

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF THEOLOGY (AQF LEVEL 6 ASSOCIATE DEGREE)**

<b>Course Rationale</b>
The two-year Associate Degree of Theology requires students satisfactorily to complete a course of study majoring in the foundational units in biblical studies, church history and theology. These foundational studies inform the theoretical undergirding of further specialised study, which is normally undertaken in the third year of a three-year bachelor's degree in theology or ministry as an integral part of the normal academic preparation for those seeking to enter full-time Christian ministry. The Associate Degree of Theology will ground students in foundational theological disciplines and provide an opportunity for advanced level study of more specific unit areas within chosen fields of study in the form of a specialisation (or a "major").
<b>Admission Requirements</b>
<p><b>Academic Qualifications</b></p> <p>(i) Open as a first degree to persons who have achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) score of no less than 75 or its equivalent.</p> <p>(ii) Consideration will also be given to other factors such as practical experience, maturity and motivation, and the likelihood of satisfactory completion of the academic requirements of the course.</p> <p>(iii) The ACT is prepared to enrol year 12 students in up to two (2) 300 level units at the discretion of the school and the particular ACT affiliated colleges. These students would not be admitted to the degree, but permitted to take 300 level units, which would later be credited to an ACT degree, should the student wish to continue and be permitted to enrol.</p> <p><b>Language Qualifications for Non-English Speaking Background Applicants (NESB)</b></p> <p>Candidates who (a) have an assessable qualification that was undertaken solely in English in one of a set of prescribed countries OR (b) have been resident in Australia with English being the language spoken at home and at work for ten (10) or more years are NOT required to provide proof of English language proficiency for consideration for admission to an ACT course. All other domestic and international candidates MUST provide proof of English language proficiency for consideration for admission to an ACT course. Such proof will normally be by provision of the results of an IELTS test (Academic Version).</p> <p>For admission to the Associate Degree of Theology, the minimum IELTS result required is 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in each subtest.</p> <p><b>Mature Age Entry</b></p> <p>Mature age entry is available for candidates 21 years and older.</p>
<b>Course Structure</b>
<p>64 credit points over 2 years F/T or P/T equivalent (up to 6 years) at 300-400 Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 cps Old Testament (OT301 and OT302)</li> <li>• 8 cps New Testament (NT301 and NT302)</li> <li>• 8 cps Christian Thought (CH / TH / PE)</li> <li>• 8 cps additional: 8 cps biblical exegesis units in OT and/or NT; <i>or</i> LA004 (A and B); <i>or</i> LA003 (A and B)</li> <li>• Additionally the following units, depending on the student's specialisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bible and Language Studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 cps TH and/or CH</li> <li>- 16 cps from any unit in the LA, OT or NT fields (may include LA490, OT490 or NT490)</li> <li>- 8 cps elective units</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Christian Thought: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 24 cps from the CH, TH or PE fields (may include CH490, TH490 or PE490)</li> <li>- 8 cps elective units</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Ministry Studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 20 cps from the EM, PC or DM fields (may include EM490, PC490 or DM490)</li> <li>- 12 cps elective units</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ability to interpret the biblical deposit, especially those books which have played a crucial role in the development of the Christian tradition, with a knowledge of their original context and major themes and ideas,</li> <li>• knowledge of the major theological tenets of the Christian faith which underpin any coherent theological world view,</li> <li>• appreciation of the historical conditions under which theological worldviews have developed and are being shaped today,</li> <li>• openness to the tradition of published scholarship and the diversity of viewpoints which characterises that scholarship</li> </ul>

<p>in the various fields of the discipline of theology as essential to understanding and respecting the discipline,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a sound grasp of the unit content of the student's specialisation,</li> <li>• a developing ability to reflect on the relationship between the graduate's particular life interests and the Christian faith.</li> </ul>	
<b>Occupational Functions of Graduates</b>	
<p>(i) The graduate could reasonably expect to graduate with well-informed knowledge of the essential content of the Christian tradition, or</p> <p>(ii) Depending on the specialisation completed, 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.</p>	
<b>Majors/ Specialisations</b>	<p>Bible and Language studies - as described above</p> <p>Christian Thought - as described above</p> <p>Ministry Studies - as described above</p>
<b>Rules</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Students may not enrol in more than 20 credit points per semester.</li> <li>ii. 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.</li> <li>iii. Undergraduate degree students may enrol in 600 level language exegesis units on the understanding that the unit is taught and assessed at 600 level.</li> <li>iv. No more than 28cps of foundational level units could be counted in a student's course of study. Biblical language units (LA0**) are excluded from this requirement.</li> </ul>	