Explore Theology Postgraduate Qualifications at Otago

- Chaplaincy
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- Faith-Based Leadership and Management (new in 2019)

All qualifications are available by distance learning
Qualifications in Faith-Based Leadership and Management

Postgraduate Diploma in Faith-Based Leadership and Management (PGDipFBLM) and Master of Faith-Based Leadership and Management (MFBLM)

These qualifications have been designed for professionals involved in the leadership and management of faith-based organisations who seek advanced professional education to enhance their work.

The aim of these programmes is to enhance leadership and management in faith-based organisations through study in both Theology and Business Administration.

The University of Otago is launching this new area of Postgraduate Study, beginning in Semester 1, 2019.

All papers are available anywhere via Distance Learning.

The Structure of the Qualifications

The Postgraduate Diploma in Faith-Based Leadership and Management consists of 120 points of taught papers. This is made up of three 20-point 400-level taught papers in Theology and four 15-point 400-level taught papers in the area of Business Administration. In each case there is a range of options to choose from.

The Master of Faith-Based Leadership and Management involves the seven taught papers taken for the Postgraduate Diploma in Faith-Based Leadership and Management and a Research Dissertation (MINS590) worth 60 points. The Research Dissertation is 16,000-20,000 words in length and is an investigation of some area of the contemporary practice of leadership and management in a faith-based context.

NOTE: The Programme offers workshops on Research Methods for those who have not done a formal course in Research Methods. Participation in these workshops is required for those enrolling in MINS 590

Admission

The admission requirement for the Masters and the Postgraduate Diploma is a degree or equivalent three-year qualification in any subject area with satisfactory grades. In cases where the student's prior qualifications do not include theological study, they may be required to undertake one or more 300-level papers in Theology in order to satisfy the prerequisites for specific 400-level papers in BIBS and/or CHTH.

For more information

PGDipFBLM - otago.ac.nz/pgdipfblm
MFBLM – otago.ac.nz/mfblm
Qualifications In Chaplaincy

Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy (PGCertChap)
Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy (PGDipChap)
Master of Chaplaincy (MChap)

These programmes are professional qualifications designed for

- people who currently work as Chaplains in a variety of settings who seek advanced professional education to enhance their work or
- people who want to train to be Chaplains.

With the help of Chaplaincy organisations in New Zealand, we have designed programmes that will meet the needs of chaplains in diverse settings.

All papers are available anywhere via Distance Learning.

The Structure of the Qualifications

Qualifications comprise a blend of papers: three core Chaplaincy papers (List A) and a choice of more wide-ranging papers that relate to the general interests of Chaplains (List B).

The Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy involves six taught papers. All three of these can be taken from List A; or two of the three can be from List A with a third paper from List B.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy involves six taught papers. These are made up of the three papers from List A, and three additional papers from List B.

The Master of Chaplaincy involves the six taught papers taken for the Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy and a Research Dissertation (MINS 590) worth 60 points (the equivalent of half a year of full-time study). The Research Dissertation is 16,000 to 20,000 words in length and is an investigation of a topic emerging from the contemporary practice of Chaplaincy.

NOTE: The Programme offers workshops on Research Methods for those who have not done a formal course in Research Methods. Participation in these workshops is required for those enrolling in MINS 590.

List A
MINS 409 Chaplaincy Studies
MINS 410 Pastoral Care in Dying, Grief and Loss (Semester 2, 2019)
MINS 411 Chaplaincy in Diverse Contexts (Semester 1, 2019)

List B
BIBS 412 Special Topic: The Book of Job (Semester 2, 2019)
MINS 408 Cultures, Migration and Faith
MINS 412 Church in Mission: Theology in Changing Cultures
MINS 413 Missional God, Missional People
BIBS 413 God, Suffering and Justice
CHTH 415 Reconciliation, Christian Ethics and Public Theology (Semester 2, 2019)

CHTH 416 The Theology of Bonhoeffer
CHTH 420 Public Theology and Social Justice
CHTH 422 Citizenship, Democracy and Discipleship (Semester 1, 2019)
CHTH 423 Theology and Human Well-Being (Semester 1, 2019)

Admission

Admission requirements for the Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma and Masters programme are a degree or equivalent three-year qualification (not necessarily in Theology) with satisfactory grades. In cases where a person's prior qualifications do not include theological study, the student may be required to undertake one or more 300-level papers in Theology in order to satisfy the prerequisites for specific 400-level papers in Biblical Studies (BIBS) and/or Christian Thought and History (CHTH). Direct Admission to the Master of Chaplaincy requires an average of B+ in the 300-level papers of the undergraduate degree programme.

From the Certificate, to the Diploma, to the Master In Chaplaincy

Students who have completed the three-paper Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy may go on to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy by taking three additional papers. Students who have completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy may complete the Master of Chaplaincy by undertaking workshops on Research Methods and the 16,000-20,000-word Research Project.

For more information
PGCertChap - otago.ac.nz/pgcertchap
PGDipChap - otago.ac.nz/pgdipchap
MChap - otago.ac.nz/mchap

Qualifications In Ministry

Postgraduate Diploma in Ministry (PGDipMin)
Master of Ministry (MMin)

Would you like to enhance your work in Ministry?

These programmes are specifically designed for Ministers, Priests, Pastors and others involved in a range of ministries. Linking theory to practice, the aim is the enhancement of contemporary ministries.

The Master of Ministry is a two-year degree. The Postgraduate Diploma in Ministry comprises the first year of the Master's degree. Full-time and part-time options are available.

The Structure of the Qualifications

The Postgraduate Diploma in Ministry involves six taught papers, of which three are papers in Ministry Studies (MINS) and three are in Biblical Studies (BIBS), Christian Thought and History (CHTH) and Pastoral Theology (PAST).

The Master of Ministry involves the six taught papers for the Postgraduate Diploma in Ministry and a Research Dissertation of 25,000 – 30,000 words on an issue in contemporary ministry.

NOTE: The Programme offers workshops on Research Methods for those who have not done a formal course in Research Methods. Participation in these workshops is required for those enrolling in MINS 5.

Papers on Offer In 2019
Semester 1 with an Intensive, Jan 29 – Feb 1, Auckland
MINS 414 Arts and Culture in Christian Ministry and Mission

MINS 410 Literature and Meaning
MINS 411 Pastoral Care in Dying, Grief and Loss

BIBS 423 The New Testament Epistles
CHTH 422 Citizenship, Democracy and Discipleship
CHTH 423 Theology and Human Well-Being
MINS 411 Chaplaincy in Diverse Contexts

Semester 2
BIBS 412 Special Topic: The Book of Job
CHTH 415 Reconciliation, Christian Ethics and Public Theology
MINS 410 Pastoral Care in Dying, Grief and Loss

Full Year Papers
BIBS 480 Research Essay
CHTH 480 Research Essay
PAST 480 Research Essay
MINS 5 Research Dissertation (90 points)
(full year, or over 18 months or 2 years)

Admission

A minimum of three years' ministry experience is required for the MMin; this is not required in the case of the PGDipMin. A Theology degree or equivalent three-year programme of study in Theology, with satisfactory grades, is normally required for entry to both the MMin and PGDipMin.

For more information
PGDipMin - otago.ac.nz/pgdipmin
MMin - otago.ac.nz/mmin
More Information on the 400-Level Theology Papers Offered In 2019

MINS 414  Arts and Cultures in Christian Ministry and Mission
(Intensive, Jan 29 – Feb 1, Auckland)
The role of the arts in expressing, shaping, nourishing and critiquing Christian faith, including how the arts in different theological traditions might enrich Christian ministry and mission.

Semester 1
BIBS 423  The New Testament Epistles
Study of key themes of the Apostle Paul's thought, and detailed study of Romans 3:21-7.25.

CHTH 422  Citizenship, Democracy and Discipleship
Examination of the relationship between Christian discipleship and democratic citizenship, with particular attention to the biblical and theological principles that support robust civic engagement by Christians.

CHTH 423  Theology and Human Well-Being
An investigation of Christian understandings of what it is to be human, and their implications for human well-being in contemporary society.

MINS 411  Chaplaincy in Diverse Contexts
The role of the chaplain in diverse contexts, with particular emphasis on the forms of traumatic stress that chaplains deal with in each setting.

Semester 2
BIBS 412  Special Topic: The Book of Job

CHTH 415  Reconciliation, Christian Ethics and Public Theology
Theoretical and practical approaches to reconciliation in the aftermath of division and violence, including the ethical challenges in transforming personal, social and structural relationships damaged by conflict. The paper explores both the pitfalls and the positive potential that Christian theology might offer.

MINS 410  Pastoral Care in Dying, Grief and Loss
The role of chaplains, ministers and other caregivers in situations of death, dying and loss, and the ways they can facilitate a healthy grieving process.

Papers offered in other years

BIBS 412  Israel's Return from Exile
BIBS 413  God, Suffering and Justice
BIBS 403  The Puritans: Working out the English Reformation
CHTH 405  The Roots of Public Theology
CHTH 414  The Theology of Søren Kierkegaard
CHTH 416  Theology of Bonhoeffer
CHTH 420  Public Theology and Social Justice
MINS 406  Theological Perspectives on Leadership
MINS 407  Preaching and Communication in a Contemporary Context
MINS 408  Cultures, Migration and Faith
MINS 409  Chaplaincy Studies
MINS 412  Church in Mission: Theology in Changing Cultures
MINS 413  Missional God, Missional People

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