

BACHELOR OF MINISTRY (BMin)

AWARD SUMMARY

AQF Level 7

Entry Requirements	<p>An Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 72.5, or its equivalent; or</p> <p>Mature Age and Special Entry Admissions for those who have reached the age of 21; or</p> <p>articulation from other Sydney College of Divinity programs.</p>
Duration	3 years full-time or 9 years part-time
Mode	Full-time, part-time.
Structure	216 credit points (i.e. 24 units).
English Proficiency	<p>Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally require a minimum IELTS (or equivalent) score of 6.5 with no score less than 6.0 in all bands of the test. A student can be admitted provisionally into the BMin when they have an IELTS result of 6.0 with no score less than 6.0 in all bands of the test</p>
Fees	Contact the Teaching Body with which you intend to enrol.
Contact	<p>The Registrar of one of the following Teaching Bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian College of Ministries • Catholic Institute of Sydney • Nazarene Theological College • The Salvation Army Booth College

Graduate Profile and Rationale

The Bachelor of Ministry course is a primary undergraduate award which provides a broad and coherent study of Christian Life and Ministry and related studies in Biblical Studies and Theology through a structure of majors and sub-majors. This degree prepares

candidates for professional and lay Christian ministry and for further learning beyond the degree.

Not all majors and sub-majors are available at all Teaching Bodies. The sub-disciplines and the majors and sub-majors available are:

Discipline	Sub-disciplines	Majors / Submajors
Biblical Studies		Biblical Studies
Christian Life & Ministry	Christian Spirituality Worship & Liturgy Mission Pastoral Counselling Pastoral Theology Christian Ethics	Christian Spirituality Worship & Liturgy Mission Pastoral Counselling Pastoral Theology Christian Ethics Christian Life & Ministry [Discipline]
Humanities in the Christian Tradition	Church History Philosophy	Church History Philosophy Humanities [Discipline] <i>(major /submajor not to include A units)</i>
Theology		Theology

Outcomes

Graduates will have:

Knowledge

- a broad and coherent body of knowledge with depth in the underlying principles and concepts in Christian Life and Ministry and broad knowledge in Theology, Biblical Studies, and other theological areas of practice that will form the basis for independent lifelong learning.

Skills

- cognitive and technical skills in a theologically-related body of knowledge, so that they are able independently to:
 - review, reflect on, and synthesize theological information and identify and provide solutions to complex problems
 - think critically and to generate and evaluate complex ideas
 - demonstrate an understanding of theoretical concepts in theology
 - communicate theologically-related knowledge, skills and ideas clearly and coherently

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

- the ability to
 - demonstrate a broad understanding of knowledge by applying it creatively in ministry
 - make high level, independent judgments in a range of ministry settings
 - initiate, plan, and implement activities and projects within a range of ministry settings.

Enrolment

The Bachelor of Ministry is offered through individual Teaching Bodies. In light of the units offered students are able to choose their program to suit their interests and needs, all the while fulfilling the requirements of the degree. Details are available from the Teaching Body offering the course.

Exit Points

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Ministry may exit with a Diploma of Christian Studies or Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice provided they have met the requirements of the award.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS for the Bachelor of Ministry

1 Admission to Candidature

- 1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree of Bachelor of Ministry shall:
 - 1.1.1 have an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 72.5, or its equivalent, with English proficiency; or
 - 1.1.2 have reached the age of 21 and so satisfy the requirements for Mature Age Entry, with English proficiency; or

- 1.1.3 have adequate grounds for Special Entry, with English proficiency; or
- 1.1.4 seek to articulate from other Sydney College of Divinity programs.
- 1.2 A candidate for a Bachelor of Ministry shall be designated as full-time or part-time. A student is designated as full-time if enrolled in 27 credit points or more in a semester or part-time if enrolled in fewer than 27 credit points per semester.
- 1.3 Unless approval has been granted by the Academic Board, no candidate for the Bachelor of Ministry may be concurrently enrolled in any other undergraduate or postgraduate course within the Sydney College of Divinity or any other tertiary institution unless the candidate is enrolled in an approved joint degree program.
- 1.4 An applicant whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction may be admitted to the Bachelor of Ministry providing they have achieved competency in English by
 - 1.4.1 achieving an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 6.5 with no score below 6.0 in all bands of the test or
 - 1.4.2 achieving an IELTS result of 6.0 with no score below 6.0 in all bands of the test providing they pass all course units in the first two semesters of the course or
 - 1.4.3 have been awarded a Certificate of Completion for the Advanced 1 Level English for Theology from Australian Onsong International College.
- 1.5 Applicants for admission to the Bachelor of Ministry apply to the Registrar of the appropriate Teaching Body offering the program.

2 Course Structure

- 2.1 The Bachelor of Ministry requires the completion of 216 credit points.
- 2.2 Every program for the award shall include:
 - 2.2.1 one major and one submajor in Christian Life & Ministry (or its subdisciplines (Christian Spirituality; Pastoral Counselling; Worship & Liturgy; Mission; Pastoral Theology; and Christian Ethics);
 - 2.2.2 submajors in both Biblical Studies and Theology.
 - 2.2.3 Candidates who have completed 108 credit points towards the Bachelor of Ministry may select up to 36 credit points from the Schedule of 8500 and 9600 series units. Within these units, a candidate can only select up

to 18 credit points of 9600 series units provided they have already completed at least a sub-major in that sub-discipline with a Grade Point Average of at least 2.0.

2.2.4 All course units shall be taken from the Sydney College of Divinity Schedule of Units of Study.

2.3 Majors and submajors are available in:

2.3.1 Biblical Studies;

2.3.2 Christian Spirituality, Worship & Liturgy, Mission, Pastoral Counselling, Pastoral Theology, Christian Ethics, Christian Life & Ministry [Discipline];

2.3.3 Church History, Philosophy, Humanities [Discipline];

2.3.4 Theology.

2.4 A major in a subdiscipline requires 54 credit points from the subdiscipline, with not more than 18 credit points from 7100 series units and at least 9 credit points from 7300 series units. Under certain provisions (see 2.7), up to 36 credit points from 8500 and 9600 series units may be included.

2.4.1 If a student wishes to undertake a major in Biblical Studies then 54 credit points in Biblical Studies (see details below) plus 9 credit points in A7110 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew, A7120 Introduction to New Testament Greek, or A7130 Introduction to Biblical Languages must be taken before or concurrently with any post 7100 series Biblical Studies units.

2.5 A major in a discipline requires 54 credit points from the discipline, with at least 27 credit points in one subdiscipline, with not more than 18 credit points from 7100 series units and at least 9 credit points from 7300 series units. Under certain provisions (see 2.7), up to 36 credit points from 8500 and 9600 series units may be included..

2.6 A submajor requires 36 credit points from units assigned to the major including no more than 18 credit points from 7100 series units and with at least one 7200 series unit.

2.7 Candidates who have completed 108 credit points towards the Bachelor of Ministry may select up to 36 credit points from the Schedule of 8500 and 9600 series units. Within these units, a candidate can only select up to 18 credit points of 9600 series units provided they have already completed at least a sub-major in that sub-discipline with a Grade Point Average of at least 2.0.

2.8 All course units shall be taken from the Sydney College of Divinity Schedule of Units of Study.

3 Period of Candidature

3.1 The period of candidature for the degree shall normally be 3 years full-time and up to 9 years part-time.

3.2 In certain circumstances the Student Administration Committee may grant extensions.

4 Leave of Absence

4.1 The Student Administration Committee may grant leave of absence from the Bachelor of Ministry. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the degree.

4.2 The period of leave shall normally be one semester after which a candidate may apply for a further period of one semester or be required to complete candidature.

5 Assessment

5.1 The assessment of course units shall be in the manner approved by the Academic Board and consistent with the College's established guidelines for assessment packages at undergraduate level.

5.2 Academic Board may require students to present themselves for oral examination.

5.3 Academic and non-academic misconduct will be penalised strictly in accordance with the regulations of the Sydney College of Divinity.

6 Credit

6.1 A candidate may seek credit for a maximum of 144 credit points in the Bachelor of Ministry.

7 Saving Clause

7.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Academic Board of the Sydney College of Divinity may, in any case in which it may deem it appropriate to do so, vary, dispense with or suspend any requirement or prescription by these regulations, and report forthwith to the Council of the Sydney College of Divinity.