



St Mark's
NATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTRE



2026 PROSPECTUS



**PREPARE FOR YOUR
LIFE OF SERVICE**



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SERVICE OVER SELF

Welcome to St Mark's National Theological Centre

While the world speaks endlessly of “me time,” we invite you to embrace a different calling—the joy of giving yourself for others, following Christ Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve.

St Mark's was imagined by Bishop Ernest Burgmann as an oasis within our nation's capital—a place designed not for retreat into self, but for renewal through selfless purpose. Since 1957, our Centre has been a place to encounter God in his Word. We've equipped students from every walk of life: clergy, teachers, care workers, and community leaders.

We're here to build you up for your life of service. For this, we build on an ancient bedrock. We're committed to a confessional, biblically grounded, and graciously lived Christianity. We keep an open heart to all the great Christian traditions but our foundations are, and will remain, Anglican.

A thought-through faith is vital to a faith that lasts. You can begin that journey with accredited courses in theology,

ministry, pastoral counselling, or professional supervision. We can take you through to post-graduate research in our Master of Theology or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs. All our programs are nationally-recognised qualifications awarded through Charles Sturt University.

Life is busy for those who serve. That's why our study modes are flexible. You can learn online or on campus, so study fits alongside your work and your vocation. With FEE-HELP, fee offset for research degrees, and undergraduate fees up to 30% lower than other theological colleges, we open doors wide to all who are called to serve.

We invite you to discover St Mark's—a place where you are renewed, not for your own sake alone, but so you can become a source of renewal for Australia and beyond. Come to a community shaped for service, so that you, too, may go out to fulfill God's great purpose of bringing all things together in Christ.



Dr Jacqueline Service

Director, St Mark's National Theological Centre

Senior Lecturer in Systematic Theology

BECOME A DIFFERENT KIND OF GOAT

A Word From Our Director

If you're familiar with the younger generation, you might know this acronym: GOAT—Greatest of All Time.

There have been many “greats” throughout history—in the sciences, music, the arts, in literature and philosophy.

Then there are those “greats” that have closer connections to us—these are the people who have quietly and personally nurtured our lives. These closer “greats” often share a common characteristic—they give, not seeking their own interests but unassumingly serve others. They offer their time, their skills, their very breath and being to see others blessed.

This pattern of life—the linking of greatness with humble service—is sadly absent from many of today's professions and spaces. Dog-eat-dog competition, the race to succeed,

and selfish ambition have left much of modern society bereft of true greatness. Instead of fullness of joy and purpose, many feel depleted and exhausted.

We need to hear again the extraordinary truth Jesus revealed, “... *whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.*” (Mark 10:43)

Here, at St Mark's National Theological Centre, we are committed to equipping today's generations with the deep riches of the Christian faith—a faith that sustains the long and often difficult journey of service, wherever it may lead. It may be in education, public institutions, the defence force, small business, civil society, family and friendship, executive leadership, or church and outreach ministries.

We are also committed to equipping both women and men for leadership and ministry, knowing that Christ's redeeming work is most evident when we serve together in unity. At St Mark's, you'll be encouraged to fully become who God calls you to be in Christ—a humble servant, called to greatness.

As you begin your studies, you will be resourced with theological, spiritual, and practical wisdom, as well as academic rigour, to sustain your unique journey under Christ.

You will be supported in a growing community of collaboration, where:

- **Scripture** shapes,
- **reason** and **tradition** infuse,
- **experience** and **prayer** invigorate, and
- where you will be led to pursue **excellence in theology and scholarship.**

At St Mark's we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, who, "*... came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*" (Mark 10:45)

So, what about you? Do you sense a prompting—a nudge—that it's time to take another step toward transformation?

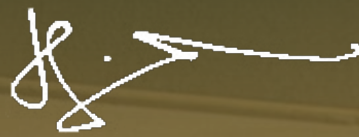
Perhaps it's time to draw from the deep wells of Christian spirituality, worship, and teaching so that you can serve your community and the world.

So, come.

Come—to a place where we pursue not only academic excellence but also the embodiment of faithful Christian conviction.

Come—to a place committed to love, truth, and grace in Christ Jesus.

Come—to a place called St Mark's National Theological Centre.



A portrait of The Rev Dr Geoff Broughton, a man with long brown hair and a goatee, smiling. He is wearing a black t-shirt. The background is a blurred green foliage.

The Rev Dr Geoff Broughton

Associate Professor of Practical
Theology, Charles Sturt University
School of Theology

YOUR SOUL, YOUR ROLE, AND YOUR CONTEXT

A Word From Our Deputy Director

My faith in Jesus Christ informs and animates all aspects of my vocation as an educator, leader, theologian and pastor. Theology enables us to ask the big questions and better serve each other, the church and the wider world.

Our philosophy as educators is the integration of knowledge with lived experience.

In all contexts—from my early youth ministry to the decades I lived and ministered among marginalised communities in the inner city to the last 15 years at St Mark's—I remain intent on making the connections between faith, learning and life for myself and for others.

Where and how might you be called to serve God's church or God's world?

While formation for ministry remains an integral part of the St Mark's mission, the reality is most students serve beyond the church in schools, faith-based organisations, and, particularly here in Canberra, in Defence or government.

Here at St Mark's we are aware of the challenges of faithful service in leadership in these areas: Jacqui has served in the public service here in Canberra and I have been the rector (senior pastor) of two inner-city Anglican churches in Sydney. St Mark's creates a soft, brave space to have difficult conversations.

In professional/pastoral supervision we often speak of the intersection between your soul (my sense of calling to connect theology and life), your role (I am deputy director) and context (the intersection of Church and University).

Enrol in one of our courses and we'll equip you to serve your context by developing your role and deepening your soul. We look forward to meeting you.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to be 'Geoff Broughton', located at the bottom right of the text area.





FOR THOSE CALLED FOR ORDAINED SERVICE

Formation Program for Anglican Ministry

St Mark's began as a library—a place where people could come to learn and grow. Before long, it became a space for preparing women and men for ordained ministry in the Anglican Church of Australia.

Today, we continue that calling, but with a wider focus. Alongside future clergy, we also walk with lay leaders and everyday Christians who want to serve faithfully in their churches and communities. Some of these people discover along the way a deeper sense of God's call—to become deacons or priests, to serve as chaplains in the community, or to lead a parish church.

God is raising up leaders to serve the Church—is that you?

For those exploring ordination within the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, St Mark's partners with the bishop to guide and equip you. Once accepted as an applicant, you'll enter a two-year formation journey.

Some applicants study theology at the same time, as required by the bishop. Others come having already completed a theological degree. Unlike our open Charles Sturt University courses, the formation program is more personal and specific: it's open only to those whom the bishop has given provisional approval to ordain. Alongside the bishop's discernment, you'll need to show an active Christian faith, current involvement in ministry, a pastoral recommendation, and undertake assessments to ensure there are no impediments.

We see formation as a season of service and growth—a time of stretching, encouragement, and being made ready for what lies ahead. Monthly gatherings involve reading, reflection, and practical training for Anglican ministry. Our trainers will support you with guidance, honest feedback, and encouragement as you prepare for a life of service. Formation can be demanding, but it is also deeply rewarding—and a journey you don't do alone.

INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE?

If you'd like to explore this further, you can call us at St Mark's or reach out to the bishop's office. We'll walk you through the bishop's requirements, explain the program in detail, and introduce you to the bishop's delegate who accompanies candidates through the ordination journey.

We also encourage you to join our St Mark's mailing list and look out for our Ordination Enquiry Days, held once or twice a year in partnership with the Diocese. These are great opportunities to ask questions, meet others on the journey, and take the next step in discerning your call to serve.



UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE

Our Courses

In partnership with



Charles Sturt
University

- Undergraduate Certificate in Theological Studies
- Bachelor of Theology
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies
- Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies
- Master of Arts (Theological Studies)
- Master of Theology
- Master of Philosophy (Arts and Education)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Arts and Education)
- Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision (Pastoral)
- Graduate Diploma of Pastoral Counselling
- Master of Pastoral Counselling

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ST MARK'S AND CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

A 30-year Partnership

In 1995, St Mark's entered into a partnership with Charles Sturt University to form the School of Theology, which is currently part of the Faculty of Arts and Education.

The partnership ensures St Mark's meet national standards of academic excellence, and that our graduates have qualifications that are recognised globally.

The School of Theology has established a reputation for its emphasis on student learning, quality teaching, and excellence in research. These are combined with a flexible learning environment that includes face-to-face teaching, online delivery of subjects, and intensives.

We don't merely teach theology—we do theology together. As seekers of truth, we wrestle with some of the deep questions around faith, meaning and spirituality.

Our faculty are committed to delivering faithful, comprehensive, rigorous, and vibrant theological education. We respect each learner's starting point in their journey, helping them to see how other views from within the Christian tradition may inform their own.

Research is also highly valued in the School. We foster a scholarly theological community that engages with contemporary issues. This community of research is embodied in our postgraduate research program and in the ongoing research and scholarship of our teaching faculty.

FUNDING YOUR STUDY

HECS-HELP Loan

HECS-HELP is a loan which allows you to defer paying fees until you are earning a salary. If you are eligible for and are offered a Commonwealth supported place, the majority of your tuition fees will be subsidised and you will only be required to pay a portion of the total amount, which can be deferred through HECS-HELP.

A HECS-HELP loan can cover all or part of your student contribution amount, and you repay it through the taxation system once you are earning a certain salary.

Read more about Commonwealth Supported Places:
study.csu.edu.au/get-support/help-with-costs/government

Check out your eligibility for a HELP loan:
www.studyassist.gov.au

FEE-HELP Loan

FEE-HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible fee-paying students pay all or part of their tuition fees. It cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or text books. The total amount of FEE-HELP a person can use is known as the 'FEE-HELP limit'.

For more information:
studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/fee-help

Scholarships and Grants

A range of scholarships and grants may help you with some of the costs of studying at Charles Sturt University. Being granted a scholarship may be easier than you think. Start planning early!

View the full range of scholarships:
study.csu.edu.au/get-support/scholarships

See if you are eligible for a Charles Sturt University alumni discount:
alumni.csu.edu.au/benefits/study-discounts

Use Charles Sturt University's fee calculator:
study.csu.edu.au/apply/fees-costs

Credit for Prior Learning

When you apply to study at Charles Sturt University, you may be eligible to receive credit based on Recognition of Prior Learning for your previous study and/or work experience.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is an assessment process that involves assessment of an individual's relevant prior learning (including formal, informal and non-formal learning) to determine the credit outcomes of an individual application for credit. Your application for credit, including full documentation of your prior learning, will need to be submitted together with your application for admission to a course.

For more information:
study.csu.edu.au/apply/credit

KEY DATES 2026

We break up our academic year into three sessions. Most of our subjects are offered in Sessions 1 and 2, but Session 3 is offered over the summer holidays.

2025

Session 3: 17 November 2025 to
13 February 2026

2026

Session 1: 2 March 2026 to
19 June 2026

Session 2: 13 July 2026 to
30 October 2026

Session 3: 16 November 2026 to
12 February 2027

Application Dates

Application dates are listed on the Charles Sturt University website. However, there's some flexibility regarding these dates and students can apply for courses right up to the beginning of session (see the three session starting dates above).

For the full calendar of important dates: about.csu.edu.au/our-university/important-dates

If you are a school leaver wanting to study on campus, you should apply through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC). Future students can also apply directly to Charles Sturt – an online application takes about 15 minutes to complete.

UAC Web uac.edu.au

Charles Sturt University Web
study.csu.edu.au/apply

OVERSEAS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

As a School of Theology student, you have the opportunity to include an overseas study experience as part of your degree. It's a great way for you to see the world while gaining credit towards your studies.

Through Charles Sturt University Global, you could study on exchange, participate in short-term study programs, attend conferences, volunteer, or undertake workplace learning at one of the many international destinations in our network.

St Mark's may offer study tours as an optional part of the curriculum. Students are able to claim credit for an 8-point subject for their participation in these tours.

The most recent tours include:

- a three-week study tour through the Holy Land with the first week spent doing biblical archaeological fieldwork in Bethsaida, followed by a tour of biblical and archaeological sites in Israel and Jordan
- a two-week study tour of Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France, exploring the history of the Renaissance and the European Reformations.

Generous travel grants, loans, and scholarships are available, from \$500 to \$7,300, to help you undertake these amazing international educational experiences. This is a truly memorable, hands-on way of grappling with source material during your theological journey with us.

For more information, visit
study.csu.edu.au/international

ONLINE AND DISTANCE LEARNING

Study Where You Are

St Mark's is here to strengthen you in the life of service you're already living. We want you to experience in-depth pastoral and theological learning while you serve. But sometimes the first question we hear is: '*Does this mean I have to come to Canberra?*'

The short answer is: it's flexible. Some students join us regularly on campus, while others study almost entirely online. We have students in every corner of Australia with varying ability to join us in person, but all can still access live lectures and a great community.


Theology Degrees Online

Learning about God includes learning in relationships, through community. In our huge country, that's quite hard. Through our partnership with Charles Sturt University, St Mark's specialises in building and maintaining a strong and supportive connection with students in Australia and beyond.

- Each subject has a 'live' lecturer, not an absent pre-taped person. Our faculty is experienced and qualified in their area. You won't be referred to a less qualified 'tutor'.
- Classes are usually live-streamed so you can engage in real time. You can also access recordings of classes later.
- Charles Sturt University's easy-to-use online learning platform provides clear guidance, e-readings, teachers' notes, and more.
- Online forums give you the opportunity to connect with other students. Our students come from several Christian denominations, and you'll meet interesting people in a collegial and respectful environment.
- You can learn alongside others in person at regular two to four day optional intensives in Canberra.
- The full range of Charles Sturt University's magnificent library network, including its massive collection of ebooks and e-journals, is accessible online. We also post books from our theological library, one of the most extensive theological libraries in the southern hemisphere, with reply-paid return.
- Some undergraduate courses are Commonwealth Government supported, meaning you pay far less than for comparable Australian degrees in theology.
- Some of our postgraduate courses (MPhil and PhD) have a number of competitive fee-offset places for the duration of your course.

St Mark's offers deep online learning in theology. We want you to know God more, with others, in the company of educators and trainers who will guide you well.

If you're aiming to balance study with work and life commitments, we're always open to chat about how we can support you. **Just call us on 02 6272 6252 or visit stmarks.edu.au.**



Associate Professor Bernard Doherty

Associate Head of School & Course Director,
School of Theology, Charles Sturt University.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Where to Go When You Need Help

We are committed to providing you with the support and guidance you need throughout your learning journey, whether it's in deciding which courses to take or finding the assistance available to students through Charles Sturt University. Support services are available for:

- Help with academic writing
- Course and enrolment advice
- Well-being
- Library, information technology and online learning support
- Disability and inclusion

Our students consistently tell us they value the responsiveness and personal attention of our faculty and staff, who are committed to helping each student excel.

Student Support

As you consider how you'd like to serve in the future, we'd be glad to talk with you about your current qualifications, career goals, and how we can support your learning needs.

We can also help you adapt to your new learning environment, especially if it's your first foray into higher education or you're new to online learning.

CONTACT

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SINGLE SUBJECT STUDY AND AUDITING

JUMP IN

Get started on your journey with a single unit enrolment or audit some of our selected subjects.

Start with a Single Subject

Single-subject study enables you to start exploring theology. It might be an area you know you need to understand more, or it may simply be a way of testing yourself before committing to a full course. You'll get access to all subject materials and resources, and you can choose to complete your subject online or on-campus.

As long as you meet the minimum requirements for entry into a Charles Sturt University course, completing a single subject can later be credited towards a degree.

Learn more about Single Subject Study: study.csu.edu.au/study-options/single-subject

Listen in with 'Auditing'

Perhaps your first step is simply to come and listen to some quality theological lectures.

If that's your starting point, we invite you to join us as an auditor. You'll be able to participate in weekly lectures and class discussions on campus. There are no entry requirements and no assignments.

It can be an excellent way to start your theological journey. Only some selected subjects are available for auditing each semester. Cost varies from \$350-\$500 depending on the subject.

Contact us to find out which subjects are available in each session: admin@stmarks.edu.au





THEOLOGY COURSES

A portrait of Dr Michael Gladwin, a man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue blazer over a light pink shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred green outdoor setting.

Dr Michael Gladwin

Senior Lecturer in History

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

The Bachelor of Theology offers a thorough grounding in the four foundational areas of theology: Biblical Studies, Systematic Theology, Practical Theology, and Church History.

The course has a strong basis in Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology, but you will have opportunities to pursue a significant number of subjects in any of the four main areas. Although undertaken with the rigour of university studies, we still believe theology is where a life of service begins. Therefore, there is a strong commitment to integrating theory and practice with a balance.

COURSE DURATION

3 years full-time
6 years part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)
On Campus (Canberra)

ADMISSION

Indicative ATAR is 65.00

SUBJECTS

The Bachelor of Theology comprises 24 subjects, beginning with core subjects that introduce the four discipline areas, a biblical language subject and an indigenous studies subject. Higher-level subjects give more focus and deeper analysis in the discipline areas. It is possible to add up to four subjects from a non-theology discipline to this degree structure. Provided required core subjects are covered, students in this degree program may exit early either with an Associate Degree in Theology (16 subjects) or a Diploma of Theology (8 subjects).

CORE SUBJECTS (88 Points)

BIBLICAL STUDIES (3 Subjects)

- Introduction to Old Testament Studies
- Introduction to New Testament Studies

And one Biblical Language Subject chosen from:

- Introduction to Biblical Languages
- New Testament Greek 1
- Biblical Hebrew 1

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (4 Subjects)

- Introduction to Christian Theology
- Being the Church
- Jesus the Christ
- The Triune God

CHURCH HISTORY (2 Subjects)

- Early Church History
- The European Reformations

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (2 Subjects)

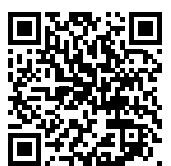
- Christian Worship
- Practical Theology

INDIGENOUS STUDIES (1 Subject)

- Indigenous Australian Cultures and Spirituality

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

In some subjects you will be expected to engage in reflection on practice as part of your assessment. Theology International Study Experience can be credited for one subject in the Bachelor of Theology.



For full course information and application details, visit our website.

ELECTIVES (Full list available online)

- Anglican Foundations
- Biblical Hebrew 2, 3
- Christianity in Australian History
- Ecological Theology
- Global Christianity since 1700
- God and Humanity
- Homiletics
- Judaism and Early Christianity
- Mission, Evangelism and Apologetics
- New Testament Greek 2, 3
- Old Testament History and Narrative
- Pastoral Care
- Sacramental Theology
- The Diaconate
- The Pentateuch
- The Synoptic Gospels
- Theological Ethics
- World Religions and Christian Theology

EXIT POINTS

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN THEOLOGY (16 Subjects)

- 10 core subjects
- 6 electives

DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY (8 Subjects)

- 4 core subjects
- 4 electives

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Bachelor of Theology is a foundational degree in many denominations for pastoral ministry, cross-cultural ministry, counselling, and chaplaincy. It can enhance lay involvement in church and parachurch organisations.



UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY (4 Subjects)

The Undergraduate Certificate in Theology is an entry level course for students without another undergraduate degree. This course can provide a pathway into a Bachelor of Theology.

COURSE DURATION

1 year part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)
On Campus (Canberra)

ADMISSION

Applicants require a High School Certificate (or equivalent), AQF Certificate III, or a completed Tertiary Preparation course from an Australian university. For more info, see the **Charles Sturt University website**.



For full course information and application details, visit our website.

SUBJECTS

This course comprises 4 subjects (32 points).

CORE SUBJECTS

- Introduction to Old Testament Studies
- Introduction to New Testament Studies
- Introduction to Christian Theology

ELECTIVES (Full list available online)

- Introduction to Biblical Languages
- New Testament Greek I
- Biblical Hebrew I
- Practical Theology
- Being the Church
- Early Church History
- The European Reformations

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (4 Subjects)

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies offers an admission pathway into theological study for students with an undergraduate degree from a different discipline. It provides an introduction to Christian theology, Old Testament studies, New Testament studies, and church history.

The course provides a great foundation for those wanting to serve—in church ministry or where you currently work. It offers students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Bible and theology. You can complete this Graduate Certificate in one year by studying four subjects part-time online, or break up your study over more semesters. This course also articulates into the Master of Arts (Theological Studies).

COURSE DURATION

1 year part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)

On Campus (Canberra)

ADMISSION

You will need to have an undergraduate degree from an approved tertiary institution, other than an undergraduate degree in Theology.

SUBJECTS

A 32-point program comprising 1 core subject (8 points) and 3 electives (24 points).

CORE SUBJECT

- Introduction to Christian Theology

ELECTIVES (Full list available online)

- Anglican Foundations
- Being the Church
- Biblical Hebrew 1, 2, 3
- Christian Worship
- Christianity in Australian History
- Early Church History
- Ecological Theology
- Global Christianity since 1700
- God and Humanity
- Homiletics
- Introduction to New Testament Studies
- Introduction to Old Testament Studies
- Jesus the Christ
- Judaism and Early Christianity
- Mission, Evangelism and Apologetics
- New Testament Greek 1, 2, 3
- Old Testament History and Narrative
- Pastoral Care
- Practical Theology
- Sacramental Theology
- The Diaconate
- The European Reformations
- The Pentateuch
- The Synoptic Gospels
- The Triune God
- Theological Ethics
- World Religions and Christian Theology

For full course information and application details, visit our website.



GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (8 Subjects)

The Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies offers a graduate pathway into theological study for students with an undergraduate degree from a different discipline. It is also a requirement for ordination to the diaconate in the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

This course consists of eight subjects (64 points) with four core subjects and four electives. Students can choose to exit with a Graduate Certificate in Theology upon completion of four subjects. This course articulates into the Master of Arts (Theological Studies).

COURSE DURATION

1 year full-time
2 years part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)
On Campus (Canberra)

ADMISSION

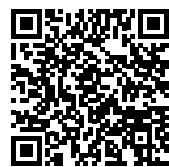
You will need to have an undergraduate degree from an approved tertiary institution, other than an undergraduate degree in Theology.

SUBJECTS

A 64-point program comprising 4 core subjects (32 points) and 4 restricted electives (32 points).

CORE SUBJECTS

- Introduction to Christian Theology
- Introduction to Old Testament Studies
- Introduction to New Testament Studies
- Early Church History



For full course information and application details, visit our website.

ELECTIVES (Full list available online)

- Anglican Foundations
- Being the Church
- Biblical Hebrew 1, 2, 3
- Christian Worship
- Christianity in Australian History
- Ecological Theology
- Global Christianity since 1700
- God and Humanity
- Homiletics
- Jesus the Christ
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- The Triune God
- Theological Ethics
- World Religions and Christian Theology



Dr Amy Erickson

Lecturer in Theology & Ethics

Course Advisor
Higher Degree Research
(MPhil and PhD)

THREE MASTERS PROGRAMS FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDY

Charles Sturt University offers three different Master-level theological courses that cater to different academic pathways and vocations.

MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGICAL STUDIES)

COURSEWORK

If you have an undergraduate degree in another discipline and are new to theological study, this Masters will give you a broad and solid foundation in theology. The course can be completed in 18 months full-time and helps to equip you for Christian service or ministry. Successful completion of the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in Theology can be credited toward this course.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

COURSEWORK WITH RESEARCH OPTION

This course is ideal for people seeking to deepen existing theological knowledge obtained through a previous tertiary theological qualification. Subjects are offered in areas ranging from classic and contemporary theology to approaches in biblical studies, church history, systematic theology and practical theology.

The Master of Theology by coursework can be completed in 18 months full-time and includes generous options for the development of skills in research and writing. The research option grounds students in the skills necessary for further research (e.g. PhD). Since this option includes core subjects, we recommend speaking to faculty at St Mark's about your course progression early in your enrolment.

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (ARTS AND EDUCATION)

RESEARCH

This course is for people who have excelled in theological study and who wish to investigate an issue from the perspective of Christian theology in-depth. Successful completion of this award can be an outstanding foundation for further doctoral research.

This MPhil requires a completed research dissertation of no more than 50,000 words that deploys all the skills and expectations relevant to academic research.

We recommend speaking to faculty at St Mark's before applying for this course.

MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGICAL STUDIES)

The Master of Arts (Theological Studies) is a pathway to theology for graduates from other disciplines. It gives students foundations in the four major areas of theological study — biblical studies, systematic theology, church history, and practical theology.

COURSE DURATION

3 years part-time
1.5 years full-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)
On campus (Canberra)

ADMISSION

You will need to have an undergraduate degree from an approved tertiary institution, other than an undergraduate degree in Theology.

SUBJECTS

A 96-point program comprising six core subjects (56 points) and five electives (40 points).

CORE SUBJECTS

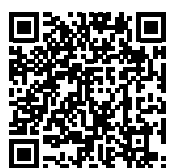
- Introduction to Christian Theology
- Introduction to Old Testament Studies
- Introduction to New Testament Studies
- Early Church History
- Jesus the Christ
- Guided Research in Theology

ELECTIVES (Full list available online)

- Anglican Foundations
- Being the Church
- Biblical Hebrew 1, 2, 3
- Christian Worship
- Ecological Theology
- Global Christianity since 1700
- God and Humanity
- Homiletics
- Jesus the Christ
- Judaism and Christianity
- Mission, Evangelism and Apologetics
- New Testament Greek 1, 2
- Old Testament History and Narrative
- Pastoral Care
- Practical Theology
- Sacramental Theology
- The Diaconate
- The European Reformations
- The Pentateuch
- The Synoptic Gospels
- The Triune God
- Theological Ethics
- World Religions and Christian Theology

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

After graduating with a Master of Arts (Theological Studies), you'll be ready for further study—or to start serving in a fresh way. Enter the ministry, move toward church leadership, or contribute through church-run organisations or various mission settings.



For full course information and application details, visit our website.



Aden Cotterill

Lecturer in Theology

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

The Master of Theology builds on your previous study, strengthening your understanding of theology for the challenges you face.

By course work, it can be completed in 18 months full-time and includes generous options for the development of skills in research and writing.

The research option (Option 2) grounds students in the skills necessary for further higher degree by research study. Since this option includes core subjects, we recommend speaking to faculty at St Mark's about your course progression early in your enrolment.

COURSE DURATION

1.5 years full-time
3 years part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)
On Campus (Canberra)

ADMISSION

STUDENTS MUST

- hold an undergraduate degree in theology with no less than a Credit average or its equivalent; or
- have obtained a Credit average or higher in the Charles Sturt University Graduate Diploma of Theology or equivalent.

SUBJECTS

The course consists of the following options.

OPTION 1: COURSEWORK

Five restricted electives (80 points total) and Guided Research Subject (16 points) (in the last session of study)

ELECTIVES (Full list available online)

- Advanced Biblical Exegesis
- Approaches to Enquiry in Ministry
- Church History Methodology
- Classic Texts in Christian Theology
- Contemporary Approaches to Biblical Studies
- Contemporary Issues in Practical Theology
- Contemporary Theology in a Global Context
- Political Theology
- Seminar in Biblical and Theological Interpretation
- Studies in Liturgy and Worship
- The Philosophy of Religious History
- Theological Hermeneutics
- Theology and Spirituality in Contemporary Engagement

OPTION 2: RESEARCH

Four restricted electives (48 points total) and one compulsory subject: Theology Masters Coursework Dissertation (32 points)

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

During your Master of Theology program you will develop your research, analytical and communication skills, as well as your knowledge of contemporary developments in theology.

By the end of the program you will be able to plan and execute a substantial research based project in your chosen sub-discipline.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Master of Theology further equips you to work in ministry and mission, and to take up church positions and leadership roles. It also provides a pathway to specialised research (for example, at PhD level).



For full course information and application details, visit our website.



MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (ARTS AND EDUCATION)

Pursue advanced studies in theology with Charles Sturt's Master of Philosophy (Arts and Education).

This higher degree by research gives you the opportunity to explore in depth a topic of your choosing by writing a thesis under specialist supervision. The topic areas you can choose from are varied and include themes in biblical studies, church history, systematic theology or practical theology. The MPhil is also a pathway to PhD studies.

In partnership with CSU we are currently offering fee-waiver places (that is, fees are waived for the normal duration of the course) for MPhil students who are accepted into our course.

ADMISSION

You will need the following qualifications to be eligible for this course.

- A Master of Theology from Charles Sturt University with a Distinction average plus evidence of research; or
- A Bachelor of Theology (Honours) with Class 1 or Class 2 Division 1 from Charles Sturt University; or
- An award from another accredited tertiary institution, accepted by the University as equivalent to one of the above awards, and/or have demonstrated in study or professional performance potential to undertake research at a Master degree level.

Intending applicants should contact the Higher Degree by Research coordinator at St Mark's to discuss the proposal before applying for admission to the program.

COURSE DURATION

1-2 years full-time
2-4 years part-time



For full course information and application details, visit our website.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (ARTS AND EDUCATION)

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) offers graduates who have an excellent academic record and proven research skills the opportunity to conduct research at a level that will contribute to the knowledge base of their discipline.

St Mark's is convinced that theology is ultimately a communal enterprise. Our HDR (Higher Degree by Research) community—comprising local and distant PhD, MPhil, and MTh students, faculty, and other scholars affiliated with St Mark's—will not only support you in completing your thesis but also help shape you into a more robust scholar and grounded person, equipped to serve the church and the world as a humble thought leader. Monthly postgraduate seminars, regular academic skills sessions, and local campus community events can supplement your focused project work in conjunction with one of our qualified faculty supervisors who are concerned not only about what you produce, but who you are.

COURSE DURATION

3 years full-time
6 years part-time

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students should contact the course coordinator or potential supervisor to discuss possible research topics.

In accordance with the University's Higher Degree by Research regulations, students will be assigned an appropriate supervisor who will assist the student to develop a research proposal and title for the research project, and guide the student during the research process and thesis preparation.

In partnership with Charles Sturt University we are currently offering fee-free places (that is, fees are waived for the normal duration of the course) for PhD students who are accepted into our course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Doctor of Philosophy in Theology opens up teaching and research careers, and leadership positions in church and parachurch organisations.

ADMISSION

SPECIAL ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applications with the area of research interest clearly stated may be lodged at any time during the academic year. Initial contact with the Course Coordinator is highly advisable (contact Dr Amy Erickson: aerickson@csu.edu.au).

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PhD

The entry qualifications required for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy program are:

- a relevant Bachelor degree at Honours Class 1 or Honours Class 2 Division 1; **or**
- a relevant Master by Research (Master of Theology, Master of Philosophy); **or**
- enrolled in a Charles Sturt University Master by Research program and has demonstrated exceptional ability in the conduct of a research project which is clearly capable of being extended to a doctoral level; **or**
- a relevant coursework Master's degree with evidence of research at a Distinction level or above; **or**
- other qualifications acceptable to the Faculty of Arts and Education and the Research Advisory Committee.



For full course information and application details, visit our website.



MINISTRY COURSES



PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION STUDY OPTIONS

St Mark's has been delivering our Professional Supervision program for over 10 years. We are innovators and leaders in this space, having developed the first Professional Supervision courses, and our courses are recommended by numerous church bodies and parachurch organisations as the preferred industry standard for their professional supervisors.

We offer professional supervision training and study that cater to different academic pathways and training needs. Our Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision course is accredited by the Australasian Association of Supervision (AAOS) for membership at Associate level and all courses are eligible for FEE-Help.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION (PASTORAL)

Delivered through face-to-face intensives blended with online learning, our course focuses on practice and includes a supervisory component. Our delivery style is also immersive as it models the transformational learning experience of professional supervision. There are flexible admission requirements and the course can be completed in 1 year part-time. FEE-Help is available. This course is accredited with AAOS for admission at Associate membership level.

SINGLE SUBJECT STUDY

If you are interested in deepening your previous supervision studies, then single-subject study might be the best option for you.

Our Professional Supervision subjects are:

- MIN503 Professional Supervision 1
- MIN525 Professional Supervision 2
- MIN406 Group Supervision
- MIN400 Reflective Practice in Contemporary Ministry



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION (PASTORAL) (4 Subjects)

This course gives ministry workers, educators, and other mid-career professionals the opportunity to study the theory and practice of professional supervision for pastoral contexts. It integrates best practice in the sector within a theological and client-centred framework.

It is intended to train people to work as Professional Pastoral Supervisors of:

- Clergy, church workers, and pastoral carers.
- Chaplains and Pastoral care workers in hospitals, the aged care sector, prisons, and schools.
- Ministry and other students in training.
- Other professionals seeking pastoral supervision including education, youth, community, and health sector workers.

This course will also allow individuals to qualify for membership of professional supervision associations.

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COURSE DURATION

1 or 2 years part-time

MODE

Online, work-based, and with 3 subjects requiring intensives. Check the **Charles Sturt University website** for the list of locations and states for our intensives, or contact us on admin@stmarks.edu.au.

This course emphasises face-to-face practical sessions for role play and simulated supervision experiences, and group sharing and discussion as a form of assessment. Learners are also required to include 10 hours of practice as a supervisor and 8 hours as a supervisee. Additionally, 100 hours of work placement must be logged.

ADMISSION

There are two pathways into the course:

- successful completion of an undergraduate degree in either Theology, Social Work, Psychology, Education, Management or equivalent; **or**
- have at least five years professional experience within a helping profession and a recommendation from an employer, professional association, or ordaining body.

Visit our website for more detail and to view the full list of entry requirements.

SUBJECTS

Skills and knowledge in this course are taught using a highly integrated approach.

The course comprises four subjects worth 8 credit points each (total 32 points).

MIN503 Professional Supervision 1

This subject introduces students to the key aspects of professional supervision. The students will learn advanced skills and knowledge in a range of areas, including how to establish and manage a supervision relationship, how to facilitate transformational learning for a supervisee, how to provide professional supervision in a range of contexts, how to distinguish professional supervision from other forms of reflective practice, how to undertake professional and theological reflection, and how to apply legal and ethical responsibilities within professional and ministry contexts (involves workplace learning and an intensive school).

MIN525 Professional Supervision 2

This subject introduces students to the key aspects of professional supervision in pastoral contexts. The students will learn advanced skills and knowledge in a range of areas, including how to establish and manage a supervision relationship; how to provide professional supervision in ministry, community sector, and professional contexts; how to undertake professional reflection; how to plan group interventions; how to provide ethical and pastoral advice; and how to apply legal and ethical responsibilities within professional and ministry contexts (involves workplace learning and an intensive school).



MIN400 Reflective Practice in Contemporary Ministry

This subject provides an overview of the basic tools of theological reflection and their application to reflective practice, forming the foundation for critical inquiry into the practice of Christian ministry. Students will develop their skills in reflective practice through the exploration of issues associated with their ministry experience. Topics include critical investigations of particular approaches to identified pastoral issues undertaken to understand thoroughly the strengths and weaknesses of methodologies. Students will apply reflection in action cycles in their own fields of ministry and establish a personal template for their reflective practice in ministry.

MIN406 Group and Peer Supervision

This subject introduces students to the principles and practice of group and peer supervision, which complement individual professional and pastoral supervision. Students will be helped to grow in the skills of facilitating group and peer supervision. Students will also learn how group and peer supervision can optimise reflective learning processes, provide supervisors with opportunities continuing professional development in their supervision practice, and enhance the importance of collaborative peer networks for advanced professional supervisors.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Our course is recognised by the Australasian Association of Supervisors (AAOS).

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

This graduate certificate emphasises face-to-face practical sessions for role play and simulated supervision experiences. This course includes emphasis on group sharing and discussion as a form of assessment. It also requires learners to contract with a supervisee for six sessions of supervision.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Completion of this award will position clergy and those in the helping/caring professions to offer professional supervision to clergy and other helpers. (National standards around clergy supervision are likely to emerge after the recent Royal Commission into churches and other institutions).

For full course information and application details, visit our website:





PASTORAL COUNSELLING COURSES



GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF PASTORAL COUNSELLING

The Pastoral Counselling program qualifies individuals to undertake professional or highly skilled work in the field of Pastoral Counselling in settings such as pastoral and clinical counselling practice, church and community work, and lay or ordained ministry.

COURSE DURATION

2 years part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)

ADMISSION

When you apply, you should be able to demonstrate personal suitability to undertake professional practice as a pastoral counsellor, including self-awareness, relational capacity, personal ethical practice, being able to reflect on and learn from experience, and being open to positive and challenging feedback; and

- When you apply, you should hold an undergraduate degree in theology, psychology or equivalent. Applicants with degrees in any other disciplines are also encouraged speak to us about possible entry; or
- Applicants without an undergraduate degree will be considered, with evidence that they are able to undertake tertiary studies in this area (such as a letter of motivation and two professional or academic references), as assessed by the Course Coordinator.

SUBJECTS

- Pastoral Counselling Skills
- Pastoral Counselling: Theory and Professional Issues
- Pastoral Counselling: Grief and Loss
- Pastoral Counselling: Crisis Intervention
- Pastoral Counselling: Relationship and Family
- Pastoral Counselling: Mental Health and Trauma
- Spiritual Direction in the Christian Tradition
- Applied Pastoral Theology

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

The Graduate Diploma has professional accreditation by the Australian Counselling Association (ACA) as an approved postgraduate counselling training program.

EXIT POINT

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL COUNSELLING (4 Subjects)

- Pastoral Counselling Skills
- Pastoral Counselling: Theory and Professional Issues
- Pastoral Counselling: Grief and Loss
- Applied Pastoral Theology

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

This counselling graduate diploma emphasises face-to-face practical sessions for role play and hands-on learning. This course includes emphasis on applying course learning to the student's background context for all assessment tasks.

For full course information and application details, visit our website:





MASTER OF PASTORAL COUNSELLING (with specialisation)

The Master of Pastoral Counselling aims to qualify individuals from a variety of backgrounds in pastoral counselling, including churches, universities, schools, military service, corrective services, police, aged care facilities, and the general community.

Students will learn to apply advanced knowledge and skills (including knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to the field) in a range of professional pastoral counselling contexts, enabling them to develop a mastery of the field in their professional practice. The program integrates applied pastoral theology with advanced pastoral counselling theory and skills through in-depth understanding of the discipline. This course is done through either clinical coursework or pastoral counselling research, and serves as a pathway to further learning.

COURSE DURATION

4 years part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)

ADMISSION

APPLICANTS SHOULD

- be able to demonstrate personal suitability to undertake professional practice as a pastoral counsellor, including self-awareness, relational capacity, personal ethical practice, being able to reflect on and learn from experience, and being open to positive and challenging feedback; and
- hold an undergraduate degree in theology, psychology or equivalent
- applicants with degrees in other disciplines are encouraged to apply; or
- have successfully completed the Graduate Diploma of Pastoral Counselling at Charles Sturt University; or
- hold a Graduate Diploma of Counselling from another institution; if so they may be required to complete the Applied Pastoral Theology subject before being granted admission to the Master of Pastoral Counselling.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

When you study Master of Pastoral Counselling you will be able to directly serve in people's lives by providing spiritual and psychological support to those who need it most.

You will develop the skills and experience to offer counselling across a wide range of settings—pastoral and clinical practice, church and community work, and lay or ordained ministry—to help people with any issue, be it personal, family, marital or faith.

SUBJECTS

MASTER OF PASTORAL COUNSELLING

(128 points)

All of the Graduate Diploma of Pastoral Counselling Subjects, plus:

- Advanced Pastoral Counselling (16 points)
- Social Research Methods for Pastoral Studies (8 points)
- Pastoral Counselling Research Proposal (8 points)
- Pastoral Counselling Dissertation (32 points)

MASTER OF PASTORAL COUNSELLING

(CLINICAL) (13 subjects)

All of the Graduate Diploma of Pastoral Counselling Subjects, plus:

- Advanced Pastoral Counselling (16 points)
- Theological Ethics for the Helping Professions (8 points)
- Pastoral Counselling Professional Practice (16 points)
- Reflective Practitioner Perspectives in Pastoral Counselling (16 points)
- Social Research Methods for Pastoral Studies (8 points)

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

This Masters course emphasises face-to-face practical sessions for role play and hands-on learning. This course includes a focus on applying course learning to the student's background context for all assessment tasks.

For full course information and application details, visit our website:



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