

Bachelor of Ministry

Designed as a theological and practical ministry qualification, the Bachelor of Ministry prepares graduates for engagement and service in the church, community, and world.

Graduates have access to a range of postgraduate courses at Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters levels.

How do I start?

If you would like course advice, contact the Academic Dean, Dr Stephen Haar (Deans.Office@alc.edu.au).

If you want to start immediately, simply visit the www.alc.edu.au/education/enrol/higher-education/enrolment-forms page, fill out the application for admission form and return to enrolments@alc.edu.au.



Jesus said: 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations ...'

Matthew 28:19



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A focus on ministry practice

The Bachelor of Ministry [BMin] has an intentional focus on ministry practice and reflection. It provides units designed to prepare women and men for various areas of ministry in the church and society.

A feature of the course is the supervised field experience which provides a close link between units taught and experiences in the field. This field education can be focussed on congregational needs or related to a specific area of ministry (e.g. school chaplaincy, aged care chaplaincy, youth ministry, counselling).

The structure of the BMin offers considerable flexibility for students to follow areas of interest and specialisation.

The BMin is recognised by other denominations as an appropriate initial qualification for individuals preparing for ministry in those denominations. Taken as a dual degree with the Bachelor of Theology, it forms part of the normal academic requirements for candidates wishing to prepare for ordination in the Lutheran Church of Australia.

I commend the Bachelor of Ministry as an excellent degree which combines the study of theology and the living out of theology in ministry practice.

Dr Stephen Haar
Academic Dean

What will I study?

The Bachelor of Ministry is a three year full-time (or up to nine years part-time) course offered on campus at ALC, North Adelaide.

What this course is about

The Bachelor of Ministry prepares students for the practice of ministry.

It establishes foundations for ministry through the study of scriptures, theological traditions, historical and contemporary contexts.

It requires concentrated study in ministry praxis.

The Bachelor of Ministry provides a foundation for graduates to understand and articulate their identity and place in the world.

Course outcomes

Graduates of the Bachelor of Ministry:

- have a broad, coherent and critical knowledge of Christian theological traditions and methodologies, with focused knowledge in ministry studies
- can articulate a coherent vision of ministry and communicate that vision through clear reasoned argument and demonstrated ability
- are able to engage theological traditions and contemporary culture
- have an informed basis for engagement, ministry and service
- apply the skills of theological reflection to shape their practice of ministry.

Course structure

The Bachelor of Ministry consists of 432 points comprised of:

- 72 points in a discipline or disciplines in Field B (Biblical Studies) which must include at least 15 points in each Testament
 - 36 points in the discipline of Church History
 - 72 points in the discipline of Systematic Theology
 - 36 points in a discipline or disciplines in Field D (Theology: Mission and Ministry)
 - 72 points of praxis units in a discipline or disciplines in Field D (Theology: Mission and Ministry)
 - A further 144 points.
- Each course of study for the Bachelor of Ministry:
- must not include more than 216 points at level 1
 - must include at least 108 points at level 3 including 36 points at level 3 in a discipline or disciplines in Field D (Theology: Mission and Ministry)

Entry requirements

Successful completion of secondary education to a standard required for admission to university studies.

When secondary education has not been completed, probationary admission to the course may be permitted. Please consult the Dean.

Where the first language is other than English, the University of Divinity English language proficiency requirements apply.

ALC operates with a policy of credit transfer and recognition of prior learning.

Completion of admission includes a conversation with a course advisor.

Interested in becoming a church worker?

If you want to become an aged care chaplain, school chaplain, ministry worker, or youth worker, the Bachelor of Ministry will provide you with a comprehensive and practical qualification. Contact the Academic Dean for more information.

