
| <b>Capstone</b>                | RES500 Independent Guided Research (10cp)<br>RES501 Research Project (20cp)**<br><br>**Students undertaking RES501 complete 10 fewer elective credit points<br><br><i>Using this course as a pathway into Higher Degree Research:</i>                                                                                                                                                               | 1 x 10<br>or<br>1 x 20 |

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|                                       | <i>Students seeking a pathway to a PhD or another HDR program must complete the 20-credit-point capstone; this is a minimum eligibility requirement and does not guarantee admission to an HDR program.</i>                                                           |  |
| <b>Specialisations (Optional)</b>     | Nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <b>Rules of progression</b>           | Students must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.8 to enrol in RES501.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <b>Other protocols of this course</b> | 10 credit points per subject with 1 point being 10 hours of study per week. Total hours per subject is 130 hours. No more than 10 subjects at 400 level.                                                                                                              |  |
| <b>Bridging/nested courses</b>        | Subject to program criteria, students may exit early with a Graduate Certificate in Arts, a Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies, a Graduate Diploma in Arts, a Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies, a Master of Arts, or a Master of Theological Studies. |  |

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## Recommended Course Progression

Based on a full-time study mode

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| <b>CORE</b> | <b>ELECTIVES</b> | <b>CAPSTONE</b> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|

| First Year           |                                                           |                     |                                                                           |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Semester 1           |                                                           | Semester 2          |                                                                           |
| ACA401               | Faith and Purpose                                         | BIB405              | New Testament Foundations                                                 |
| BIB404               | Old Testament Foundations                                 | HIS402              | Church History Foundations                                                |
| CCM401               | Introduction to Cross Cultural Ministry                   | MIN402              | Christian Spirituality                                                    |
| MIN401               | Foundations of Pastoral Ministry                          | THE405              | Introduction to Theology                                                  |
| Second Year          |                                                           |                     |                                                                           |
| Semester 1           |                                                           | Semester 2          |                                                                           |
| Restricted Elective  | (BIB 500 level or above)                                  | Restricted Elective | (BIB 500 level or above)                                                  |
| Restricted Elective  | (MIN 500 level or above)                                  | Restricted Elective | (MIN 500 level or above)                                                  |
| THE501               | Christology                                               | THE503              | Spirit and Church                                                         |
| Restricted Elective  | (THE 500 level or above)                                  | Elective Subject    | (500 level or above)                                                      |
| Third Year           |                                                           |                     |                                                                           |
| Semester 1           |                                                           | Semester 2          |                                                                           |
| Elective Subject     | (400 level or above)                                      | BIB504              | Biblical Interpretation                                                   |
| Elective Subject     | (400 level or above)                                      | Elective Subject    | (500 level or above)                                                      |
| Elective Subject     | (500 level or above)                                      | Elective Subject    | (500 level or above)                                                      |
| Elective or Capstone | Elective 500 level or above, or RES501 – Research Project | Capstone            | RES500 Independent Guided Research or RES501 Research Project (continued) |

## Course Learning Outcomes

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| Graduates will be able to demonstrate:                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced and integrated understanding of key issues and practices within the disciplines of Biblical Studies, Church History, Ministry, and Theology;</li> </ul>         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge of scholarship and recent developments in the disciplines of Biblical Studies, Church History, Ministry, and Theology;</li> </ul>                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding of general research principles and methods, and advanced knowledge of specific research approaches used in the theological disciplines.</li> </ul>         |
| Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:                                                                                                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate, synthesise and critically engage the theoretical knowledge in the relevant areas of the study;</li> </ul>                                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine a complex problem or issue using appropriate methodologies and theories from the discipline;</li> </ul>                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyse and synthesise ideas and theories from related disciplines;</li> </ul>                                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design a research question that explores a complex issue and to provide possible solution(s) to the problem raised;</li> </ul>                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate effectively complex ideas and proposed solutions to peers and general audiences;</li> </ul>                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and critically evaluate new developments of research and scholarship in the relevant theological disciplines.</li> </ul>                                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articulate new questions or issues and apply the knowledge and skills developed within the relevant theological disciplines to develop appropriate solutions;</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work independently, responsibly and with the level of professionalism expected of an expert in the selected disciplinary fields;</li> </ul>                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design and implement a major research project in the selected disciplinary fields.</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.

To qualify for the award of the Master of Divinity, a candidate is not required to complete any Professional Practice subjects. Students who chose to complete a professional practice subject 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/master-of-divinity/>



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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/>

## 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)

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## Appendix 1

### COURSE PROGRESSION TRACKING TEMPLATE

#### Master of Divinity

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

Master of Theology requirements:

- Core Subjects — 110 credit points
- Restricted Electives — 50 credit points
- Electives — 70 credit points
- Capstone — 10 credit points

| 110 cp Core subject<br>Subject Code & Name | Subject<br>Credit Points | Comments |
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| 50 cp Restriction Electives subject<br>Subject Code & Name | Subject<br>Credit Points | Comments |
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| 60 cp or 70cp of electives<br>Subject Code & Name | Subject<br>Credit Points | Comments |
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| 10 cp or 20cp of capstone<br>Subject Code & Name | Subject<br>Credit Points | Comments |
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