

Revised Course Structure – 2009-2013

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MINISTRY

Introduction

Tabor College Tasmania and Tabor Adelaide have both been subject to re-accreditation under our different State Authorities for our courses for the next 5 years. As part of that process, the Graduate Diploma in Ministry course has been reviewed in depth, resulting in some changes to the structure of the course.

The revised Graduate Diploma in Ministry course demonstrates greater flexibility in combining ministry practice, theological and Biblical studies, and Intercultural studies, as outlined in the course structure below.

The intention behind combining Ministry, Theology, and Culture in this way is to attempt to capture, in every subject offered, something of the dynamic conversation that exists between the Scriptures, the church, and the cultures in which we live. Through this conversation we trust that our students will be equipped to be active and informed participants in the real conversations of life, able to wrestle with the complex opportunities that will be a part of their vocations and to contribute in new ways to the old questions that have stalemated the conversation between Christians and their neighbours.

We recognise that our students will enter this conversation with perspectives shaped by their personal interests and vocational intentions. Some will find themselves exploring the conversation from a desire to improve the ministry practices of the church, some will want to explore and engage the theological traditions of the church, others will want to learn how to be better neighbours through engaging with those outside their home culture. These perspectives are also reflected in the subjects offered in the Graduate Diploma in Ministry course. Each subject will approach the conversation from a particular vantage point while, at the same time, attempting to engage the whole conversation.

Transition arrangements

Students who have enrolled in existing courses will be transferred to the related new course. In order to ensure that topic recombinations do not cause difficulties for any students who have commenced the current course, a recognition of prior learning process will be used to determine a student's subject options in order to complete the course, where necessary.

Levels

For the 2009 re-accreditation Tabor College Tasmania has revised its classification of levels. The new system is set out in the table below. The new system:

- makes no reference to VET awards (previously levels 1 and 2). From 2009, Tabor College Tasmania will not be offering enrolment in VET awards. As a consequence undergraduate studies have been designated as Level 1.
- provides for three levels of study from undergraduate (Level 1) to graduate diploma (Level 2 or 3).
- differentiates between post-graduate awards for which a first degree in the same discipline is a pre-requisite (Level 3) and those for which any first degree will provide entry to the programme (Level 2)
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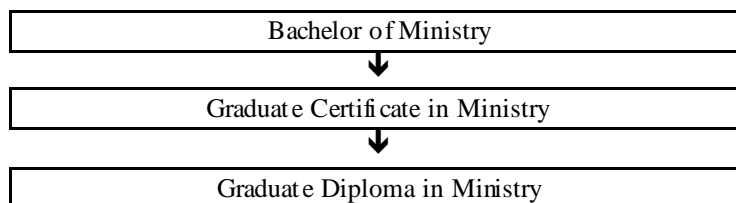
	ENTRY CRITERIA
level 1	Undergraduate entry into an undergraduate course <i>Assessment:</i> Equivalent of 4,000 – 5,000 words per standard 6cp subject
level 2	Graduate entry into a course with no special prerequisites <i>Assessment:</i> Equivalent of 5,000 – 6,000 words per standard 6cp subject OR equivalent of 8,000 words per 12cp coursework subject
level 3	Graduate entry into a postgraduate course with special prerequisites <i>Assessment:</i> Equivalent of 5,000 - 6,000 words per standard 6 cp coursework subject OR equivalent of 8,000 words per 12cp coursework subject

COURSE STRUCTURE

Outline of course structure

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Table Summarising Normal Pathways Showing Articulation



COURSE APPROVAL

Each student's program of study must be discussed with and approved by the Course Coordinator. Where there are specific professional standards to be met or other requirements this will be taken into account in the approval process.

Coursework subjects in the postgraduate ministry courses (offered at level 3) include:

TM1510	Theology, Church and Ministry for a Postmodern World	[12]
TM1511	Contemporary Perspectives in Trinitarian Theology	[12]
TM1512	The Theology of Karl Barth Pastoral Ministry	[12]
TM1513	Ministry and the Christian Spiritual Tradition	[12]
TM1514	Pastoral Ministry in a Scientific Age	[12]
TM1516	Apologetics and Contemporary Culture	[12]
TM1517	The Health of the Minister	[12]
TM1518	Practical Ethics and Pastoral Care	[12]
TM1519	Readings in Pastoral Theology	[12]
TM1520	Readings in Historical Theology	[12]
TM1522	Introduction to Contextual Theology	[12]
TM1523	Readings in Contextual Theology	[12]
TM1524	Theology of Liberation	[12]
TM1525	Readings in Biblical Studies	[12]
TM1526	The Trinity: The Distinctive Christian Doctrine of God	[12]
TM3603	Professional Elective – The Personal Life of the Minister	[12]
TM3604	Professional Elective – Philosophy of Ministry	[12]
TM3634	Professional Elective – Church Life	[12]
TM3635	Professional Elective – Christian Mission	[12]

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE AND GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MINISTRY

The Graduate Diploma in Ministry (with a Graduate Certificate exit point) will normally be delivered in the form of 12-credit point postgraduate subjects, some or all of which may be 12-credit point intensive seminars available either on-campus throughout the year or by external study. Under certain circumstances, students may select a 6-credit point subject from the available range of standard accredited Ministry and Theology subjects, and convert it into a 12-credit point subject with the addition of readings and/or project work.

The Graduate Certificate is composed of 24 credit points; the Graduate Diploma is composed of 48 credit points.

Graduate Diploma in Ministry Course summary [credit points in brackets]

■ <i>Core subjects</i> (if not studied previously)	[12]
TM1102.3 Introduction to Christian Ministry	[6]
TM3305.3 The Church	[6]

Students may, with the permission of the Course Coordinator, replace the core subjects with an alternative 12-credit point subject, if they have completed a subject substantially similar to the core subject in a previous course of study.

■ <i>Coursework elective component</i>	[36 or 48]
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With approval, the new 6-credit point subject, *Developing a Research Proposal*, may be added to the 6-credit point *Research Methodology* subject in order to complete a combined 12-credit point 'research methodology and proposal' learning subject.

These coursework subjects will reflect three broad categories important in professional ministry: pastoral, educational and intercultural.

- The pastoral focus is on *application*, in which learning is applied within a congregational or other church-related ministry context.
- The educational focus is on *teaching*, in which learning is communicated within the framework of a denominational or ecumenical organisation.
- The intercultural focus is on *cultural context*, in which learning will either be applied in an intercultural ministry context or be presented in the form of a substantial original contribution to knowledge concerning the diversity of theological insights and experiences that shape the practice of ministry in today's pluralistic world.

Selection of coursework subjects must be approved by the Course Coordinator. Students may, under appropriate circumstances, enrol in 6-credit point postgraduate subjects as alternatives to the 12-credit point subjects.

The Graduate Diploma in Ministry (with a Graduate Certificate exit point) may also be customised to meet either the pre-service training needs of those preparing for ministry or the continuing education needs of ministers working in general or specialised areas. Under these circumstances, students will be able to complete the award by enrolling in the appropriate number of 6-credit point subjects – as under the current accreditation requirements – instead of the 12-credit point subject framework in the proposed reaccreditation submission.

The Graduate Diploma in Ministry (with a Graduate Certificate exit point) offers the opportunity, beyond an undergraduate program, for further specialisation within a systematic and coherent body of knowledge.

Exit point

Students who successfully complete 24 credit points of the Graduate Diploma in Ministry, including Introduction to Christian Ministry (1305.4) may exit with a Graduate Certificate of Ministry.

2009 TIMETABLING - Hobart

2009 SEMESTER 1		2009 SEMESTER 2	
FIRST YEAR		FIRST YEAR	
		Spiritual Fomation	M / C
Intro to Biblical Interpretation <i>incorporating</i> Reading the Bible faithfully	M / C	The Story of the Church	M
Intro to Old Testament	M	Intro to the New Testament	M
Creative Living	M / C	Communication Skills	M
Intro to Christian Ministry	M	Exploring the Christian Faith	C
Counselling Skills 1	C	Counselling Skills 2	C
Understanding the Biblical Narrative	C	Intro to Worldviews & Human relationships	M / C
		Human Lifespan Develop	C
		Christians in a Multicultural World	M
School Chaplaincy Theory	M / C	School Chaplaincy Practice	M / C
SECOND YEAR		SECOND YEAR	
Spiritual Fomation	M / C	Spiritual Fomation	M / C
Synoptic Gospels Exegesis	M	Pastoral Care	M
Holy Spirit	M	Trinitarian Theology	M
Intro to counselling Theories	C	Counselling theories and practice	C
Understanding Systems & Families	C / M		
Introduction to Psychology	C		
Introduction to Sociology and Culture	C		
World Religions	M		
Grief, Loss & Attachment	C / M		
THIRD YEAR		THIRD YEAR	
		Christian Leadership	M
Supervised Field Education 1	M	Supervised Field Education 2	M
Supervised Placement / Case Management	C	Supervised Placement / Case Management	C
Marriage & Relationship Couns	C	Ethics	M
Jesus the Christ	M	Counsellor Professional Ethics	C
Educational principles	M		

M = Ministry C = Counselling

2009 COLLEGE CALENDAR

Orientation Week	10-13 February	Easter week off	10 – 17 April
Semester 1	16 February – 25 May	School holidays off	7 – 18 September
Semester 2	20 July – 6 November		

COMPARATIVE UNITS 2008 – 2009

In the process of re-registration for our courses covering the years 2009-2013, there have been significant changes in the structure of the courses and in some unit names & codes.

All units completed up to end of 2008 will be recognized under their old name.

Units taken in 2009 and beyond will be known under their new names.

Code	Ministry Units 2008	Code	Ministry Units 2009
1101	Creative Living 1	TM1101	Creative Living
1102	Old Testament Introduction	TM2115	Introduction to the Old Testament
1103	New Testament Introduction	TM2116	Introduction to the New Testament
1109	Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	TM2117	Introduction to Biblical Interpretation
1111	Introduction to Christian History	TM3131	The Story of the Church
		TM1102	Introduction to Christian Ministry
		TM1104	Spiritual Formation
1205	Christology	TM3302	Jesus the Christ
1206	Ministry of the Spirit	TM3203	Holy Spirit
1209	Theological Foundations	TM3201	Trinitarian Theology
1107	Introduction to Christian Belief	TM3112	Exploring the Christian Faith
1230	Christian Spirituality	TM4102	Christian Spirituality
1246	Exegesis 1 (New Testament)	TM2231	Synoptic Gospels Exegesis
1305	Church, Mission & Ministry	TM3305	The Church
1307	Ethics	TM3212	Ethics
1308	Kingdom of God	TM3304	Kingdom of God
2120	Counselling Foundations	CO2120	Introduction to Worldviews & Human Relationships
2124	Counselling Skills 1	CO2124	Counselling Skills 1
2227	Marriage & Relationship Counselling	CO2327	Marriage & Relationship Counselling
2234	Grief & Loss Counselling	CO2234	Grief, Loss and Attachment
2308	Australian Church & Society	TM1103	Christians in a Multicultural World
3110	Public Speaking & Preaching	TM4101	Communication Skills
3226	Pastoral Care	TM4211	Pastoral Care
3241	Leadership 1	TM4210	Christian Leadership
3243	Homiletics	TM4216	Preaching
3341	Leadership 2		
3343	Issues in Ministry	TM4361	Issues in Ministry
3352	Mentoring	TM4313	Mentoring
3366	Ministry Field Education	TM4241	Supervised Field Education 1
4171	Intercultural Life & Work	TM5101	Intercultural Life & Work
4274	Cultural Anthropology	TM4202	Cultural Anthropology
4373	World Religions	TM5203	Introduction to World Religions
		TM2340	Biblical Theology