



2025 Master of Theological Studies (first theology award)

Structure for a first theology award, with a missions focus

Unit Selection Guide

16 units = 192 credit points (12cps each)

All units at AQF level 8 and above, including a minimum of 60cps at level 9 and a project or capstone unit.

Graduates of BMin or BTh granted 48cps block credit

Graduates of AQF level 8 or 9 award granted up to 96cps block credit

Allowed time for completion: 2 years F/T, up to 8 years P/T

2025 cost per unit: \$3162

Semester 1 Start date: Monday 10 February

Semester 2 Start date: Monday 21 July

*Courses started before 2025 do not require Interpreting and Preaching Scripture

Unit Code	Unit Title	Sem	Delivery Mode	Delivery Location	Delivery Slot	Pre/corequisites
4 foundational Bible units						
OT001-812	Old Testament Foundations	S1 S1	Semester Intensive (19-23 May)	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	
OT002-812	Old Testament Prophets and Writings	S2 S2	Semester Intensive (29 Sep-3 Oct)	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	
NT001-812	Jesus and the Gospels	S1	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	
NT002-812	The Early New Testament Church	S2	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	
1 foundational Ministry and Mission unit*						
PC+++812	Interpreting and Preaching Scripture	S1	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	
2 Christianity in History units						
CH001-812	Christianity in History to 1550	S1	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	
CH002-812	Christianity in History from 1550	S2 S2	Semester Intensive (14-18 July)	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Evening Day	
2 Theology units						
TH001-812 w TH206-912	Knowledge of God	S1	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	24cps OT/NT
TH002-812 w TH206-912	Doctrine of God, Work of Christ	S2	Semester	On-Campus	Day	24cps OT/NT
TH103-812 w TH205-912 & TH206-912	Doctrines of Grace and Eschatology	S2	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	24cps OT/NT
TH104-812 w TH205-912 & TH206-912	The Church and its Ministry	S1 S2	Semester Intensive (8-12 Sep)	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Evening Day	24cps OT/NT
1 Old Testament exegesis units						
OT008-812 w OT206-912	The Pentateuch (English)	S1	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Evening	OT001
OT014-812	Exilic Prophecy (English)	S2	-	Not available in 2025		OT002
OT016-812 w OT205-912 & OT206-912	Wisdom Literature (English)	S1	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	OT002
OT020-812 w OT205-912 & OT206-912	The Psalter (English)	S2	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	OT002

1 New Testament exegesis units						
NT008-812 w NT205-912 & NT206-912	The Synoptic Gospels (English)	S2	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	NT001
NT016-812 w NT205-912 & NT206-912	The Fourth Gospel (English)	S1	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	NT001
NT018-812 w NT206-912	Pauline Theology & Romans (English)	S1	-	Next available in 2026		NT002
NT024-812 w NT205-912 & NT206-91	Other Writings (English)	S2	Intensive (29 Sep-3 Oct)	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	NT002
5 elective units - with at least one EM0**-812 unit, including any unit from the list above						
EM017-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912	Spiritual Formation for Cross-Cultural Settings	S1	Semester	On-Campus	Day	
PC076-812 w PC205-912 & PC206-912	Personal and Spiritual Formation for Christian Ministry	S1	Semester	On-Campus	Day	
DE014-812 w DE206-912	Chaplaincy in Educational Settings	S1	-	Not available in 2025		
EM008-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912	Cross-Cultural Communication	S1	Semester	On-campus	Day	
EM014-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912	Teaching in Intercultural Settings	S2	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Evening	
EM021-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912	Living Faiths	S1 S2	Intensive (20-24 Jan) Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus On-Campus	Day	
EM025-812 w EM206-912	Applied Evangelism	S2	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	
EM026-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912	Church Planting (Cross-Cultural)	S2	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	
EM040-812 w EM206-912	Cross-Cultural Field Education	S1	Semester	On-Campus	Day	
EM060-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912	God's Mission and the Local Church	S2	Semester	On-Campus	Day	
EM033-8/912	The Gospel, Cultural Anthropology and Ethnographic Methods	S2	Distance	Next available in 2026		
EM039-8/912	Making Disciples Across Cultures	S2	Distance	Off-Campus	Day	
EM049-8/912	Ministry in Culturally Diverse Teams	S1	-	Not available in 2025		
EM052-8/912	Contextualisation of Theology and Ministry Practice	S1	Distance	Off-Campus	Day	
PC003-812 w PC206-912	Pastoral Skills and Methods	S2	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	
PC&&&-812 w PC206-912	Practical Foundations for Pastoral Ministry	S2	Semester	On-Campus	Day	
PC058-8/912	Conflict Management for Ministry Workers	S2	-	Next available in 2026		
PC070-812 w PC205-912	Empowering Leadership	S2	Intensive (14-18 July)	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	
PC073-8/912	Self-care and Resilience in Ministry	S2	-	Next available in 2027		
PC^^^812 w PC206-912	Advanced Preaching	S2	Semester	Off-Campus, On-Campus	Day	PC+++

PE001-812	Christian Ethics	S1	Semester	On-Campus, Off-Campus	Day	
AS001-8/912	Introduction to Research Methods	S1	Semester	Blended	Day	
**200-912	12cp Project 7000wd (EM, PC, DE)	S1 S2	Semester	Off-Campus, On-Campus		AS001-8/912
**200-924	24cp Project 12000wd (EM, PC, DE)	S1 S2	Semester	Off-Campus, On-Campus		AS001-8/912
**200-936	36cp Project 16000wd (EM, PC, DE)	S1 S2	Semester	Off-Campus, On-Campus		AS001-8/912

Additional unit and mode information can be found here: <https://www.smbc.edu.au/study/units>

Unit times can be found on the timetable. Visit <https://www.smbc.edu.au/resources/timetables>

Existing students can find course progression advice here: <https://w4.smbc.edu.au/course/view.php?id=1520>

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