



# 2025 COLLEGE HANDBOOK

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE COURSES





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## 1. PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



Welcome to Bible College SA.

Our passion is to equip believers to serve Jesus in Adelaide, Australia and beyond so that lives can be transformed by Christ. We believe that studying God's word in scripture is more than gaining information; it is about not being conformed to this world, and being renewed through the transformation of our minds, and through our minds, our lives.

In this booklet, you will find information about our mission as a College and how you can be equipped to take your part in bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to our world. You will find information about course pathways and the philosophy underlying our commitment as a College.

We pray that as you consider the pathway of study suited to your circumstances and purpose, God will use this opportunity to transform you as a disciple of Jesus and equip you to serve him wherever he may lead.

If you have any questions, we would love to talk to you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Dr Tim Patrick  
Principal

## 2. STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe in the Old and New Testaments as inspired of God and wholly trustworthy, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true man inseparably joined in one person for ever.
4. We believe that men and women were created in the image of God, that they sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
5. We believe in the personality of the devil and the universality and heinousness of sin.
6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.
7. We believe that salvation is by grace through faith, and that all who by faith receive the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God.
8. We believe in the physical resurrection of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.
9. We believe in the return of our Lord Jesus Christ to gather His elect, to manifest His Kingdom in power and glory, and to judge the world in righteousness.
10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the impenitent.
11. We believe that the Church is the company of all who have been born again through faith in Christ and have been formed by His Spirit into one body, of which He is the Head, and that the Church is commissioned to go into all the world and proclaim the good news of salvation.

## 3. OUR TRAINING STRATEGY

Bible College SA is about equipping and preparing believers to serve Jesus in their ministry and mission contexts. As our name implies, we believe that the vital "first step" in this preparation is a thorough grounding in the Scriptures and the development of skills that enable better use and understanding of God's word both in our personal lives and as we seek to serve him.

The following table outlines the building blocks of theological education and how each component relates to the areas of study.

<b>BIBLE</b>	Build a framework on which to better understand the Bible through a knowledge of the background and context and an appreciation of God's message not only for the original recipients but also for ourselves today. Develop skills for better understanding and applying Scripture through close study of various parts of the Bible (e.g. "exegetical" skills)	<i>OT Intro</i> <i>NT Intro</i> <i>Hermeneutics</i> <i>Exegesis</i> <i>Greek</i> <i>Hebrew</i>
<b>THEOLOGY</b>	Appreciate the lessons of the past and understand their relevance for today including the history of the Christian Church and the development of Christian thinking over the centuries. Thinking through beliefs and understandings. Theology classes systematically look at the doctrines of the Christian faith.	<i>Christianity in History</i> <i>Theology</i> <i>Ethics</i>
<b>MINISTRY</b>	Develop core skills that set one up for lifelong gospel ministry. Included in these is the ability to lead and care for people, and explain God's word, and develop lifelong disciplines that encourage continued personal spiritual growth and self-awareness. College graduates need to be people who lead by example and demonstrate Godly living.	<i>Practical Ministry</i> <i>Ministry Formation</i> <i>Personal Spiritual Formation</i>

## 4. FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL SKILLS

Through the foundation of biblical studies and building blocks of theological education, we aim to equip our students with the following skills:

The ability to responsibly interpret and meaningfully apply Scripture in the contemporary context.

The ability to articulate and defend foundational Christian doctrines and to identify their implications for contemporary Christian living.

The ability to reflect theologically on contemporary society.



We are affiliated with the [Australian College of Theology \(ACT\)](#) which is an Australian government approved higher education provider, offering awards at AQF (Australian Qualifications Framework) levels 5 - 10, and leading and fostering a robust consortium of independent affiliated colleges, which actively engage in scholarship and collaborate in the provision of theological education. The affiliation with the ACT equips people to faithfully serve God's church and God's world primarily by the provision of quality-assured courses in theology and ministry.

Graduation from Bible College SA requires students to complete at least two thirds of their course at Bible College SA.

The ACT currently have 17 denominational and inter denominational colleges located across Australia. These colleges are represented at all levels of ACT governance.



## 5. STUDYING FULL-TIME

Our full-time study program is holistic and aims to equip students with the ability to contextualise their learning into their mission and ministry contexts. The program purposefully brings together a growing understanding of God's word in Scripture, the development of skills in logic and reasoning, and the sharpening of ministry skills, with a view to helping disciples of Jesus to grow in maturity.

Moreover, we believe that we learn better in community with one another so that as iron sharpens iron, so we sharpen one another. To this end, the full-time program encourages students to engage within the spiritual-academic community of Bible College SA. This involves fellowship together as a worshipping community where God's word is central, sharing in prayer days together, and setting apart each Wednesday afternoon to gather as a student body for interactive ministry formation sessions. By these means, the full-time study program at Bible College SA is designed to be life-changing and to equip men and women for life-long learning.

Involvement in full-time study includes:

- 3-4 units per semester
- Chapel each Tuesday
- Interactive ministry formation sessions each Wednesday afternoon
- Gathering with faculty and students for prayer days each term (Wednesday)
- Joining a prayer triplet with fellow students
- Three day annual Formation Retreat

Because full-time study entails participation in the community life of Bible College SA as part of the course requirements, an applicant for full-time study would normally be twenty two years of age or older and must meet the following criteria. He/she:

- Is a professing Christian who can demonstrate this by, among other things, being able to give an adequate account of personally coming to faith in Christ as Lord and Saviour.
- Is in satisfactory fellowship with an established Christian congregation.
- Is commended to Bible College SA through written references provided by the applicant's pastor/minister and at least one other mature Christian.
- Is able to demonstrate an ability to cope with the academic demands of the chosen program of study as a full-time student.
- Has read and signed Bible College SA's Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct and is willing to participate in Bible College SA life on the understanding that Bible College SA operates within the parameters of these documents.
- Demonstrates sufficient spiritual maturity to adequately benefit from the full-time program.
- Is able to demonstrate that the chosen means of financing full-time study will not hinder his/her ability to meet the full requirements of the academic program and community life of Bible College SA.

All who are interested in full-time study or who have questions about the full-time program are invited to make an appointment with the Academic Administrator for further information. We recommend that if you are training for vocational Christian ministry whether in a local church context, in overseas mission, church-planting, or for a para-church organization such as AFES, we would strongly encourage you to make the next three years a priority in studying full-time and making the most of your time studying at College that God has given to you.

## 6. OTHER MODES OF STUDY

### **PART-TIME STUDY**

This is an option for students particularly who are desiring to study God's word in order to grow their own maturity in Christ and so that they might be equipped to serve in their local churches non-vocationally as small group leaders, for example. Part-time students can take one or two units per a semester and are encouraged to participate in the Bible College SA community as they are able.

### **CROSS- INSTITUTIONAL STUDY**

Are you currently studying at university? Then you may wish to consider taking a unit for cross-institutional credit. Contact your university to find out how many elective units you can study and then contact our Academic Dean to find out which units at Bible College SA are eligible to be taken for cross-credit.

### **AUDIT STUDY**

Maybe you wish to study but not to complete any particular degree. If this is the case, then students may undertake units at any level for personal interest as a non-award student.

If you desire to attend classes but do not wish to undertake assessment associated with that unit, then you may enrol as an audit student. Please take note that students who elect to study as an audit student are still expected to undertake the readings required of the class by the lecturer.

## 7. DELIVERY MODE AT BIBLE COLLEGE SA

At Bible College SA, we believe that studying God's word is best done in a community setting where students and lecturers can have regular interpersonal contact. We are strongly of the view that, wherever possible, preparation for face-to-face ministry should be in face-to-face settings. Therefore, we do not offer online subjects. (However, under special circumstances – eg. those related to Covid-19 – we do allow students to join classes via video link.)

Certain units under select circumstances are offered in the following modes because they satisfy our desire to conduct training in a face-to-face mode.

### **INTENSIVE MODE**

These vary from full day weeklong to being spread over 2 or more blocks or spread through several days in the semester.

### **DIRECTED STUDY CONTRACT (DSC) MODE**

These are units which are guided by a lecturer but require a student to undertake self-directed study and present periodic tutorial papers to the lecturer.

## 8. CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

Students are encouraged to enter into a partnership with their home church while studying at Bible College SA. The level of partnership may vary from simply enabling good communication between Bible College SA, church, and student to a formal internship.

Arrangements such as these can involve through Bible College SA and the home church (or organisation) participating together to provide a personalised training program that enables increased (biblical and theological) knowledge to happen alongside development of ministry skills and personal spiritual growth.

There is considerable flexibility in these arrangements with both the church and student able to determine the outcomes desired and the level of commitment required.

Our study program aims to help students integrate biblical understanding, ministry skills, and personal formation.

In addition to the [Australian College of Theology \(ACT\)](#), Bible College SA offers students a Certificate in Ministry Formation to recognise how they have been involved in this program of integrating theology for life and ministry.

## 9. CERTIFICATE IN MINISTRY FORMATION

The Certificate in Ministry Formation is designed to complement the ACT awards we offer. It has been designed with the support of denominations, mission agencies, and parachurch groups.

There are two major components to the Certificate in Ministry Formation:

### Part A - Personal Formation

### Part B - Ministry Formation

Both of these are covered on Wednesday afternoons.

**Part A** covers issues such as Holiness, Suffering, Character, Prayer (including our Prayer Days each term), Godly Household, Worshipping Disciple (including College Chapel and Spiritual Retreats).

**Part B** includes formation in Growing New Leadership, Dealing with Conflict, Connecting Theology and Life, Sexuality, Finances, How to Run a Ministry, Domestic and Family Violence, Mental Health First Aid.

The learning approach for the Certificate in Ministry Formation is broad. It involves interaction with other students and faculty, personal reflection and growing self-awareness, excursions to relevant ministry contexts, as well as appropriate written and visual resources. A small assessment piece is required for each of the topics in Part B. It is anticipated that students will complete the Certificate with a set of tools ready for them to use in ministry.

## 10. STUDENT FEES



As an Affiliated College of the [Australian College of Theology \(ACT\)](#), Bible College SA's tuition fees are set by ACT on an annual basis. More information about tuition fees is available at <https://www.actheology.edu.au/tuition-fees>.

All students are charged the Bible College SA unit level fee shown in the table below. 2025 fees are as follows:

DEGREE	AQF LEVELS	STANDARD UNIT FEE	FULL-TIME STANDARD FEE/YEAR
Under graduate	Level 5 to 7	\$2,853 (per unit)	\$22,824 (8 units)
Postgraduate	Level 8 to 9	\$3,162 (per unit)	\$25,296 (8 units)

**Note:** To check more details regarding the levels please refer <https://www.aqf.edu.au/aqf-levels>

All units may be audited at a cost of \$600 except for units having visiting speakers which will cost \$800. The total fee payable by a full-time student is the sum of the Bible College SA unit fees. As a guide, the normal full-time load is four units per semester or eight units for the year.

Fees may be paid in any of the following ways:

FEE-HELP	See following information
Term Instalments	Due within 7 days of the commencement of each term
Direct Debit	May be paid over each semester in monthly instalments

## 11. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS

Students studying at Bible College SA may find financial support in a variety of ways:

- a. **Government Assistance:** All courses at a diploma, undergraduate, and graduate levels offered by Bible College SA are eligible for **FEE-HELP** and **Austudy assistance**.
- b. **Employment:** Full-time students are encouraged to find employment during the summer holiday break. Bible College SA recommends that full-time students try to avoid employment during the academic year. Students who need to work part time should do so wherever possible on lecture free days.
- c. **From a Local Church:** A number of students are given a measure of support from their home church. The amount of support, if any, depends entirely on the church and Christian friends.

### FEE-HELP INFORMATION

FEE HELP is a Commonwealth Government loan program for full-time and part-time students. To be eligible for this loan, a student must be an Australian citizen or possess a permanent humanitarian visa.

Eligible students borrow from the government to pay all or part of their Bible College SA fees. This loan is then repaid through the taxation system on a sliding scale once a person's income reaches a nominated threshold - presently, this is \$54,435 (for 24-25 financial year).

FEE HELP is also available for university students undertaking studies for cross-credit to university programs.



Full information is provided in a booklet entitled FEE-HELP Information or from the website: [www.studyassist.gov.au](http://www.studyassist.gov.au)

## 12. COURSE INFORMATION

Bible College SA offers a range of courses that are fully accredited by the Australian College of Theology (ACT). The Australian College of Theology is the oldest and largest theological education body in Australia with highly regarded degrees both nationally and overseas. Our courses range in length from one year to four years and are flexible to suit the contexts and lives of our students.

As an Affiliated College of the [Australian College of Theology \(ACT\)](#), Bible College SA is approved to deliver the following courses of the ACT (CRICOS 02650E).

There are six AQF (Australian Qualifications Framework) levels of study represented in our courses:

- |                  |           |   |   |
|------------------|-----------|---|---|
| <b>AQF Level</b> | <b>5</b>  | - | Diploma of Theology / Ministry                      |
|                  | <b>6</b>  | - | Associate Degree of Theology / Ministry             |
|                  | <b>7</b>  | - | Bachelor of Theology / Ministry / Divinity          |
|                  | <b>8</b>  | - | Graduate Certificate / Diploma of Divinity          |
|                  | <b>9</b>  | - | Master of Divinity / Ministry / Theological Studies |
|                  | <b>10</b> | - | PhD via research                                    |

Each course is structured under ten fields of study. The following table will help you navigate through the course information by outlining the field of study with its code.

### BIBLE AND LANGUAGE

BB	Biblical Studies
LA	Languages
OT	Old Testament
NT	New Testament

### CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

TH	Theology
CH	Christianity in History
PE	Philosophy and Ethics

### MINISTRY AND PRACTICE

EM	Evangelism and Missiology
PC	Pastoral and Church Ministry
DE	Developmental Ministries (Children, Youth, Education, and other specialized areas)

Each course consists of a set number of subjects or units, brief descriptions of which are at the back of this Handbook.

In the following sections, you will find first an overview of the courses offered by Bible College SA and secondly a more in-depth pathway through each course.



# 13. AN OVERVIEW OF OUR ON-CAMPUS COURSES

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

*The shorter courses are suitable for personal spiritual growth and for effective participation in the local church. The longer courses are for professional awards providing a solid foundation in biblical and theological studies and in the theory and practice of ministry skills*

<a href="#"><u>Diploma of Theology</u></a> (1 year equivalent full-time)	Provides some in-depth study of the Bible and theology and an introduction to skills in the chosen ministry area.
<a href="#"><u>Diploma of Ministry</u></a> (1 year equivalent full-time)	Similar to the Diploma of Theology with less biblical study and more emphasis on ministry skills.
<a href="#"><u>Advanced Diploma of Theology / Ministry</u></a> (18 months equivalent full-time)	Both of the above awards can be extended into advanced diplomas allowing students to cover more Bible and theology and/or ministry units.
<a href="#"><u>Associate Degree of Theology</u></a> (2 years equivalent full-time)	Provides an in-depth study of biblical and theological studies for informed participation in Christian ministry.
<a href="#"><u>Associate Degree of Ministry</u></a> (2 years equivalent full-time)	Provides a detailed study of biblical and theological studies and a high level of practical ministry training for participation in Christian ministry.
<a href="#"><u>Bachelor of Theology</u></a> (3 years equivalent full-time)	Provides a thorough foundation in biblical studies and Christian theology for a well-informed teaching ministry.
<a href="#"><u>Bachelor of Ministry</u></a> (3 years equivalent full-time)	Similar to the BTh but with more focus on the theory and practice of ministry skills and less on biblical studies.
<a href="#"><u>Bachelor of Divinity</u></a> (3 years equivalent full-time)	Provides a grounding for ministry by establishing a foundation in biblical and theological knowledge
<a href="#"><u>Bachelor of Theology / Bachelor of Ministry</u></a> (4 years equivalent full-time)	This double degree provides the benefits of both the BTh and the BMin. Ideal for those preparing for pastoral ministry.
<a href="#"><u>Bachelor of Theology (Honours) / Bachelor of Ministry (Honours)</u></a> (1 year equivalent full-time)	The Honours year is completed after 3 years of study and provides the opportunity to undertake solid research in a chosen topic of theological study or ministry. This prepares the student for higher degree research.



## POSTGRADUATE STUDY

*Suitable for personal spiritual growth and as a foundation for ministry within local church*

<a href="#"><u>Graduate Certificate of Divinity</u></a> (6 months equivalent full-time)	A certificate to equip people with a non-theology background to prepare themselves for postgraduate study in theology or divinity.
<a href="#"><u>Graduate Diploma of Divinity</u></a> (1 year equivalent full-time)	A basic theological and biblical foundation for graduates in other disciplines for a better-informed personal ministry.
<a href="#"><u>Master of Divinity</u></a> (3 years equivalent full-time)	Provides a thorough foundation in biblical studies (inc. at least one biblical language) and Christian theology for a well-informed teaching ministry.
<a href="#"><u>Master of Ministry</u></a> (3 years equivalent full-time)	Provides a thorough foundation in biblical studies, Christian theology, and practical ministry to make you a well-formed minister of the gospel.
<a href="#"><u>Master of Theological Studies</u></a> (2 years equivalent full-time)	Provides a thorough foundation in biblical studies, Christian theology, practical ministry and an introduction to the research principles and methods applicable to the specialized study of the theological disciplines. The MTS may be used as a professional development award.

## HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH AWARDS

*Purpose: Intended as preparation for vocational teaching ministry*

<a href="#"><u>Master of Theology</u></a> (1 year equivalent full-time)	A research masters for those desiring to teach in theological education upto AQF level 8.
<a href="#"><u>Doctor of Philosophy</u></a> (3 years equivalent full-time)	Advanced research in a specialised area for those desiring to teach theological education upto AQF level 9.

**Note:** All courses can be done on a part time basis.

# 14. OUR KEY UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMA COURSES

Bible College SA offers diploma awards studied at degree level which articulate on to the Associate Degree and the full Bachelor degrees.



## 14.1. DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY (AQF LEVEL 5, ACT COURSE CODE DIPTH20) - 1 YEAR FULL-TIME

Provides a grounding for ministry by establishing a foundation in theological knowledge and reflection.

### PREREQUISITES

**ATAR:** Completion of Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above; OR

**Previous Qualifications:** Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR

**Demonstrate Academic Suitability for course:** Test, Brief Essay, or Interview.

**Language Qualifications for NESB:** IELTS 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.0 in each subtest OR 10 years English in country experience.

Time limit: 8 years

BIBLE COLLEGE SA RECOMMENDED UNITS (See ACT website for ACT requirements)		
FIELD	UNITS	CREDIT POINTS (CPS)
New Testament	NT001, NT002	24
Old Testament	OT001, OT002	24
Christian Thought (CH/TH/PE)	<b>One of</b> CH001, CH002, TH001, TH002, TH103, TH104	12
Other Units*	Any 3 units from any field at AQF level 5 or above	36
<b>TOTAL CREDIT POINTS REQUIRED</b>		<b>96</b>

**Notes:** 1. For unit offerings in each field and descriptions refer the Appendix

\*Bible College SA encourages students to take **Biblical Theology and Guided Spiritual Formation** as a part of other units for well-rounded ministry knowledge

## 14.2. DIPLOMA OF MINISTRY (AQF LEVEL 5, ACT COURSE CODE DIPMIN20) - 1 YEAR FULL-TIME

The course will integrate studies in the Bible and Christian tradition with practical experience and include supervised practice-based learning where appropriate.

### PREREQUISITES

**ATAR:** Completion of Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above; OR

**Previous Qualifications:** Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR

**Demonstrate Academic Suitability for course:** Test, Brief Essay, or Interview.

**Language Qualifications for NESB:** IELTS 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.0 in each subtest OR 10 years English in country experience.

Time limit: 8 years

BIBLE COLLEGE SA RECOMMENDED UNITS (See ACT website for ACT requirements)		
FIELD	UNITS	CREDIT POINTS (CPS)
Old Testament and New Testament	<b>Two of</b> OT001, OT002, NT001, NT002	24
Christian Thought (CH/TH/PE)	<b>One of</b> CH001, CH002, TH001, TH002, TH103, TH104	12
Ministry and Practice (EM/PC/DE)	Two units at AQF level 5 in these fields	24
Other Units*	Any 3 units from any field at AQF level 5 or above	36
<b>TOTAL CREDIT POINTS REQUIRED</b>		<b>96</b>

**Notes:** 1. For unit offerings in each field and descriptions refer the Appendix

\*Bible College SA encourages students to take **Biblical Theology and Guided Spiritual Formation** as a part of other units for well-rounded ministry knowledge

# 15. OUR KEY UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSES



## 15.1. ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF THEOLOGY (AQF LEVEL 6, ACT COURSE CODE ASDEGTH20) - 2 YEARS FULL-TIME

A course in theology provides a grounding for ministry by establishing a foundation in theological knowledge and reflection.

### PREREQUISITES

**ATAR:** Completion of Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above; OR

**Previous Qualifications:** Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR

**Demonstrate Academic Suitability for course:** Test, Brief Essay, or Interview.

**Language Qualifications for NESB:** IELTS 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.0 in each subtest OR 10 years English in country experience.

Time limit: 6 years

BIBLE COLLEGE SA RECOMMENDED UNITS (See ACT website for ACT requirements)		
FIELD	UNITS	CREDIT POINTS (CPS)
New Testament	NT001, NT002	24
Old Testament	OT001, OT002	24
Biblical Exegesis	<b>Four of</b> NT008/9, NT016/17, NT026/27, NT024/25, OT008/9, OT020, OT0120/11, OT016/17, or OT024/25; or LA005 or LA006, LA003 or LA004	48
Christian Thought (CH/TH/PE)	<b>Three of</b> CH001, CH002, TH001, TH002, TH103, TH104, PE002 with at least 1 from CH, and 1 from TH	36
Biblical Studies	BB002	12
Other Units*	Any 4 units from any field at AQF level 5 or above	48
<b>TOTAL CREDIT POINTS REQUIRED</b>		<b>192</b>

**Notes:** 1. A maximum of 12 units at AQF level 5 and at least 4 units at AQF level 6 or above  
2. For unit offerings in each field and descriptions refer the Appendix

\*Bible College SA encourages students to take **Guided Spiritual Formation** as a part of other units for well-rounded ministry knowledge

## 15.2. ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF MINISTRY (AQF LEVEL 6, ACT COURSE CODE ASDEGMIN20) - 2 YEARS FULL-TIME

Integrates studies in the Bible and Christian tradition with practical experience and include supervised practice-based learning where appropriate.

### PREREQUISITES

**ATAR:** Completion of Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above; OR

**Previous Qualifications:** Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR

**Demonstrate Academic Suitability for course:** Test, Brief Essay, or Interview.

**Language Qualifications for NESB:** IELTS 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.0 in each subtest OR 10 years English in country experience

Time limit: 6 years

BIBLE COLLEGE SA RECOMMENDED UNITS (See ACT website for ACT requirements)		
FIELD	UNITS	CREDIT POINTS (CPS)
New Testament	NT001, NT002	24
Old Testament	OT001, OT002	24
Biblical Exegesis	<b>Two of</b> NT008, NT016, NT026, NT024, OT008, OT010, OT016, or OT024	24
Christian Thought (CH/TH/PE)	<b>Three of</b> CH001, CH002, TH001, TH002, TH103, TH104, PE002 with at least 1 from CH, and 1 from TH	36
Ministry and Practice (EM/PC/DE)	<b>Four of</b> EM, PC, and DE fields	48
Other Units*	Any 3 units from any field at AQF level 5 or above	36
<b>TOTAL CREDIT POINTS REQUIRED</b>		<b>192</b>

**Notes:** 1. At maximum of 12 units at AQF level 5 and at least 4 units at AQF level 6 or above  
2. For unit offerings in each field and descriptions refer the Appendix

\*Bible College SA encourages students to take **Biblical Theology and Guided Spiritual Formation** as a part of other units for well-rounded ministry knowledge

### 15.3. BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (AQF LEVEL 7, ACT COURSE CODE BTH20) - 3 YEARS FULL-TIME

A course in theology which provides a grounding for professional ministry practice by establishing a foundation in theological knowledge and reflection.

#### PREREQUISITES

**ATAR:** Completion of Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above; OR

**Previous Qualifications:** Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR

**Demonstrate Academic Suitability for course:** Test, Brief Essay, or Interview.

**Language Qualifications for NESB:** IELTS 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.0 in each subtest OR 10 years English in country experience.

Time limit: 9 years

BIBLE COLLEGE SA RECOMMENDED UNITS (See ACT website for ACT requirements)		
FIELD	UNITS	CREDIT POINTS (CPS)
Languages	<b>Two of</b> LA005, LA006, LA003 or LA004	24
New Testament	NT001, NT002	24
Old Testament	OT001, OT002	24
Church History	CH001, CH002	24
Biblical Studies	BB002	12
Biblical Exegesis	<b>Five of</b> NT008/9, NT016/17, NT024/25, NT026/27, OT008/9, OT010/11, OT016/17, or OT024/25	20
Theology/Ethics	<b>Four of</b> TH001, TH002, TH103, TH104, PE002	48
Other Units*	Six units from any field at AQF level 5 or above	72
<b>TOTAL CREDIT POINTS REQUIRED</b>		<b>288</b>

**Notes:** 1. A maximum of 12 units at AQF level 5 and at least 6 units at AQF level 7 or above.

2. For unit offerings in each field and descriptions refer the Appendix

3. Biblical exegesis subjects are recommended to be done in the original languages. If less a mark of less than 70% is achieved in LA004 or LA006 then the English exegesis subjects will need to be taken. If special circumstances apply, a student may apply to the Academic Dean for permission to do original language exegesis.

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### 15.4. BACHELOR OF MINISTRY (AQF LEVEL 7, ACT COURSE CODE BMIN20) - 3 YEARS FULL-TIME

The course will integrate studies in the Bible and Christian tradition with practical experience and include supervised practice-based learning where appropriate, for professional practice.

#### PREREQUISITES

**ATAR:** Completion of Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above; OR

**Previous Qualifications:** Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR

**Demonstrate Academic Suitability for course:** Test, Brief Essay, or Interview.

**Language Qualifications for NESB:** IELTS 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.0 in each subtest OR 10 years English in country experience.

Time limit: 9 years

BIBLE COLLEGE SA RECOMMENDED UNITS (See ACT website for ACT requirements)		
FIELD	UNITS	CREDIT POINTS (CPS)
New Testament	NT001, NT002	24
Old Testament	OT001, OT002	24
Church History	CH001, CH002	24
Biblical Exegesis	<b>Three of</b> NT008, NT016, NT024, NT026, OT008, OT010, OT016, or OT024	36
Theology/Ethics	<b>Three of</b> TH001, TH002, TH103, TH104, PE002	36
Ministry & Practice (EM/PC/DE)	<b>Six</b> units including at least two at level 7	72
Other Units*	<b>Six</b> units from any field at AQF level 5 or above	72
<b>TOTAL CREDIT POINTS REQUIRED</b>		<b>288</b>

**Notes:** 1. A maximum of 12 units at AQF level 5 and at least 6 units at AQF level 7 or above.

2. For unit offerings in each field and descriptions refer the Appendix

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### 15.5. BACHELOR OF DIVINITY (AQF LEVEL 7, ACT COURSE CODE BDIV20) - 3 YEARS FULL-TIME

A course in Divinity provides a grounding for ministry by establishing a foundation in biblical and theological knowledge, reflection, and application.

#### PREREQUISITES

**Previous Qualifications:** Non-theological bachelor degree or equivalent.

**Language Qualifications for NESB:** IELTS 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.0 in each subtest OR 10 years in Australia with English being the language primarily spoken both at home and work.

Time limit: 9 years

BIBLE COLLEGE SA RECOMMENDED UNITS (See ACT website for ACT requirements)		
FIELD	UNITS	CREDIT POINTS (CPS)
New Testament	NT001, NT002	24
Old Testament	OT001, OT002	24
Church History	CH001, CH002	24
Biblical Exegesis	<b>Two of</b> NT008, NT016, NT024, NT028, OT008, OT010, OT016, or OT024	24
Theology	<b>Two of</b> TH001, TH002, TH103, TH104	24
Ministry & Practice (EM/PC/DE)	<b>Two</b> units at level 7 or above	24
Other Units*	<b>Twelve</b> units from any field at AQF level 6 or above	144
TOTAL CREDIT POINTS REQUIRED		288

**Notes:** 1. Units in this course are completed at Level 6 and above, including at least 144cps at Level 7 or above.  
2. For unit offerings in each field and descriptions refer the Appendix

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## 16. OUR KEY POSTGRADUATE COURSES

### 16.1. GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF DIVINITY (AQF LEVEL 8, ACT COURSE CODE GCDIV20) - 6 MONTHS FULL-TIME

Graduate Certificate of Divinity is intended to be a general purpose award to provide students who are already graduates with an opportunity to undertake study at an advanced level of selected units in the teaching departments of Bible and Languages, Christian Thought and History, and Ministry and Practice.

#### PREREQUISITES

**Academic Qualifications:** Bachelor degree or equivalent

**Language Qualifications for NESB:** IELTS 7.0 overall with a minimum of 7.0 in reading and writing, and 6.5 in listening and speaking OR 10 years in country experience

Time limit: 2 years

BIBLE COLLEGE SA RECOMMENDED UNITS (See ACT website for ACT requirements)		
FIELD	UNITS	CREDIT POINTS (CPS)
Any unit	<b>Four</b> units from any field at AQF level 8 or above	48
TOTAL CREDIT POINTS REQUIRED		48

**Notes:** 1. All units at level 8 or above  
2. For unit offerings in each field and descriptions refer the Appendix



### 16.2. GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF DIVINITY (AQF LEVEL 8, ACT COURSE CODE GDDIV20) - 1 YEAR FULL-TIME

Introduces graduate students to the sources and content of the Christian story and message at an advanced level, and provides training which combines articulation of this story and message with their application and practice in the contemporary world.

#### PREREQUISITES

**Academic Qualifications:** Bachelor degree or equivalent

**Language Qualifications for NESB:** IELTS 7.0 overall with a minimum of 7.0 in reading and writing, and 6.5 in listening and speaking OR 10 years in country experience

Time limit: 4 years

BIBLE COLLEGE SA RECOMMENDED UNITS (See ACT website for ACT requirements)		
FIELD	UNITS	CREDIT POINTS (CPS)
Bible (OT/NT/BB)	Two of NT001, NT002, OT001, OT002, BB002	24
Christian Thought (TH/CH/PE)	One of CH001, CH002, TH001, TH002, TH103, TH104, PE002	12
Other Units*	Five units from any field at AQF level 8 or above	60
<b>TOTAL CREDIT POINTS REQUIRED</b>		<b>96</b>

- Notes:** 1. All units at level 8 or above  
2. For unit offerings in each field and descriptions refer the Appendix

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### 16.3. MASTER OF DIVINITY (AQF LEVEL 9, ACT COURSE CODE MDIV20) - 3 YEARS FULL-TIME

Introduces graduate students to the sources and content of the Christian story and message at an advanced level and provides training which combines articulation of this story and message with their application and practice in the contemporary world.

#### PREREQUISITES

**Academic Qualifications:** Non-theological bachelor degree or equivalent

**Language Qualifications for NESB:** IELTS 7.0 overall with a minimum of 7.0 in reading and writing, and 6.5 in listening and speaking OR 10 years in country experience

Time limit: 9 years

BIBLE COLLEGE SA RECOMMENDED UNITS (See ACT website for ACT requirements)		
FIELD	UNITS	CREDIT POINTS (CPS)
Languages	LA005 and LA006 or LA003 and LA004	24
New Testament	NT001, NT002	24
Old Testament	OT001, OT002	24
Church History	CH001, CH002	24
Biblical Exegesis	Four of NT008/9, NT016/017, NT024/25, NT026/27, OT008/9, OT010/11, OT016/17, or OT024/25 with at least 2 units in the original language	60
Christian Thought	Four of TH001, TH002, TH103, TH104, PE002, CH008 with at least three TH units	48
Other Core Units	Two units from languages, Biblical Exegesis, or Christian Thought	24
Other Units*	Six units from any field level	84
<b>TOTAL CREDIT POINTS REQUIRED</b>		<b>288</b>

- Notes:** 1. All units at level 8 or above with at least 96cps at level 9  
2. For unit offerings in each field and descriptions refer the Appendix

\*Bible College SA encourages students to take **Biblical Theology and Guided Spiritual Formation** as a part of other units for well-rounded ministry knowledge

#### 16.4. MASTER OF MINISTRY (AQF LEVEL 9, ACT COURSE CODE MMIN20) - 3 YEARS FULL-TIME

Introduces graduate students to the sources and content of the Christian story and message at an advanced level, and provides training which combines articulation of this story and message with their application and practice in the contemporary world.

##### PREREQUISITES

**Academic Qualifications:** Non-theological bachelor degree or equivalent

**Language Qualifications for NESB:** IELTS 7.0 overall with a minimum of 7.0 in reading and writing, and 6.5 in listening and speaking OR 10 years in country experience

Time limit: 9 years

BIBLE COLLEGE SA RECOMMENDED UNITS (See ACT website for ACT requirements)		
FIELD	UNITS	CREDIT POINTS (CPS)
New Testament	NT001, NT002	24
Old Testament	OT001, OT002	24
Church History	CH001, CH002	24
Biblical Exegesis	Three of NT008, NT016, NT024, NT026, OT008, OT010, OT016, or OT024 with at least one OT and NT unit	36
Christian Thought	Three of TH001, TH002, TH103, TH104, PE002	36
Ministry & Practice	Six units from at least two of the fields EM, PC & DE	72
Other Units*	Six units from any field level	72
<b>TOTAL CREDIT POINTS REQUIRED</b>		<b>288</b>

- Notes:** 1. All units at level 8 or above with at least 96cps at level 9  
2. For unit offerings in each field and descriptions refer the Appendix

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#### 16.5. MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (AQF LEVEL 9, ACT COURSE CODE MTS20) - 2 YEARS FULL-TIME

To provide students who are already graduates with the opportunity to undertake study in the disciplines by which knowledge of God is developed.

##### PREREQUISITES

**Academic Qualifications:** Completed 3 year bachelor degree or equivalent

**Language Qualifications for NESB:** IELTS 7.0 overall with minimum of 7.0 in reading and writing, and 6.5 in listening and speaking.

Time Limit: 8 years

BIBLE COLLEGE SA RECOMMENDED UNITS (See ACT website for ACT requirements)		
FIELD	UNITS	CREDIT POINTS (CPS)
New Testament	NT001, NT002	24
Old Testament	OT001, OT002	24
Biblical Exegesis	Two of NT008, NT016, NT024, NT026, OT008, OT010, OT016, or OT024 with at least one OT and NT unit	24
Christian Thought (TH/CH/PE)	Two of TH001, TH002, TH103, TH104, CH001, CH002, PE002	24
Ministry & Practice (EM, PC & DE)	Two units from at least two different fields	24
Other Units*	Six units from any field level plus languages	72
<b>TOTAL CREDIT POINTS REQUIRED</b>		<b>192</b>

- Notes:** 1. All units at level 8 or above with at least 72cps at level 9  
2. For unit offerings in each field and descriptions refer the Appendix

\*Bible College SA encourages students to take **Biblical Theology and Guided Spiritual Formation** as a part of other units for well-rounded ministry knowledge

## 17. OUR HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH COURSES

The postgraduate program at Bible College SA is a pathway for the professional development of gospel workers engaged in vocational mission and ministry so that 'as iron sharpens iron, one sharpens another'. Initial training in theological education equips us with the skills to communicate clearly and effectively God's word in Scripture. Postgraduate study is a strategic step forward for sharpening our skills and for growth in maturity as teachers of God's word in Scripture. Therefore, the postgraduate program is aimed to equip gospel workers with advanced biblical, ministry, and mission skills. We offer both coursework and research pathways.

### AN OVERVIEW OF THE RESEARCH TRAINING PATHWAY

The Research Training Pathway is designed to provide further training in research for those who are preparing to teach in theological education both in Australia and in overseas cross-cultural contexts. The program involves undertaking research in an area of specialisation, peer-review of research pathway by scholars already involved in research and theological education, establishing a publication strategy, and participating in collaborative research forums.

As an Affiliated College of the [Australian College of Theology \(ACT\)](#), Bible College SA is approved to deliver the following courses of the ACT (CRICOS 02650E).

- [Master of Theology](#)
- [Doctor of Philosophy](#)

For more detailed information about Postgraduate study either by coursework or by research, please call the Academic Administrator +618 8291 8188 or email [seglenieks@biblecollege.sa.edu.au](mailto:seglenieks@biblecollege.sa.edu.au)

## 18. APPENDIX



### 18.1. UNIT LEVELS

Units offered by the Australian College of Theology can be done at the AQF levels (5,6,7, 8 or 9) approved for each unit. Students will need to ensure that they complete the required number of units at each level in their course. See the ACT coursework handbook. AQF level 9 includes units as capstones, projects, and advanced units.

### 18.2. NUMBERING

Each unit has an identification code consisting of two letters and three numerals. For example, CH001: "CH" refers to the field of study (i.e. Church History) and "001" identifies the specific unit within the field.

### 18.3. CREDIT POINTS

Each standard unit is assigned a credit point of 12 cps. This represents a volume of learning of 150 hours. A normal load for a full-time student is 96 cps per year.

### 18.4. UNIT CYCLES

Units are offered at the College over a one or two-year cycle as indicated in the table below. Core foundational and other Diploma/Graduate Diploma subjects are offered as evening classes in a four year cycle.



## 18.5. REGULAR UNITS OFFERED

The following units are offered at Bible College SA towards the undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate courses.

FOUNDATIONAL UNITS (AQF LEVEL 5, 6 & 8)		
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT DESCRIPTION
BB002	Biblical Theology and Interpretation	A consideration of how the whole Bible hangs together from Genesis to Revelation, equipping students with an understanding of the skills required in the discipline of biblical theology and the principles of interpretation needed to use the biblical documents in teaching & preaching.
CH001	Christianity in History to 1550	A survey of major developments in the history of the Christian Church - the Church in Imperial Rome, The Church as Christendom, The Continental Churches and Reform.
CH002	Christianity in History from 1550	A survey of major developments in the history of the Christian Church - Reform and Revolution, The Church Universal.
DE010	Foundations for Youth Ministry	This unit will introduce you to different models of youth ministry and issues facing youth today.
EM024	Principles of Evangelism	Biblical and theological perspectives and principles of evangelism. Includes field-work.
LA003	Biblical Hebrew A	An introduction to the grammar and syntax of Classical Hebrew for the purpose of reading and exegeting the Hebrew Bible.
LA004	Biblical Hebrew B	An introduction to the grammar and syntax of Classical Hebrew for the purpose of reading and exegeting the Hebrew Bible.
LA005	New Testament Greek A	An introduction to the grammar and syntax of Koine Greek for the purpose of reading and exegeting the Greek New Testament.
LA006	New Testament Greek B	An introduction to the grammar and syntax of Koine Greek for the purpose of reading and exegeting the Greek New Testament.
NT001	Jesus and the Gospels	A study of the historical background to the New Testament, introduction to the Gospels, and an overview of Jesus' life and ministry.
NT002	Early New Testament Church	The beginnings and expansion of the church, with special reference to the Acts of the Apostles.
OT001	Old Testament Foundations	A study of the content and themes of the Old Testament from Creation to Elijah.
OT002	Old Testament Prophets & Writings	A study of the content and themes of the Old Testament from the Eighth century prophets to the end of Old Testament.

DEVELOPING AND ADVANCED UNITS (AQF LEVEL 6,7, 8 & 9)		
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT DESCRIPTION
CH008	The Continental Reformation	A detailed insight into the causes and nature of the Reformation on the continent. Applying lessons from history to ministry today.
EM021	Living Faiths	The historical roots, beliefs, practices, cultural influences and contemporary reforms in living faiths.
LA007	Advanced Greek	An advanced study of Koine Greek semantics, syntax, and discourse that provides a firm linguistic foundation for in-depth study of the Greek Old and New Testaments as well as a rigorous reading program to help students become more able and comfortable readers of Greek.
LA008	Advanced Hebrew	An advanced study of Classical Hebrew semantics, syntax, and discourse that provides a firm linguistic foundation for in-depth study of the Hebrew Bible as well as a rigorous reading program to help students become more able and comfortable readers of Hebrew
NT008	The Synoptic Gospels (English)	Critical issues in the modern study of the Gospels. Theology of Luke and exegesis of Luke 14-24 from the English text.
NT009	The Synoptic Gospels (Greek)	Critical issues in the modern study of the Gospels. Theology of Luke and exegesis of Luke 19-24 from the Greek text.
NT016	The Fourth Gospel (English)	An introduction to the theology of John's Gospel and exegesis of John 1-8 and 14-16 from the English text.
NT017	The Fourth Gospel (Greek)	An introduction to the theology of John's Gospel and exegesis of John 1-3, 5-6 and 15-16 from the Greek text.
NT024	Other Writings (English)	An introduction to the theology of 1 Corinthians and Hebrews including exegesis of 1 Corinthians 1-4, 12-15 and Hebrews 1-4 from the English text.
NT025	Other Writings (Greek)	Introduction to the theology of 1 Corinthians and Hebrews. Exegesis of 1 Cor 12-15 & Hebrews 1-4 from the Greek text.
NT026	Romans (English)	An introduction to the theology of Romans and exegesis of Romans 1-11 from the English text.
NT027	Romans (Greek)	An introduction to the theology of Romans and exegesis of Romans 1-8 from the Greek text.
OT008	The Pentateuch (English)	The theology of the Pentateuch with special reference to themes such as covenant, law, etc. Exegesis of selected texts from Genesis to Deuteronomy.
OT009	The Pentateuch (Hebrew)	Includes the theology of the Pentateuch and translation and exegesis of the Hebrew text of Gen. 1-3 and Deut. 5-7.

DEVELOPING AND ADVANCED UNITS (AQF LEVEL 6,7, 8 & 9)		
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT DESCRIPTION
OT010	Former Prophets (English)	This course examines the theology of and special issues in the interpretation of the Former Prophets of the Old Testament Scriptures with a consideration of theological themes such as covenant, law, and prophecy and fulfilment. This course also gives special emphasis on close readings from 1-2 Kings.
OT011	Former Prophets (Hebrew)	This course examines the theology of and special issues in the interpretation of the Former Prophets of the Old Testament Scriptures with a consideration of theological themes such as covenant, law, and prophecy and fulfilment. This course also gives special emphasis on close readings of the Hebrew text from 1-2 Kings.
OT016	Wisdom Literature (English)	This course examines the theology of and special issues in the interpretation of the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament Scriptures with a consideration of theological themes such as gives special emphasis on close readings of selections from the books of Job and Ecclesiastes.
OT017	Wisdom Literature (Hebrew)	This course examines the theology of and special issues in the interpretation of the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament Scriptures with a consideration of theological themes such as wisdom, creation, retribution, and moral order. This course also gives special emphasis on close readings of the Hebrew text from selections of the books of Job and Ecclesiastes.
OT024	Jeremiah (English)	This course examines the theology of and special issues in the interpretation of the book of Jeremiah with a consideration of theological themes such as covenant, temple, judgment and salvation, and the new covenant. This course also gives special emphasis on close readings from the book of Jeremiah.
OT025	Jeremiah (Hebrew)	This course examines the theology of and special issues in the interpretation of the book of Jeremiah with a consideration of theological themes such as covenant, temple, judgment and salvation, and the new covenant. This course also gives special emphasis on close readings of the Hebrew text from the book of Jeremiah.
PC002	Foundations of Pastoral Care	Basic issues in pastoral theology; developing an integrated biblical & theological understanding of pastoral ministry; ministry to families and people in various life stages and transitions.

DEVELOPING AND ADVANCED UNITS (AQF LEVEL 6,7, 8 & 9)		
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT DESCRIPTION
PC005	Principles of Christian Counselling	Introducing students to the theory and practice of counselling, various perspectives on lifespan development, and a biblical framework for counselling. Also provides training in practical counselling skills.
PC034	Leadership in Christian Ministry	Includes leadership principles and skills, understanding Australian Society and Personal Development and Field work.
PC077	Guided Spiritual Formation: Consolidated	Helping develop personal and spiritual maturity in relationships with yourself, God, other people, and in ministry
PC092	Congregational Field Education	Courses of learning through observation and supervised participation in a congregational setting.
PC094	Practical Ministry Field Education	Courses of learning through observation and supervised participation in various ministries.
PC047	Introductory Preaching	Introduction to theological and pastoral issues in preaching; basic techniques in exegesis and exposition; preparation and delivery of sermons under supervision.
PE002	Theological Ethics	Includes foundations and shape of theological ethics, philosophical ethics and a selection of contemporary ethical issues.
TH001	The Knowledge of God	Includes concepts of revelation, place of Scripture, creation & providence, humanity, sin & evil.
TH103	The Doctrines of Grace & Eschatology	Includes repentance, faith, work of the Spirit, the kingdom - present & future, judgement, heaven & hell.
TH002	The Doctrine of God & the Work of Christ	Includes attributes of God, Person of Christ, Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, incarnation, death & resurrection of Christ.
TH104	Church, Sacraments & Ministry	Includes the nature, authority & mission of the church, Christian initiation, the Lord's Supper, Christian Worship, and Prayer.

SPECIALIZED UNITS (AQF LEVEL 9)		
UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT DESCRIPTION
xx200	Projects	Demonstrate Specialised knowledge and understanding of, and the research underlying, a selected topic.
xx201	Independent reading unit	Demonstrate an Advanced knowledge of an area of specialisation in a particular unit field.
xx205	Capstone	Demonstrate Specialised knowledge and understanding of interrelationships in research and learning in various fields of study.
xx 206/207	Specialised Units	Demonstrate specialised knowledge & understanding of and research principles & methods used in the respective units.



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