

FIRST YEAR UNITS

For information about the availability and timetabling of units, refer to the timetable available on the College website ([Click Here](#)) and the Learning Support System (for enrolled students) ([Click Here](#)).

Biblical Studies (BS) Units

BS102/103 Greek 1A/B

Greek 1A and Greek 1 B contribute to the course by providing knowledge of the basic elements of New Testament Greek, which provides a foundation for New Testament study, preaching from the New Testament, and the discussion of theological vocabulary relevant to other disciplines of theological study. It focuses on morphology, grammar, and vocabulary, assisting students to understand New Testament Greek at a word/sentence level. It relates to the other units in the subject area by introducing students to the nature of language, and equipping students with skills for translation and exegesis. The purpose of this unit is to lay the foundations for reading the New Testament in Greek.

BS106/107 Hebrew 1A/B (*BTh elective*)

Hebrew 1A and Hebrew 1B aim to prepare students to read the Hebrew Scriptures through learning its script, a beginning vocabulary, and a basic knowledge of its grammar. The unit focuses on helping students develop skills of recognising key grammatical features of biblical texts and using these skills to translate simple sentences.

BS111 Old Testament 1

This unit aims to lay a foundation for a life of skilled reading and ever--deepening understanding of the Old Testament. It builds on knowledge of the OT as a theological book (Biblical Theology, BS141) to consider the OT as a historical document and a work of literature, with the ultimate aim of enriching the student's theological reading of Scripture. First, in the course of reading through Genesis and Exodus, a number of basic questions are addressed: What is the OT? How does one read it well? From what historical and cultural context did it arise? What sort of literature is it? How does God speak through it? Then, through an overview of the OT as an historical document of the ancient world, a second set of questions is tackled: What material does the OT contain? How does it relate to the world from which it originated? What does it have to say to that world, and to our own?

Note: BS141 is a pre-/co-requisite for BS111

BS121 New Testament 1

The unit introduces the student to the study and basic (i.e. English- language) exegesis of the New Testament. It establishes the student's knowledge and skill base for reading the New Testament in

literary, theological and historical perspective as a foundational part of Christian ministry. The focus of the unit is the study and exegesis of the English text of the Gospel of Mark and Paul's letter to the Ephesians in a way that is sensitive to literary, theological and historical context. The unit also aims to provide a broad overview of the historical period in which the New Testament was written, through a survey of the key events and figures as presented in the New Testament book of Acts. The unit further aims to provide a basic factual and methodological foundation for future study and exegesis of the New Testament through providing the student with an introduction to key features of the historical background to the New Testament, a broad outline of the contents of the New Testament canon, and an introduction to specific issues in the scholarly study of the New Testament particularly relevant to Christian ministry. The unit will assist in the development of the student's coherent and integrated knowledge of God as revealed in Scripture, as well as their confidence in the grace of God as expressed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

BS130 Biblical Interpretation and Application *(Advanced Diploma of Bible, Missions and Ministry unit)*

The unit contributes to the Advanced Diploma by equipping students with the skills to read and investigate a variety of genres in the Scriptures. It will assist in the graduate's ability to apply God's word to a variety of contemporary issues. The purpose of this unit is to acquire skills for reading and teaching different genres of Biblical books and to develop a framework to apply Biblical thinking to contemporary issues.

BS141 Biblical Theology

The unit contributes to the course by introducing the structure of biblical revelation that will form the framework for biblical interpretation as a foundation for later years of study. It focuses on the unfolding self-revelation of God in human history, as revealed in the biblical literature. It will assist in the development of the graduate's understanding of God's work in this world, through a greater appreciation of how God has revealed himself culminating in the Lord Jesus Christ. The purpose of this unit is to acquaint students with the method and content of biblical theology, and its application to Christian ministry, with special reference to preaching.

Christian Ministry (CM) Units

CM102 Ministry and Mission 1 *(full year unit – both semester 1 and 2, taught in four intensive blocks)*

This unit contributes to the course by applying the truths of doctrine and Biblical studies to the practice of ministry. It enhances the essential skills of evangelism and proclamation required for ministry. It teaches the wisdom of self-reflection and understanding others while learning these skills. It develops a conviction of the importance of evangelism and proclamation as the primary means by which God changes people.

CM105 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry

This unit contributes to the course by providing a theoretical and skills-based grounding in the ministry of pastoral care. It integrates theology, self-awareness, understanding another's circumstances and best practice in pastoral care. The purpose of this unit is the student to engage in and lead a high-quality pastoral care team.

CM130 Leadership in Various Ministry Contexts *(Advanced Diploma of Bible, Missions and Ministry elective)*

This unit contributes to the AdvDBMM course by enabling the student to think through the optimal ways to share the benefit of their learning with other people, recognizing that they are unlikely to have final leadership responsibility. It focuses on the responsibilities and boundaries of leading volunteers in ministry.

CM132 Music Ministry Leadership

This unit contributes to the course by developing the practical skills required to effectively lead a church music ministry. It comprises three components: congregational song leading; leading a music team; planning and leading church services. It will provide a level of tailored instruction and mentoring of the individual, taking into account their particular interests and gifts, and centred around an existing role or student placement. The purpose of the unit is to develop the practical skills and competencies necessary for leading music teams and planning church services under the umbrella of congregational leadership.

CM153 Cross Cultural Christian Communication

The unit contributes to the course by providing students with a framework for understanding and relating to cultural diversity and the processes involved in cross-cultural communication. It focuses on observing and reflecting on cultures according to key parameters (e.g. shame/honour, status/leadership, symbols/language) alongside investigating the underlying processes that are realized in surface cultural manifestations. The purpose of this unit is to develop the students' ability as communicators of the Christian message to connect more effectively with the contemporary world in which we live.

CM161 World Religions and the Gospel

This unit contributes to the course by providing students with the necessary knowledge and skills, from a biblical and theological perspective, to minister in a multicultural and multi-faith environment with a focus on world religions.

CM172 Church, Music and Worship

This unit contributes to the Advanced Diploma of Bible, Mission and Ministry (Music) by laying the theological foundations, with practical implications, of leading a church music ministry. It comprises three applied theological components: doctrine of the Church; the place and purpose of singing within the Church; Biblical theologies of worship and their influence on liturgy and music. The purpose of the unit is to develop the theological skills and competencies necessary for leading music teams and planning church services under the umbrella of the congregational leadership.

CM182 Influences on & Issues for Australian Christian Women

This unit contributes to the diploma course by exploring the sociological and theological influences contributing to the shaping of identity of Australian Christian women. It focuses on significant issues that have shaped the role of women in Australian society and explores the church's response to these issues from a theological and personal perspective. It relates to the other units in the diploma by exploring and then moving beyond the historical circumstances to the theological issues that underpin the events. It will assist in the development of the diplomat's ability to theologically reflect on current societal norms through understanding the effects of previous significant issues. The purpose of this unit is to identify and explore the significant factors shaping the perception of women in contemporary Australian society for the purpose of the Christian women to better understand herself and other women.

CM183 Christian Women in Australia

This unit contributes to the diploma and degree courses by exploring significant life experiences of Australian Christian women that influence the way they view themselves and their relationships with others and with God. It looks at these experiences from a biblical, theological, and pastoral perspective. It seeks to help Christian women better understand themselves, and the Christian women they are ministering to and to

better understand non-Christian women they are seeking to reach with the gospel. It relates to the other units in the diploma and degrees by exploring issues specific to women's ministry, and in doing so demonstrating how to apply Biblical and theological understanding to pastoral situations.

Christian Thought (CT) Units

CT100 Doctrine 1

The purpose of this unit is to introduce students to the knowledge of God revealed in the Bible and the Bible as the source of our knowledge of God. This unit assists the student to develop a framework of Christian doctrine drawn from the Bible out of which they are able to trace connections, draw appropriate inferences, and identify theological consequences of decisions taken. By developing a habit of recourse to the biblical foundations of each doctrine, this unit prepares students for more detailed reflection in the light of classical and contemporary theological writing in Doctrine 2 and Doctrine 3.

CT111 Thinking as a Theologian (*BTh/ThM unit but AdvDBMM students may study instead of CT125*)

The purpose of this unit is to orient students to the nature and practice of theological reading, reasoning and, in particular, the skills of critically relating with others that are fundamental these tasks. The unit assists the student to adopt a framework of reading, reasoning and relating the unit seeks to prepare students for the practice of theological reflection and integration as they progress through the BTh/ThM curriculum.

CT125 Overview of Church History (*Advanced Diploma of Bible, Missions and Ministry unit*)

This unit contributes to the Advanced Diploma in Bible Missions & Ministry by giving students an understanding of the broad sweep of church history which will lay a foundation for engagement in issues relating to the contemporary world and church. Students will have an opportunity to develop a deeper appreciation of the historical development of either Christian mission, church music, or the contributions of women and children to church life. The purpose of the unit is to deepen understanding of and critical engagement with contemporary views and practices in Christian ministry and mission, through an appreciation of historical influences and developments.