

POSTGRADUATE



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- 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, 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.

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'.

Papers on Offer In 2019

Semester 1 with an intensive, Jan 29 – Feb 1, Auckland:

MINS414 Arts and Culture in Christian Ministry and Mission

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

An in-depth study of the book of Job in light of recent research.

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.

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)

Papers offered in other years

BIBS 412 Israel's Return from Exile

BIBS 413 God, Suffering and Justice

CHTH 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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