

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF MINISTRY (AQF LEVEL 6 ASSOCIATE DEGREE, COURSE CODE 206)**Rationale**

1. Introduces students to the sources and content of the Christian story and message, and provides training which emphasises application and practice of this story and message in the contemporary world.
2. Requires specialisation in disciplines by which knowledge of God is applied to guide Christian practice in at least two fields of the Department of Ministry and Practice:
 - Evangelism and Missiology (EM)
 - Pastoral & Church Focused Ministry (PC)
 - Developmental Ministry (DM)
3. Integrates studies in the Bible and Christian tradition with practical experience and include supervised practice based learning where appropriate.
4. Through elective units students can:
 - Develop particular ministry skills in the three fields of Ministry & Practice
 - Develop foundational understanding in the Bible and Christian Thought & History

Admission Requirements

Academic Qualifications: Yr 12 or equivalent, Yr 12 students in up two 300 level units

ATAR: 65

Language Qualifications for NESB: IELTS 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.5 in each subtest OR 10 years English in country experience

Mature Age Entry: 21 years +

Structure

Unit Level: 300-400

Overall cps: 64

Length: 2 years F/T or P/T equivalent up to 6 years

Foundational units

- Old Testament (OT301 & OT302): 8 cps
- New Testament (NT301 & NT302): 8 cps
- Church History: 4 cps
- Theology: 4 cps

Additional units

- Biblical exegesis units (OT and/or NT) and/or LA units: 8cps
- Christian Thought & History (CH/TH/PE): 4cps
- Ministry & Practice (EM/PC/DM): 16cps
- Elective units: 12cps

Rules

Max cps per semester: 20

Advanced Level Unit entry requirements:

- Advanced (400) level units with specific conditions may only be taken when the pre-requisite or co-requisite or required units have been successfully completed and/or any co-requisite unit is taken concurrently.
 - Undergraduate degree students may enrol in 600 level language exegesis units on the understanding that the unit is taught and assessed at 600 level.
1. No more than 32cps of foundational level units (300 level) can be counted in a student's course of study. Biblical language units (LA0**) are not counted as foundational level units for this requirement.
 2. A maximum of 12 cps may be taken in Type B elective units.
 3. A maximum of 16 cps may be studied in DSC mode, including no more than 8 cps in any one field of study.

Learning Outcomes

Discipline knowledge and understanding

1. Demonstrate a *wider range of* knowledge of ministry as an academic discipline than the (Advanced) Diploma with particular attention to at least two fields of Ministry & Practice
2. Draw on biblical and theological foundations of ministry
3. Apply the *key* spiritual and ethical implications of ministry knowledge and understanding

Inquiry and analysis

4. Collect, summarise, and analyse information from *standard* biblical, theological and social scientific sources and scholarship in inquiry based learning

Problem solving and integration

5. Construct evidence-based perspectives and responses to ministry issues by using *standard* source materials and methods, especially in the discipline area of specialisation

Communication

6. Present *key* ministry ideas, knowledge and principles to, and engage with, different audiences using a variety of formats

Teamwork and professional practice

7. Under supervision, apply *key* ministry understanding in formal ministry contexts and the wider community

Engagement with the world

8. Engage with *key* challenges of contemporary Christianity, society and the wider world

Continuous learning and professional development

9. Demonstrate a capacity for reflection and learning to sustain personal and professional development in Christian life and ministry

Occupational Functions of Graduates

1. The graduate could reasonably expect to graduate with well-informed knowledge of the essential content of the Christian tradition, or
2. A graduate might be expected to participate as a member of a church educational or pastoral ministry team under the leadership of a well-qualified three-year trained practitioner.