

Bachelor of Theology

Information for new students in 2012

The **United Faculty of Theology** offers a single undergraduate degree, the Bachelor of Theology, awarded by the **Melbourne College of Divinity**. Students must have passed the Victorian Certificate of Education (year 12) or equivalent; probationary entry is possible for students over 21 years who do not hold a year 12 qualification. Students are expected to have written and spoken English at VCE standard.

The BTheol provides students with a comprehensive introduction to the key theological disciplines. Students undertake specialised study by completing majors in two areas, including at least one of Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology. All students must take at least 4 units in ministry studies, ranging from vocational units in ministry practice such as field placements, to the study of ethics, liturgy and spirituality.

BTheol students complete 24 units over three years full-time or up to nine years part-time. At Level 1, students must take core units in New Testament, Old Testament, Church History, and Systematic Theology, and can then choose from a range of elective units in Greek, Hebrew, Philosophy and Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies before proceeding to level 2 units. Full details can be found on the UFT website at www.uft.edu.au/timetable.

Part-time students are advised to begin their studies with a core unit, to ensure they acquire basic skills and knowledge in Biblical Studies, Church History and Theology. Students who are wishing to study biblical languages are encouraged to do so early in their degrees to gain the full benefit of studying the Scriptures in original language in level 2 and 3 units.

Students can exit a BTheol after completion of 8 units with a **Diploma in Theology**. Students can also enrol in the DipTheol then upgrade to a BTheol and transfer their units.

A full-time load for undergraduate students is four units per semester; part-time students may study for one, two or three units per semester.

Fees Fees in 2012 are \$1098 per unit (\$8784 for a fulltime load). Australian citizens may use the FEE-HELP loan program to meet their fees.

Dates Semester 1 begins 27 February 2012 (enrolments close 16 February)
Semester 2 begins 23 July 2012 (enrolments close 16 July)

Prospective students are most welcome to arrange an appointment with the Dean, Peter Sherlock, or Registrar, Margaret Tropea, to ensure they are eligible for admission, and to discuss a possible enrolment and course progression.

For an appointment please contact the UFT office by phoning reception on 03 9340 8890 or emailing registrar@uft.edu.au. For more information consult our website

www.uft.edu.au

Entry level units in 2012

In 2012 the UFT is offering a new unit for commencing BTheol students

Introduction to Theological Studies (CH/CT179)

This unit introduces the key concepts of Christian theology, focussing on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the biblical, liturgical, historical and doctrinal dimensions of Easter faith. This is an intensive unit taught from 13 to 17 February, and on 24 March and 28 April. Students will make a site visit to an Easter liturgy on 8 April.

Enrolments for this intensive close on Monday 6 February 2012.

First semester units

AP165 Philosophy for Understanding Theology Thursdays 2.15-5.15pm	John Martis
AL100 New Testament Greek A Mondays 10am-1pm, <i>students must attend classes from 10am-3pm on 14 and 16 February.</i>	Catherine Playoust
AL111 Biblical Hebrew Tuesdays 2pm-5pm at Whitley College	Val Billingham
BV100 Introduction to the Old Testament Wednesdays 2.15-5.15pm	Meg Warner
DP105 Introduction to Ministry Formation Fridays 10am-1pm	Ray Cleary
DP180 Foundations of Worship, Preaching & Pastoral Care Fridays 10am-1pm	Randall Prior & others

Second semester units

BN100 Introducing the Gospels: Mark Wednesdays 10am-1pm	Sean Winter
CH115 Memory, History and the Historians Thursdays 6.30-9.30pm	Katharine Massam
CT101 Groundwork in Theology Tuesdays 2.15-5.15pm	Chris Mostert
DP185 Leadership, Teaching and Community Building Fridays 10am-1pm	Randall Prior & Ray Cleary

Online units

The UFT offers a limited selection of BTheol units online through *Theology Online @ MCD*. In 2012 students can choose from the following units:

OBN100 Introducing the Gospels: Mark	first semester
OCH115 Memory, History and the Historians	first semester
OBV100 Introduction to the Old Testament	second semester
OCT101 Groundwork in Theology	second semester