

Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Ministry

Course code: 4870

Course coordinator: TBA

This four-year BTh/BMin combined 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 theology and ministry 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. A small number of first-level units are available in distance education mode.

Abbreviation of course title

BTh/BMin

Accreditation

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

Entry requirements

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

The following entry requirements are specific to the Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Ministry 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 BTh/BMin 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 BTh/BMin is a four-year degree consisting of a minimum of thirty-two 6-credit point units (192 credit points) over eight semesters. All units are worth six credit points (unless otherwise specified) with a notional semester workload of 150 hours, averaging 10–12 hours per week (including contact hours). The course is comprised of biblical-theological formation, pastoral formation and general education.

Required units

Biblical Formation

BBBL16000	New Testament Greek IA
BBBL16100	New Testament Greek IB
BBBL17000	Hebrew A
BBNT36200	New Testament Apocalypses
BBOT26200	Pentateuch
BBOT26500	Old Testament Prophets
BBOT36100	Old Testament Seers and Sages

plus at least one of

BBNT16000	Gospels A
BBNT1700	New Testament Epistles A
BBNT35100	Gospels B
BBNT36100	New Testament Epistles B

Theological-Historical Formation

THCH16500	SDA History and Ministry of Ellen White
THCH26500	Early and Medieval Church

plus at least six of

THCH26600	The Reformation
THCH37100	Historical Theology
THRN35000	Research Seminar in Theological Studies
THSY16100	Introduction to Theology
THSY27000	Ethics, Philosophy and Science in a Theological Context
THSY36000	Systematic Theology A
THSY37100	Historical Theology (Modern Period)

Spiritual-Pastoral Formation

CMIN16000	Spiritual Formation for Pastoral Ministry
CMIN16100	Communications and Worship
CMIN26500	Preaching in Ministry
CMIN28100	Evangelism in Practice A
CMIN28200	Australian and New Zealand Religions
CMIN28300	Ministry in Practice A
CMIN38100	Evangelism in Practice B
CMIN38300	Ministry in Practice B
CMPS16000	Developmental and Pastoral Psychology

General education

plus up to eight electives

NOTE: In addition to the units listed above, the following electives are regularly offered within the Faculty of Theology:

BBBL17100	Hebrew B
BBBL26000	New Testament Greek IIA
BBBL26100	New Testament Greek IIB
BBTR20100	Bible Lands Tour (<i>odd years</i>)
CMIN10500	Childrens Ministry in the Local Church (<i>odd years</i>)
CMIN16500	Youth Ministry in the Local Church (<i>even years</i>)
CMPS36500	Marriage and Family Psychology
THCH27500	Ellen White: Life and Writings

Course assurance

Details of course assurance arrangements are shown on the Avondale website. For the Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Ministry the “Second Providers” are:

- Christian Heritage College
- Australian Catholic University
- Sydney College of Divinity
- Australian College of Theology

Degree structure

The typical structure for the BTh/BMin degree is shown on the following page.

Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Ministry Typical Grid

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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 NT Epistles A	BBBL17000 Hebrew A	CMPS16000 Developmental and Pastoral Psychology	CMIN16100 Communication and Worship
3	BBBL16000 New Testament Greek 1A	BBOT26500 Old Testament Prophets	THCH26500 Early and Medieval Church	CMIN21500 Ministry: Theory and Practice A
4	BBBL16100 New Testament Greek 1B	BBOT26200 Pentateuch	THCH26600 The Reformation	CMIN26500 Preaching in Ministry
5	BBNT35100 Gospels B	Elective	THSY36000 Systematic Theology A	CMIN28100 Evangelism in Practice A
6	BBNT36100 NT Epistles B	THSY27000 Ethics, Philosophy and Science in Theological Context	THCH37100 Historical Theology (Modern Period)	CMIN28200 Australian and NZ Religions
7	BBOT36100 Old Testament Seers and Sages	Elective	THRN35000 Research Seminar in Theological Studies	CMIN38100 Evangelism in Practice B
8	BBNT36200 New Testament Apocalypses	CMPS36500 Marriage and Family Psychology	THSY36100 Systematic Theology B	CMIN38300 Ministry: Theory and Practice B

Components of BTh/BMin course	Units	Credit Points
Biblical Languages	3+	18+
Biblical Studies (in addition to the language requirement, to make a minimum of 8 units)	5+	30+
Theology and Church History studies	8+	48+
Church Ministry	8+	48+
General education	0–8	0–48
TOTAL	32	192

NOTES FOR BTh/BMin degree

- Eight (8) subjects must be completed at 300-level or above, at least two of these must be with a TH prefix, and two with a BB prefix
- Students must pass eight subjects which have a field placement associated with them. (Please note, these subjects, eight in number, are: CMIN16000; CMIN16100; CMIN26500; CMIN28100; CMIN28200 CMIN28300; CMIN38100; CMIN38300)
- Students must also pass the following subjects: CMPS16000; THCH16500; THSY16100; BBOT26500; BBOT26200; BBOT36100 and BBNT36200.