



MELBOURNE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGY)

KEY OBJECTIVE

To provide graduates in Theology or Ministry the opportunity to undertake study at coursework Masters level, in order to consolidate areas of specialization and develop new areas of professional and vocational expertise.

THE MASTER OF ARTS (Theology) is ...

- Draws on prior knowledge and experience and reflects critically on current specialised Theology knowledge, ideas and practice.
- Integrates knowledge from a wide range of sources and contexts in investigating specialised issues in Theology scholarship and practice.
- Presents specialised Theology principles to enable engagement with professional and non-professional audiences using a variety of formats.
- Enables engagement with the challenges of contemporary Christianity, society and the wider world.

THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS WHO TYPICALLY...

- Are hoping to consolidate and enhance their areas of speciality explored through previous study or ministry experience.
- Would like to proceed to new areas of professional and vocational expertise.
- Wish to receive an introduction to the research principles and methods applicable to the specialised study of Theology looking to remain in their vocational settings while growing their capacity for missional leadership.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 5 compulsory core units including a 7,000 - 8,000 word project (1 unit), or a 14,000 - 16,000 word project (2 units).
- 3 electives from any field.

1. Compulsory Core Units

Students will have the opportunity to choose from core subjects in the areas of Biblical Studies & Theology, History and Philosophy & Ethics.

- **Biblical Studies & Theology**

An understanding of the current issues in biblical and theological scholarship is essential to any study of theology. These units will equip students with valuable knowledge for ministry or further study.

- **Christianity in History**

Being able to interpret the past is a key skill in understanding the present. Christianity in History subjects will give detailed glimpses into focused aspects of Christian History.

- **Philosophy and Ethics**

Society is becoming more and more complex, often leaving Christians with a great deal of confusion when attempting to navigate current issues. Subjects in Philosophy and Ethics teach students to think through these challenges from a Christian perspective.

2. Elective Units

A variety of electives are available within your area of interest.

3. Research Project

In depth research in an area of interest discovered in your studies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must hold a Bachelor of Ministry, Theology or other equivalent study.
- Language requirements for NESB: IELTS 7.0 overall with a minimum 7.0 in reading and writing, and 6.5 in listening and speaking.

DURATION

Full time study over 1.5 years. The maximum time allowed is 6 years.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Contact Dr. Peter Riddell, Program Leader for the Master of Arts (Theology) at MST who will be glad to answer your questions.

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MST is an affiliated college with the Australian College of Theology (ACT). A detailed overview of this ACT course can be found online: [MATH48](#)