

School of Ministry and Theology

At undergraduate level the School of Ministry and Theology offers a four-year Bachelor of Ministry and Theology, a four-year Bachelor of Ministry and Theology (Honours), a four-year Bachelor of Theology (Honours), a three-year Bachelor of Theology, and a two-year Associate Degree in Theological Studies. Graduate entry to graduates of other fields of study is also possible for people wishing to enter the ministry. The staff of the School of Ministry and Theology are deeply committed to the gospel of Jesus Christ and the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Bachelor of Ministry and Theology, and the Bachelor of Ministry and Theology (Honours) are designed to prepare graduates for ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In addition, individual units may be taken by interested lay persons and professionals as single, non-award units for Lifelong Learning credit. The degrees also provide a foundation for further reflection and advanced study.

The School also offers a range of postgraduate courses in Ministry and Theology (see the Avondale College of Higher Education Postgraduate Handbook).

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Old Testament

The School offers the following undergraduate degrees

Undergraduate degrees

- Bachelor of Ministry and Theology
- Bachelor of Ministry and Theology (Honours)
- Bachelor of Theology (Honours)
- Associate Degree in Theological Studies

Bachelor of Ministry and Theology

Course code: 4876

Course Convenor: A/Prof Robert McIver

This four-year Bachelor of Ministry and Theology degree is designed specifically to prepare students for ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist church. It is both theological and vocational in nature. The course provides students with a foundation for Ministry and Theology and the resources with which to minister as an employed minister in the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Duration

Four years full-time or equivalent part-time. Must be completed within nine years.

Credit points

192 credit points

Mode of delivery

On campus. First-level units are available by distance education.

Abbreviation of course title

BMinTh

Accreditation

The degree is accredited by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Entry requirements

The general entry requirements for Avondale degree courses are stated in the Academic Policies section of the Handbook.

The following entry requirements are specific to the BMinTh course:

- 1 recommendation from, and telephone interview with pastor of church currently attended by applicant;
- 2 optional telephone interview of applicant by faculty;
- 3 at least two years must have elapsed since the applicant's baptism, during which time the applicant must have been active in a local church.

Field education requirements

There is an intentional placement of and mentoring of students in a local church during their enrolment in the BMinTh degree. A number of specific requirements attached to several of the church ministry units need to be fulfilled in a local church. In order to be placed in a local church, students are required to sign a self-disclosure form (Prohibited Persons Declaration) and consent to a criminal records check. Further information is available in the Field Education Handbook.

Course structure

The course is comprised of

- 3 units in biblical languages
- 1 introductory psychology unit
- 8 units (a major) in biblical studies
- 8 units (a major) in systematic and historical theology
- 8 units (a major) in church ministry
- 4 electives

Three units in Biblical Languages:

BBBL16000	New Testament Greek IA
BBBL16100	New Testament Greek IB
BBBL17000	Hebrew A

One introductory psychology unit:

Either

CMPS16000	Developmental and Pastoral Psychology
<i>or</i>	
CMPS17500	Pastoral Psychology across the Lifespan

Biblical Studies major of 8 Units:

BBNT16000	Gospels A
BBNT17000	New Testament Epistles A
BBNT35100	Gospels B
BBNT36100	New Testament Epistles B
BBNT36200	New Testament Apocalypses
BBOT35000	Old Testament Apocalyptic
BBTR20100	Bible Lands Study Tour

Two of the following second-level Old Testament units:

BBOT26200	Pentateuch
BBOT26500	Old Testament Prophets
BBOT27600	Old Testament Historical Writings
BBOT29000	Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature

BBTR20100 is an elective that may substitute for either BBNT35100 Gospels B or BBNT36100 New Testament Epistles B

Systematic and Historical Theology Major of 8 Units

THCH16500	SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White
THSY16100	Introduction to Theology
THCH26500	Early and Medieval Church
THSY28000	Australian and New Zealand Religions
THCH37100	Historical Theology
THSY36000	Systematic Theology A
THSY36100	Systematic Theology B

One of the following three second-level units:

THSY26000	Ethics and Philosophy of Religion
HIST26500	The Reformation
THSY21000	Contemporary Issues in Science and Theology

Church Ministry major of 8 Units

CMIN16000	Spiritual Formation for Pastoral Ministry
CMIN16100	Communication and Worship
CMIN21500	Ministry: Theory and Practice A
CMIN26500	Preaching in Ministry
CMIN28100	Evangelism in Practice A
CMIN29000	Marriage and Family Ministry
CMIN38100	Evangelism in Practice B
CMIN38300	Ministry: Theory and Practice B

Four electives

Electives may be taken from any unit offered at Avondale for which a student has met the prerequisites.

Extra units are periodically offered in biblical languages, in addition to the three units required above, e.g., BBBL17100 Hebrew B; BBBL26000 New Testament Greek IIA; and BBBL26100 New Testament Greek IIB. By passing at least one of these units in addition to the required Biblical Languages units listed above, a student may earn a minor in Biblical Languages.

A student may take all four electives in a coherent stream to form a minor in disciplines such as Communication, English, Geography, Graphic Design, History, Information Technology, International Poverty & Development Studies, Music, Psychology, or Visual Arts.

Prerequisites

Certain units are prerequisites for other units. For example, students must complete two units of New Testament Greek and one unit of Hebrew before undertaking second or third level New Testament studies or Old Testament studies respectively. Details regarding prerequisites and/or corequisites of specific units are located in the Unit Synopses at the end of this handbook.

Bachelor of Ministry and Theology

Typical Course Structure

Sem				
1	BBNT16000 Gospels A	THCH16500 SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White	THSY16100 Introduction to Theology	CMIN16000 Spiritual Formation for Pastoral Ministry
2	BBNT17000 New Testament Epistles A	BBBL17000 Hebrew A	CMPS16000 Developmental and Pastoral Psychology <i>or</i> CMPS17500 Pastoral Psychology across the Lifespan	CMIN16100 Communication and Worship
3	BBBL16000 New Testament Greek IA	BBOT26200 Pentateuch <i>or</i> BBOT29000 Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature	THCH26500 Early and Medieval Church	CMIN21500 Ministry: Theory and Practice A
4	BBBL16100 New Testament Greek IB	BBOT26500 Old Testament Prophets <i>or</i> BBOT27600 Old Testament Historical Writings	THSY26000 Ethics and Philosophy of Religion <i>or</i> HIST26500 The Reformation <i>or</i> THSY21000 Contemporary Issues in Science and Theology	CMIN26500 Preaching in Ministry
5	BBNT35100 Gospels B	Elective	THSY36000 Systematic Theology A	CMIN28100 Evangelism in Practice A
6	BBNT36100 New Testament Epistles B	Elective	THSY28000 Australian and New Zealand Religions	CMIN29000 Marriage and Family Ministry
7	BBOT3500 Old Testament Apocalyptic	Elective	THCH37100 Historical Theology	CMIN38100 Evangelism in Practice B
8	BBNT36200 New Testament Apocalypses	Elective	THSY36100 Systematic Theology B	CMIN38300 Ministry: Theory and Practice B

Bachelor of Ministry and Theology (Honours)

Course code: 4877

Course Convenor: A/Prof Robert McIver

The four-year Bachelor of Ministry and Theology (Honours) degree is designed specifically to prepare students for ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist church, and to train them in research skills. It is both theological and vocational in nature. The course provides students with a foundation for ministry and theology and the resources with which to minister as an employed minister and researcher in the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Duration

Four years full-time or equivalent part-time. Must be completed within nine years.

Credit points

192 credit points

Mode of delivery

On campus. First-level units are available by distance education.

Abbreviation of course title

BMinTh(Hons)

Accreditation

The degree is accredited by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Entry requirements

Upon successful completion of the first four semesters of the Bachelor of Ministry and Theology program, students with a minimum average of 70% are invited to arrange their selection of units so that they can enrol in THHN42000 Honours Research Methods and Thesis Proposal in Semester 6 of their program.

To advance to Bachelor of Ministry and Theology (Honours) candidature, students need to:

- complete THHN42000 with a passing grade of 70% or above;
- maintain a Credit plus average (70% or above) across all their BMinTh units;
- have approval from the Faculty Research Committee for their research proposal.

In the semester after advancement to candidacy, the student enrolls in THHN42100 Theology Honours Thesis (18 cr pts)

Graduation Levels

Three levels of graduation in the BMinTh(Hons) program are possible:

Honours Class 1 (Hons I):

For students who receive a High Distinction for their thesis and pass all units with a minimum average of 75%.

Honours Class 2, Division A (Hons IIA):

For students who receive a Distinction - High Distinction for their thesis and pass all units with an average of 70-75%.

Honours Class 2, Division B (Hons IIB):

For students who receive a Credit for their thesis and pass all units with a minimum average of 70%.

Students who receive a Credit for their thesis and pass all units with an average below 70% do not graduate from the Honours program, but receive the BMinTh degree.

Field education requirements

There is an intentional placement of, and mentoring of, students in a local church during their enrolment in the BMinTh(Hons) degree. A number of specific requirements attached to several of the church ministry units need to be fulfilled in a local church. In order to be placed in a local church, students are required to sign a self-disclosure form (Prohibited Persons Declaration) and consent to a criminal records check. Further information is available in the Field Education Handbook.

Course Structure

The course is comprised of

- 3 units in biblical languages
- 1 introductory psychology unit
- 8 units (a major) in biblical studies
- 8 units (a major) in systematic and historical theology
- 8 units (a major) in church ministry
- 2 honours units

Three units in Biblical Language

BBBL16000	New Testament Greek IA
BBBL16100	New Testament Greek IB
BBBL17000	Hebrew A

One introductory psychology unit

Either

CMPS16000	Developmental and Pastoral Psychology <i>or</i>
CMPS17500	Pastoral Psychology across the Lifespan

Biblical Studies major of 8 units

Eight of the following units:

BBNT16000	Gospels A
BBNT17000	New Testament Epistles A
BBOT26200	Pentateuch <i>or</i> BBOT29000 Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature

BBOT26500	Old Testament Prophets <i>or</i> BBOT27600 Old Testament Historical Writings
BBNT35100	Gospels B
BBNT36100	New Testament Epistles B
BBBI36000	Biblical Apocalypses
BBTR20100	Bible Lands Study Tour <i>or</i> ENGL21000 Bible as Literature <i>or</i> any unit that starts with a BB code.

Systematic and Historical Theology major of 8 units

THCH16500	SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White
THSY16100	Introduction to Theology
THCH26500	Early and Medieval Church
THSY28000	Australian and New Zealand Religions
THCH37100	Historical Theology
THSY36000	Systematic Theology A
THSY36100	Systematic Theology B

One of the following three second-level units:

THSY26000	Ethics and Philosophy of Religion
HIST26500	The Reformation
THSY21000	Contemporary Issues in Science Theology

Church Ministry major of 8 units

CMIN16000	Spiritual Formation for Pastoral Ministry
CMIN16100	Communication and Worship
CMIN21500	Ministry: Theory and Practice A
CMIN26500	Preaching in Ministry
CMIN28100	Evangelism in Practice A
CMIN29000	Marriage and Family Ministry
CMIN38100	Evangelism in Practice B
CMIN38300	Ministry: Theory and Practice B

Two units in research methodology and thesis writing

THHN42000	Honours Research Methods and Thesis Proposal
THHN42100	Theology Honours Thesis (<i>18 credit points</i>)

Prerequisites

Certain units are prerequisites for other units. For example, students must complete two units of New Testament Greek and one unit of Hebrew before undertaking second or third level New Testament studies or Old Testament studies respectively. Details regarding prerequisites and/or corequisites of specific units are located in the Unit Synopses at the end of this handbook.

Bachelor of Ministry and Theology (Honours)

Typical Course Structure

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1	BBNT16000 Gospels A	THCH16500 SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White	THSY16100 Introduction to Theology	CMIN16000 Spiritual Formation for Pastoral Ministry
2	BBNT17000 New Testament Epistles A	BBBL17000 Hebrew A	CMPS16000 Developmental and Pastoral Psychology or CMPS17500 Pastoral Psychology across the Lifespan	CMIN16100 Communication and Worship
3	BBBL16000 New Testament Greek IA	BBOT26200 Pentateuch or BBOT29000 Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature	THCH26500 Early and Medieval Church	CMIN21500 Ministry: Theory and Practice A
4	BBBL16100 New Testament Greek IB	BBOT26500 Old Testament Prophets or BBOT27600 Old Testament Historical Writings	THSY26000 Ethics and Philosophy of Religion or HIST26500 The Reformation or THSY21000 Contemporary Issues in Science and Theology	CMIN26500 Preaching in Ministry
The first 16 units of the BMinTh (Honours) are identical to the Bachelor of Ministry and Theology. Upon successful completion of the first 16 prescribed units of the BMinTh degree, students with a minimum average of 70% are invited to consider enrolment in the Honours course.				
5	BBNT35100 Gospels B	THCH37100 Historical Theology	THSY36000 Systematic Theology A	CMIN28100 Evangelism in Practice A
6	BBNT36100 New Testament Epistles B (Biblical Studies majors)	THSY28000 Australian and New Zealand Religions	THHN42000 Honours Research Methods and Thesis Proposal	CMIN29000 Marriage and Family Ministry
At the end of semester 6, students advance to BMinTh(Hons) candidature, provided they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have completed THHN42000 with a credit grade of 70% or above; • have a minimum average of 70% or above across all their BMinTh units; • have approval from the Faculty Research Committee for their research proposal. Students who do not advance to BMinTh(Hons) candidature but pass THHN42000 may use this unit as an elective in the BMinTh course.				
7	THHN42100 Theology Hons Thesis			CMIN38100 Evangelism in Practice B
8	BBBL36000 Biblical Apocalypses	THSY36100 Systematic Theology B	Any unit with a code that starts with BB or ENGL21000 The Bible as Literature	CMIN38300 Ministry: Theory & Practice B

Bachelor of Theology

Course code: 4871

Course Convenor: A/Prof Robert McIver

The three-year Bachelor of Theology program is designed for students who wish to undertake the academic study of theology and the Bible, and may be used as a foundation for post-graduate academic study of theology or biblical studies. Biblical languages and Biblical Studies units focus on the primary source for Christian theology. Historical and Systematic theology units focus on ongoing and contemporary theological reflection. A minor in another discipline area broadens the student's knowledge and skills. Electives enable the student to gain extra knowledge and skills in a number of areas.

Duration

Three years full-time or equivalent part-time. Must be completed within nine years.

Credit points

144 credit points

Mode of delivery

On campus. Many first-level units are available in distance education mode.

Abbreviation of course title

BTh

Accreditation

The degree is accredited by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Entry requirements

The general entry requirements for Avondale degree courses are stated in the Academic Policies section of the Handbook.

The following entry requirements are specific to theology courses:

- 1 recommendation from, and telephone interview with pastor of church currently attended by applicant;
- 2 optional telephone interview of applicant by faculty;
- 3 at least two years must have elapsed since the applicant's baptism, during which time the applicant must have been active in a local church.

Course Structure

The course is comprised of

- 3 units in biblical languages
- 1 introductory psychology unit
- 8 units (a major) in either biblical studies or in systematic and historical theology
- 4 units (a minor) in the alternate discipline of biblical studies or in systematic and historical theology
- 4 units (a minor) in another discipline field
- 4 electives

Three units in Biblical Language

BBBL16000	New Testament Greek IA
BBBL16100	New Testament Greek IB
BBBL17000	Hebrew A

One introductory psychology unit:

Either

CMPS16000	Developmental and Pastoral Psychology
<i>or</i>	
CMPS17500	Pastoral Psychology across the Lifespan

Biblical Studies major of 8 units or minor of 4 units

BBNT16000	Gospels A
BBNT17000	New Testament Epistles A
BBOT26200	Pentateuch
BBOT26500	Old Testament Prophets
BBOT27600	Old Testament Historical Writings
BBOT29000	Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature
BBTR20100	Bible Lands Study Tour
ENGL21000	The Bible as Literature

A major must include at least 3 of the following units:

BBNT35100	Gospels B
BBNT36100	New Testament Epistles B

Either

BBNT36200	New Testament Apocalypses
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BBOT35000	Old Testament Apocalyptic
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or

BBBI36000	Biblical Apocalypses
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Systematic and Historical Theology major of 8 units or minor of 4 units

Select from the following list:

THCH16500	SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White
THSY16100	Introduction to Theology
ENGL25000	Literature and Religion
HIST26500	The Reformation
THCH26500	Early and Medieval Church
THSY21000	Contemporary Issues in Science and Theology
THSY26000	Ethics and Philosophy of Religion
THSY28000	Australian and New Zealand Religions

A major must include at least 3 of the following units:

- EDUC34300 Christian Studies III—Philosophy of Christian Education
- ARTS34300 Ethics and Social Justice
- THCH37100 Historical Theology
- THSY36000 Systematic Theology A
- THSY36100 Systematic Theology B
- THWR36400 World Religions

NOTE: A student cannot take both THSY28000 Australian and New Zealand Religions and THWR36400 World Religions for credit.

All students must take either THSY36000 Systematic Theology A or THSY31600 Systematic Theology B.

A minor of 4 units in another discipline

Electives may be taken in other disciplines, such as Church Ministry, Communication, English, Geography, Graphic Design, History, Information Technology, International Poverty & Development Studies, Music, Psychology, or Visual Arts.

4 Electives

Electives may be taken from any unit offered at Avondale for which a student has met the prerequisites. For instance, they may specifically be used to gain a major in both Biblical Studies and in Historical and Systematic Theology (rather than a major in one and a minor in the other).

Extra units are periodically offered in biblical languages, in addition to the three units required above, e.g., BBBL17100 Hebrew B; BBBL26000 New Testament Greek IIA; and BBBL26100 New Testament Greek IIB. By passing at least one of these units in addition to the required Biblical Languages units listed above, a student may earn a minor in Biblical Languages.

Prerequisites

Certain units are prerequisites for other units. For example, students must complete two units of New Testament Greek and one unit of Hebrew before undertaking second or third level New Testament studies or Old Testament studies respectively. Details regarding prerequisites and/or corequisites of specific units are located in the Unit Synopses at the end of this handbook.

Bachelor of Theology

Typical Course Structure

Sem				
1	BBNT16000 Gospels A	THCH16500 SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White	THSY16100 Introduction to Theology	Minor Unit 1
2	BBNT17000 New Testament Epistles A	BBBL17000 Hebrew A	CMPS16000 Developmental and Pastoral Psychology <i>or</i> CMPS17500 Pastoral Psychology across the Lifespan	Minor Unit 2
3	BBBL16000 New Testament Greek IA	BBOT26200 Pentateuch <i>or</i> BBOT29000 Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature	THCH26500 Early and Medieval Church	Minor Unit 3
4	BBBL16100 New Testament Greek IB	BBOT26500 Old Testament Prophets <i>or</i> BBOT27600 Old Testament Historical Writings	THSY26000 Ethics and Philosophy of Religion <i>or</i> HIST26500 The Reformation <i>or</i> THSY21000 Contemporary Issues in Science and Theology	Minor Unit 4
5	BBNT35100 Gospels B (Biblical Studies majors) <i>or</i> THSY36000 Systematic Theology A (Systematic and Historical Theology majors)	BBOT3500 Old Testament Apocalyptic (Biblical Studies majors) <i>or</i> THCH37100 Historical Theology (Systematic and Historical Theology majors)	Elective	Elective
6	BBNT36100 New Testament Epistles B (Biblical Studies majors) <i>or</i> THSY36100 Systematic Theology B (Systematic and Historical Theology majors)	BBNT36200 New Testament Apocalypses (Biblical Studies majors) <i>or</i> THSY28000 Australian and New Zealand Religions (Systematic and Historical Theology majors)	Elective	Elective

Bachelor of Theology (Honours)

Course code : 4873

Course Convenor: A/Prof Robert McIver

The four-year Bachelor of Theology (Honours) program is designed for students who wish to undertake the academic study of theology and the Bible and develop research skills in these areas. A successfully completed BTh(Hons) may be used as a foundation for post-graduate academic study of theology or biblical studies. Biblical languages and Biblical Studies units focus on the primary source for Christian theology. Historical and Systematic Theology units focus on ongoing and contemporary theological reflection. A minor in another discipline area broadens the student's knowledge and skills. Electives enable the student to gain extra knowledge and skills in a number of areas.

Research methodology and thesis writing units constitute the distinguishing features of the BTh(Hons) course.

Duration

Four years full-time or equivalent part-time. Must be completed within nine years.

Credit points

192 credit points

Mode of delivery

On campus. Many first-level units are available in distance education mode.

Abbreviation of course title

BTh(Hons)

Accreditation

The degree is accredited by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Entry requirements

Students advance to candidacy in the BTh(Hons) course from the regular BTh course, the admission requirements of which are detailed elsewhere.

Upon successful completion of the first four semesters of the Bachelor of Theology course, students with a minimum average of 70% are invited to arrange their selection of units so that they can enrol in THNN42000 Honours Research Methods and Thesis Proposal in Semester 6 of their program.

To advance to Bachelor of Ministry and Theology (Honours) candidature, students needs to:

- complete THNN42000 with a minimum average of 70% or above;
- have a minimum Credit average (70% or above) across all their BTh(Hons) units;
- have approval from the Faculty Research Committee for their research proposal.

In the semester after advancement to candidacy, the student enrolls in THNN42100 Theology Honours Thesis (18 cr pts).

Graduation Levels

Three levels of graduation from the BTh(Hons) program are possible:

Honours Class 1 (Hons I):

For students who receive a High Distinction for their thesis and pass all units with a minimum average of 75%.

Honours Class 2, Division A (Hons IIA):

For students who receive a High Distinction or Distinction for their thesis and pass all units with an average of 70-75%.

Honours Class 2, Division B (Hons IIB):

For students who receive a Credit for their thesis and pass all units with a minimum average of 70%.

Students who receive a Credit for their thesis and pass all units with an average below 70% do not graduate from the Honours program, but graduate with a BTh degree.

Course Structure

The course is comprised of

- 3 units in biblical languages
- 1 introductory psychology unit
- 8 units (a major) in biblical studies
- 8 units (a major) in systematic and historical theology
- 4 units (a minor) in another discipline field
- 2 honours units

Three units in Biblical Language

BBBL16000 New Testament Greek IA
BBBL16100 New Testament Greek IB
BBBL17000 Hebrew A

One introductory psychology unit:

Either

CMPS16000 Developmental and Pastoral Psychology

or

CMPS17500 Pastoral Psychology across the Lifespan

Biblical Studies major of 8 units

BBNT16000	Gospels A
BBNT17000	New Testament Epistles A
BBOT26200	Pentateuch
BBOT26500	Old Testament Prophets
BBOT27600	Old Testament Historical Writings
BBOT29000	Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature
BBTR20100	Bible Lands Study Tour
ENGL21000	The Bible as Literature

Including at least 3 of the following units:

BBNT35100	Gospels B
BBNT36100	New Testament Epistles B

Either

BBNT36200	New Testament Apocalypses
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BBOT35000	Old Testament Apocalyptic
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BBBI36000	Biblical Apocalypses
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Systematic and Historical Theology major of 8 units

THCH16500	SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White
THSY16100	Introduction to Theology
ENGL25000	Literature and Religion
HIST26500	The Reformation
THCH26500	Early and Medieval Church
THSY21000	Contemporary Issues in Science and Theology
THSY26000	Ethics and Philosophy of Religion
THSY28000	Australian and New Zealand Religions

Including at least 3 of the following units:

EDUC34300	Christian Studies III—Philosophy of Christian Education
ARTS34300	Ethics and Social Justice
THCH37100	Historical Theology
THSY36000	Systematic Theology A
THSY36100	Systematic Theology B
THWR36400	World Religions

A student cannot take both THSY28000 Australian and New Zealand Religions and THWR36400 World Religions for credit.

2 units in research methodology and thesis writing

THHN42000	Honours Research Methods and Thesis Proposal
THHN42100	Theology Honours Thesis (18 credit points)

Four electives

Electives may be taken in other disciplines, such as Church Ministry, Communication, English, Geography, Graphic Design, History, Information Technology, International & Poverty Development Studies, Music, Psychology, or Visual Arts.

A student may take all four electives in a coherent stream to form another minor or to upgrade a minor to a major.

Prerequisites

All students must take either THSY36000 Systematic Theology A or THSY36100 Systematic Theology B

Certain units are prerequisites for other units. For example, students must complete two units of New Testament Greek and one unit of Hebrew before undertaking second or third level New Testament studies or Old Testament studies respectively. Details regarding prerequisites and/or corequisites of specific units are located in the Unit Synopses at the end of this handbook.

Bachelor of Theology (Honours)

Typical Course Structure

Sem				
1	BBNT16000 Gospels A	THCH16500 SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White	THSY16100 Introduction to Theology	Minor Unit 1
2	BBNT17000 New Testament Epistles A	BBBL17000 Hebrew A	CMPS16000 Developmental and Pastoral Psychology <i>or</i> CMPS17500 Pastoral Psychology across the Lifespan	Minor Unit 2
3	BBBL16000 New Testament Greek IA	BBOT26200 Pentateuch	THCH26500 Early and Medieval Church	Minor Unit 3
4	BBBL16100 New Testament Greek IB	BBOT26500 Old Testament Prophets	THCH26600 The Reformation	Minor Unit 4
5	BBNT35100 Gospels B	THCH37100 Historical Theology	THSY36000 Systematic Theology A	Elective 1
<p>Upon successful completion of the first 20 prescribed units of the above program, students with a minimum average of 70% are invited to enrol in THHN42000 Honours Research Methods and Thesis Proposal in semester 6.</p>				
6	BBNT36100 New Testament Epistles B	THSY27000 Ethics, Philosophy and Science in Theological Context	THNN42000 Honours Research Methods and Thesis Proposal	Elective 2
<p>At the end of semester 6, students advance to BTh(Hons) candidature, provided they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have completed THHN42000 Honours Research Methods and Thesis Proposal with a credit grade of 70% or above; • have a minimum average of 70% or above across all their BTh units; • have approval from the Faculty Research Committee for their research proposal. <p>Students who do not advance to BTh(Hons) candidature but pass THHN42000 may use this unit as an elective towards the BTh degree</p>				
7	THHN42100 Theology Hons Thesis (18 credit points)			Elective 3
8	BBBI36000 Biblical Apocalypses	ENGL21000 The Bible as Literature	THSY36100 Systematic Theology B	Elective 4

Graduate Diploma in Theology

Course code: 4885

Course Convenor: A/Prof Robert McIver

The Graduate Diploma in Theology is designed to extend units undertaken in the undergraduate course. Graduates of the GradDipTheol alone are not eligible for employment as ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on the basis of this degree.

Duration

One year full-time or equivalent part-time. Must be completed within three years.

Credit points

48 credit points (eight 6-credit point units)

Mode of delivery

On campus

Abbreviation of course title

GradDipTheol

Accreditation

The program is accredited by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Entry requirements

Bachelors degree or equivalent and demonstrated proficiency in the English language (eg IELTS 6.5) for students whose first language is not English.

Prerequisites

At least four theology, religions or ministry units at undergraduate or graduate level. Avondale College offers these units in distance mode. Students are encouraged to complete BBBL46000 New Testament Greek 1A and BBBL461000 New Testament Greek 1B by distance education before coming to Avondale College. If they need

to do preliminary units, they can then take two of them in the place of these units while they are completing the Graduate Diploma program itself.

Word processing skills

All applicants are required to have word processing skills.

Preliminary semester of study

Distance Education	On-campus alternative
THCH16500 SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White	THCH16500 SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White
CSTD24300 Christian Studies II	THSY16100 Introduction to Theology
ENGL21000 The Bible as Literature	BBNT16000 Gospels A
PSYC101 Introduction to Psychology (offered at UNE or the equivalent)	CMPS16000 Developmental and Pastoral Psychology

Employment opportunities

Candidates wishing to work as clergy within the Seventh-day Adventist church upon completion of these studies are advised to inform themselves of their employment possibilities within the church before they commence this course.

Credit transfer and Advanced standing

Credit transfer is available for equivalent tertiary level units completed elsewhere (see Avondale College website for more information). However, credit transfer may require the substitution of units but may not necessarily reduce the overall duration of the course.

Summary of minimum requirements in the Graduate Diploma in Theology

Component of course	Units	Credit points
Biblical Formation	4–6	30–36
Theological-Historical Formation	2–4	12–18
TOTAL	8	48

Unit sequences

Biblical formation sequence

BBBL46000	New Testament Greek IA	6 cr pts
BBBL46100	New Testament Greek IB	6 cr pts

Plus at least two of the following four units:

BBBI46000	Jewish and Christian Apocalyptic Literature	6 cr pts
BBNT45100	Selected Themes in the Gospels of Matthew and John	6 cr pts
BBNT46100	Exegetical Studies in New Testament Epistles	6 cr pts
BBOT46200	Torah in Context	6 cr pts

Theological-historical formation

At least two of the following four units:

THCH46500	Studies in Christian History (Early and Medieval Periods)	6 cr pts
THRN45000	Research Seminar in Theological Studies	6 cr pts
THSY48000	Themes in Systematic Theology I	6 cr pts
THSY48100	Themes in Systematic Theology II	6 cr pts

Elective

Selected from codes BBNT, BBOT, HSTI, CMIN, BBBL THCH, THRN or THSY at 300-Level

Students who have done a unit in a comparable area at undergraduate level will not normally be allowed to do a corresponding unit in a Graduate Diploma program. If necessary, they may substitute a fourth-level independent topic, such as THBB42000 Independent Topic in Biblical Studies or THBB42500 Independent Topic (in Religious Studies). Independent Topics may be repeated for credit.

Course assurance

The “Second Providers” for the Graduate Diploma in Theology are:

- Sydney College of Divinity
- Australian College of Theology

<p align="center">Graduate Diploma in Theology Course Standard Course Structure (one year)</p>				
Sem	Prerequisites: four units at undergraduate or postgraduate level in either theology, religion or ministry			
1	BBBL46000 New Testament Greek 1A	BBNT45100 Selected Themes in the Gospels of Matthew and John	THSY46500 Studies in Christian History (Early and Medieval Periods)	THSY48000 Themes in Systematic Theology I
2	BBBL46100 New Testament Greek 1B	BBNT46100 Exegetical Studies in New Testament Epistles	BBOT46200 Torah in Context	THSY48100 Themes in Systematic Theology II

Graduate Diploma in Ministry

Course code: 4886

Course Convenor: A/Prof Robert McIver

The Graduate Diploma in Ministry is designed to extend units undertaken in the undergraduate course. Graduates of the GradDipMin alone are not eligible for employment as ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on the basis of this degree.

Duration

One year full-time or equivalent part-time. Must be completed within three years

Credit points

48 credit points (eight 6-credit point units)

Mode of delivery

On campus

Abbreviation of course title

GradDipMin

Accreditation

The program is accredited by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Entrance requirements

Bachelors degree or equivalent and demonstrated proficiency in the English language (eg IELTS 6.5) for students whose first language is not English.

Prerequisites

At least four theology, religion or ministry units at undergraduate or postgraduate level. Avondale College offers these units in distance mode for students unable to fulfil this prerequisite. Contact the Course Convenor for more information.

Preliminary semester of study

Distance Education	On-campus alternative
THCH16500 SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White	THCH16500 SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White
CSTD24300 Christian Studies II	THSY16100 Introduction to Theology
ENGL21000 The Bible as Literature	BBNT16000 Gospels A
PSYC101 Introduction to Psychology (offered at UNE or the equivalent)	CMPS16000 Developmental and Pastoral Psychology

Employment opportunities

Candidates wishing to work as clergy within the Seventh-day Adventist church upon completion of these studies are advised to inform themselves of their employment possibilities within the church before they commence this course.

Credit transfer and Advanced standing

Credit transfer is available for equivalent tertiary level units completed elsewhere (see Avondale College website for more information). However, credit transfer may require the substitution of units but may not necessarily reduce the overall duration of the course.

Summary of minimum requirements in the Graduate Diploma in Ministry

Component of course	Units	Credit points
Spiritual-pastoral formation	6	36
Theological-historical formation	1	6
Elective	1	6
TOTAL	8	48

Required units

Spiritual–pastoral formation

CMIN46500	Homiletics	6 cr pts
CMIN48100	Evangelism in Ministry I	6 cr pts
CMIN48200	Evangelism in Ministry II	6 cr pts
CMIN48300	Church Ministry Practice	6 cr pts
CMIN48400	Church Ministry Leadership	6 cr pts
CMPS46600	Family Systems Theory	6 cr pts

Theological-pastoral formation

THRN45000	Research Seminar in Theological Studies	6 cr pts
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Elective

One elective unit at fourth level or higher with codes beginning with either BB or TH

Course assurance

The “Second Providers” for the Graduate Diploma in Ministry are:

- Sydney College of Divinity
- Australian College of Theology

Graduate Diploma in Ministry Standard Course Structure (one year)

Sem	Prerequisites: four units at undergraduate or postgraduate level in either theology, religion or ministry			
1	CMIN48100 Evangelism in Ministry I	CMIN48200 Evangelism in Ministry II	Elective BB or TH units taken at fourth level or higher	CMIN48300 Ministry in Practice A
2	CMIN46500 Homiletics	CMIN48400 Church Ministry Leadership	CMPS46600 Family Systems Theory	THRN45000 Research Seminar in Theological Studies
NOTE: Field placement is required throughout the course. The assessed field education components are incorporated into most of the CMIN (Church Ministry) units.				

Associate Degree in Theological Studies

Course code: 4872

Course Convenor: A/Prof Robert McIver

The Associate Degree in Theological Studies is designed primarily for those who wish to undertake 2 years of academic study in two or more of the following specialisations: Biblical Studies, Theological Studies, and/or Ministry Studies. With a suitable selection of units, the degree may be used to prepare candidates for supporting lay ministries in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia and New Zealand. It prepares them to both transmit and critically evaluate ministry, theological and denominational perspectives, and provides an enhanced theoretical and practical framework for the student's professional life.

Mixed-mode delivery is especially offered for those candidates who are already in part time or full time Church ministry positions

Duration

Two years full-time or equivalent part-time. Must be completed within nine years.

Credit points

92 credit points

Mode of delivery

On campus and in mixed-mode delivery. Some first-level units are available in distance education mode.

Abbreviation of course title

AssocDegTheolStuds

Accreditation

The degree is accredited by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Entry requirements

The general entry requirements for Avondale degree courses are stated in the Academic Policies section of the Handbook.

The following entry requirements are specific to theology courses:

- 1 recommendation from, and telephone interview with pastor of church currently attended by applicant;
- 2 optional telephone interview of applicant by faculty;
- 3 at least two years must have elapsed since the applicant's baptism, during which time the applicant must have been active in a local church.

Course Structure

All units are to be taken from the three discipline areas listed below.

At least 4 units must be taken in each of two of these streams. At least 3 units must be taken at second level or above (i.e., with unit codes whose first numeral is at least "2").

In this two-year course, students do not normally take the units listed for the BMinTh and the BTh at third level or above (i.e., with unit codes whose first numeral is at least "3"). However, they could theoretically count, although they are not listed below.

Biblical Languages and Biblical Studies

BBBL16000 New Testament Greek IA

BBBL16100 New Testament Greek IB

BBBL17000 Hebrew A

BBNT16000 Gospels A

BBNT17000 New Testament Epistles A

ENGL21000 The Bible as Literature

BBBI26000 Biblical Apocalypses

BBOT26200 Pentateuch

or

BBOT28200 Pentateuchal Studies

BBOT26500 Old Testament Prophets

or

BBOT29300 Studies in Old Testament Prophets

BBOT27600 Old Testament Historical Writings

or

BBOT29500 Studies in Old Testament Historical Writings

BBOT29000 Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature

or

BBOT29100 Studies in Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature

BBOT26500 Old Testament Prophets

BBOT27600 Old Testament Historical Writings

BBOT29000 Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature

BBTR20100 Bible Lands Study Tour

Systematic and Historical Theology

THCH16500 SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White

THSY16100 Introduction to Theology

ENGL25000 Literature and Religion

HIST26500 The Reformation

THCH26500 Early and Medieval Church

THSY21000 Contemporary Issues in Science and Theology

THSY26000 Ethics and Philosophy of Religion

THSY28000 Australian and New Zealand Religions

Church Ministry and Pastoral Psychology

CMIN10500 Children's Ministry in the Local Church

CMIN16000 Spiritual Formation for Pastoral Ministry

- CMIN16100 Communication and Worship
- CMIN16400 Small Groups in Ministry
- CMIN16500 Youth Ministry in the Local Church
- CMIN18300 Ministry Practicum
- CMPS16000 Developmental and Pastoral Psychology
- CMPS17500 Pastoral Psychology across the Lifespan
- CMIN21500 Ministry: Theory and Practice A
- CMIN26500 Preaching in Ministry
- CMIN17000 Introduction to Personal Evangelism
- CMIN27500 Discipling The Unchurched
- CMIN28100 Evangelism in Practice A
- CMIN29000 Marriage and Family Ministry

Sequence of Units

Variations in the sequence of units is possible, however, second level units (with “2” as the first numeral of their code) should not normally be taken before the second year of the course; third level units (with “3” as the first numeral of their code) should not normally be taken before the third year of the course.

Certain units are prerequisites for other units. For example, students must complete two units of New Testament Greek and one unit of Hebrew before undertaking second or third level New Testament studies or Old Testament studies respectively. Details regarding prerequisites and/or corequisites of specific units are located in the Unit Synopses at the end of this handbook.

Associate Degree in Theological Studies Typical Full-time Course Structure				
Sem				
1	BBNT16000 Gospels A	THCH16500 SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White	THSY16100 Introduction to Theology	CMIN16000 Spiritual Formation for Pastoral Ministry
2	BBNT17000 New Testament Epistles A	BBBL17000 Hebrew A	CMPS16000 Developmental and Pastoral Psychology <i>or</i> CMPS17500 Pastoral Psychology across the Lifespan	CMIN16100 Communication and Worship
3	BBBL16000 New Testament Greek IA	BBOT26200 Pentateuch <i>or</i> BBOT29000 Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature	THCH26500 Early and Medieval Church	CMIN21500 Ministry: Theory and Practice A
4	BBBL16100 New Testament Greek IB	BBOT26500 Old Testament Prophets <i>or</i> BBOT27600 Old Testament Historical Writings	THSY26000 Ethics and Philosophy of Religion	CMIN26500 Preaching in Ministry

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Typical Part-time Course Structure

The units below are presented in mixed mode, with students completing work by distance before and after face-to-face sessions in January - February and June - July

Semester

1	CMIN18300 Ministry Practicum
2	BBNT17000 New Testament Epistles A
3	CMIN16100 Communication and Worship
4	BBBI26000 Biblical Apocalypses
5	THCH26600 The Reformation
6	CMPS16000 Developmental and Pastoral Psychology
7	THYSY28000 Australian and New Zealand Religions
8	CMIN10500 Children's Ministry in the Local Church
9	THSY16100 Introduction to Theology
10	CMIN26500 Preaching in Ministry
11	BBOT28200 Pentateuchal Studies
12	CMIN16400 Small Groups in Ministry
13	THCH16500 SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White
14	CMIN21500 Ministry: Theory and Practice A
15	CMIN16500 Youth Ministry
16	BBNT16000 Gospels A

