



AlphaCrucis University College

COURSE HANDBOOK

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Graduate Research School

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Overview

Doctor of Ministry	Program Director	Professor Johannes Luetz
	AQF Level	AQF Level 10 (Postgraduate)
	Qualification	Doctoral Degree (Higher Degree Research)
	Subjects	3 (including thesis)
	IELTS	7.0
	Languages of Instruction	English, Korean
	CRICOS Code	084480F
	ASCED Code	091703
	Accreditation	Self-accreditation
	Course Length	3 years full-time; up to 10 years part-time
	Entry Requirements	https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/doctor-ministry/

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Doctor of Ministry (DMN) program is designed for experienced leaders in churches and faith-based organisations who wish to further develop their skills for ministry in church, academic, and community contexts. The program provides a systematic and critical understanding of Christian ministry, with particular focus on innovative leadership models in contemporary settings and engagement with the latest developments in the chosen area of specialisation.

Graduates of the DMN will demonstrate advanced knowledge and skills in research methodologies applicable to Christian ministry. Through their research, candidates will identify, investigate, and address a significant issue in the profession of ministry, producing a thesis or portfolio that makes an original and substantial contribution to learning and to professional practice.

The DMN cultivates advanced capabilities in critical thinking, communication, and creative problem solving. Candidates are supported by AC's research community to engage in rigorous, independent scholarship that equips them for impactful leadership and effective ministry in today's complex contexts.



Competitive scholarships are available, awarded on the basis of research excellence and/or demonstrated financial need. Each application is carefully assessed on its individual merits.

Course Structure

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

This course structure applies to students who commenced from 2021.

The course consists of 240 credit points comprising:

- one core research methods unit (20 credit points);
- one subject at 800 level (20 credit points) to be taken from the area of specialisation; and
- one core research thesis or research portfolio of 50,000 words or equivalent (200 credit points) in the area of specialisation.

To qualify for award of the degree of Doctor of Ministry a candidate shall complete at least 240 credit points.

Content of the course of study		Credit points
Core Subjects	RES801 Survey of Research Methods	1 x 20
	RES802 Research Thesis	1 x 200
Specialisation	XXX806 Advanced Research in Discipline Area	1 x 20
Rules of Progression	Refer to the candidature policy and procedure.	
Other protocols of the course	To be eligible to graduate, students must pass at least 240 credit points.	
Pre-requisites for specific subjects	Pre-requisites are noted on the subject outline. Students must have completed the pre-requisite to enrol in the subject.	

For information on the teaching faculty for this subject, please visit our [website](#).

Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:
• Critical, creative and systematic understanding of a substantial and complex body of knowledge that makes an original contribution to a particular area in the practice of ministry;
• Advanced knowledge of scholarship and recent developments in the area of under consideration;
• Understanding of advanced research principles and methods, and substantial knowledge of specific research approaches used in the field of practical ministry.
Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:
• Autonomously and analytically engage in critical reflection, synthesis and evaluation of the body of theoretical knowledge related to a particular area of the practice of ministry;
• Establish, incorporate and apply effective research methodologies to advance existing professional practice;
• Design a research question that explores an original and complex issue and provide possible solutions to the problem raised;
• Communicate effectively complex ideas, original knowledge and proposed solutions to peers and general audiences;
• Provide creative responses to the contemporary challenges and new developments in research and scholarship in the field of practical ministry;
• Articulate new questions or issues and apply the knowledge and skills developed within the selected research field to develop original and appropriate solutions;
• Work independently, responsibly and with the level of professionalism expected of an expert in the selected research field;
• Effectively design, implement and communicate a major thesis in the selected research field to contribute original knowledge and expertise to peers and general audiences;
• An advanced level of integrative reflection which will inform and enhance their professional ministry practice.



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/doctor-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/>



Student Support

The Student Support team are available if you need assistance. Email the team via: 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



Appendix 1

COURSE PROGRESSION TRACKING TEMPLATE

Doctor of Ministry

Student:	
Student ID number:	
Year of commencement:	

Doctor of Ministry requirements:

- 20 credit points of core research methods (RES801);
- 20 credit points of an 800 level subject from the area of specialisation (XXX806); and
- 200 credit points of research thesis or research portfolio (RES802).

240 cp of subjects Subject Code & Name	Subject Credit Points	Comments