

Diploma in Theology

Designed as a foundational theological qualification for church and ministry workers in a range of fields, the Diploma in Theology provides you with opportunities to gain theological knowledge and to apply that knowledge to the practice of ministry.

Graduates may proceed to the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry, the Bachelor of Ministry or Bachelor of Theology.

The Diploma in Theology fulfils the academic component of ALC's 'Discover' program, which integrates formal study with a personal journey of action and reflection practices grounded in local and lived contexts. For more information email: enquiries@alc.edu.au

How do I start?

Discuss your study plan

This brochure provides general course information. Find out whether the Discover program interests you by reading the [Discover-program-information](#) or speak to a course advisor at ALC and explore your enrolment options.

Complete your application

Then go to <https://alc.edu.au/study/apply/> for the application for admission form, and return it to enrolments@alc.edu.au.



*I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord ... to give you
a future with hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

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Introduction to theology and ministry

The Diploma in Theology [DipTheol] is a one year full-time course. It is an introduction to the study of theology and also allows for some level of specialisation for students wanting to explore specific areas of ministry in the church and society. The DipTheol introduces students to the key theological disciplines of Biblical Studies and Christian Thought and History. This is extended by further study in electives in the area of practical ministry studies.

The DipTheol provides a basic initial qualification for those wishing to prepare for specific roles in lay ministry such as youth work, aged care, lay chaplaincy in schools, etc. The DipTheol is a recognised pathway for lay worker accreditation in the Lutheran Church of Australia.

As an accredited course, the DipTheol allows eligible students who decide to continue with the study of theology to build on their diploma to the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry, the Bachelor of Theology or the Bachelor of Ministry.

Entry requirements

- Successful completion of Year 12 in an Australian secondary school, or equivalent.
- Probationary admission is available to approved students who have not completed Year 12.
- Where the first language is other than English, the University of Divinity English language proficiency requirements apply.

I commend the Diploma in Theology as an excellent introductory course in theology and ministry.

Dr Stephen Haar
Academic Dean

What will I study?

The Diploma in Theology consists of 144 points typically made up of eight individual units.

Course outcomes

The **DipTheol** enables students to:

- gain an integrated introduction to Christian theology in general, and Lutheran theology in particular
- become familiar with the literature, language and concepts of theology
- develop the personal and academic skills to reflect theologically on, and to apply theological insights to, issues and challenges in church and society
- explore the relationship between theology and the practice of ministry
- investigate specific aspects of theology relevant to special areas of ministry
- develop interpersonal and teamwork skills for planning, organising and carrying out ministry for church and society
- develop a theological framework for future self-directed or formal study
- undertake studies in a specialised area of interest relevant to the particular needs of the student.

Course structure

2 x Biblical Studies units (Field B)

2 x Christian Thought and History units (Field C)

4 x elective units

Studying off campus?

The following units are recommended to complete core requirements of the

DipTheol:

- The Bible Today A *or* Old Testament Introduction
- The Bible Today B *or* New Testament Introduction
- The Christian Faith
- To the Ends of the Earth: The History of Lutheranism in Australia

Here are just some of the units from which you can choose your 4 elective units:

- Foundations of Evangelism
- Pastoral People 1
- Pastoral People 2
- Survival Skills for Practical Ministry
- Pastoral People at Work (ministry placement unit)
- Worldly Wisdom: Interactions between Philosophy and Theology in the West

Studying on campus?

The following on campus units are recommended to complete core requirements of the **DipTheol:**

- Old Testament Introduction
- New Testament Introduction
- Prolegomena and the Triune God *or* Lutheran Confessions
- To the Ends of the Earth: The History of Lutheranism in Australia

There is a wide choice of elective units available, including the following:

- Introduction to Teaching for Ministry
- Hebrew 1 *or* New Testament Greek A
- Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counselling
- Foundations of Christian Worship and Spiritual Formation

Study options

The course is one year full-time or up to four years part-time.

You can undertake the DipTheol as an online student or by attending classes on campus.

