Explore Theology Postgraduate Qualifications at Otago

• Ministry

All qualifications are available by distance learning
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, from 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.

The Research Dissertation for the MMin (25,000-30,000 words) is based on original research of an aspect of the practice of ministry. A research proposal, defining the topic and outlining the method, must be approved prior to enrolling. Contact the Department for details of the time periods over which this research may be undertaken.

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.

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

General Information

Study Options and Distance Learning

Because these qualifications are offered by distance learning they are suited for those who wish to study from home while in full-time or part-time employment or vocation. Papers may be taught as one-week Intensives with ongoing reflection and assessment throughout the semester. Or they may be taught by video conference, generally with a teaching day near the beginning of the semester.

Fees and Enrolment

The fees for 2019 have not yet been set. They will be available on the University website at a later stage. In 2018, the fees were:

- BIBS and CHTH 400-level papers $1098
- MINS 400-level papers $1312
- BMBA 500-level papers $2143

Online enrolment opens in September 2018. To enrol go to otago.ac.nz and click on ‘Find Your Programme’.