Welcome to Brisbane School of Theology.

For over 75 years the college has been engaged in seeing God’s people shaped by his word and serving his world.

Your college experience is designed to be deeply formative. Our faculty are gifted teachers and tender-hearted pastors. Our staff are responsive and eager to assist. Together we strive to support your learning in the context of Christian community. Like the apostle Paul, faculty and staff long, labour and pray to see Christ formed in you: his humility, his servant-heart, his purity, and his commitment to doing his Father’s will.

Our students are constantly exposed to God’s word. It might be in a class, in chapel or in a mentoring conversation. You are urged to listen carefully, explore thoughtfully and respond obediently. We want to develop eyes that see the universe God’s way; hearts that echo his love for the world; feet ready to spread the good news about Jesus. As God’s living and penetrating word goes to work, he opens eyes, shapes hearts and forges commitments.

Some of our graduates will travel overseas with a mission agency; others will pastor God’s people locally; some will train students on a university campus; others will continue in jobs and attend the same church. In the midst of diverse pathways, there is a common theme. Our graduates are equipped to serve: to serve God, to serve his people, to serve the world he created. So our students are prepared for crossing cultures, courageous proclamation, prayerful dependence, loving engagement and the opposition that will inevitably come.

At BST, we never cease calling on God to raise up people for his service. And we ask to be used in the lives of people as they are shaped by his word, so they can serve his world. Will you join us?

Rev Dr Richard Gibson
Principal
By offering high-quality, Bible-centred theological training in a diverse and supportive community, shaping the whole person for God’s purposes.

Aiming for more than growing students’ knowledge of theology, we’re developing passionate, capable disciples who use what they know about God’s word to serve him in the church and the world.

Christians of different cultures, ages and denominations make up the BST community and have done for the last 77 years. We love how this diversity shapes and sharpens us.

Yet we share a common commitment to Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and to the truth of the Bible. We have a common goal of serving and glorifying God, so we’re united in our diversity.

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OUR CAMPUS

Located in Toowong, close to the Brisbane CBD, our view of the city skyline rivals that of nearby Mt Coot-tha and we’re just a short drive away from the busy cultural hub of South Bank. There’s also plenty of green space: Anzac Memorial Park is right opposite us and the new Botanical Gardens are close by.

We have parking available if you drive to college, but you’ll also be within walking distance of both the train station and bus depot.

Toowong has a good selection of shops and restaurants. From Toowong you can walk along the river into the heart of Brisbane, sample the tasty cuisines in West End and check out the museums at South Bank, which are all just a short train, bus or CityCat journey away.

On campus you will find several lecture rooms, our chapel, the student common room, a large library (also open to the public) and communal kitchen/dining area.

ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

We also have on-campus accommodation. If you choose to live on campus while you study it will change your experience of our college community. We have single rooms, with access to a shared kitchen, and also a variety of one- and two-bedroom units which are self-contained. Single students, couples and families are all welcome on site.
OUR COMMUNITY

If you spend any length of time with us you’ll see that the things you experience outside the classroom — an opportunity to pray with a fellow student, a lunchtime discussion about the lecture you just had, the chance to serve practically alongside your classmates — are just as important as the things you learn inside it. In fact, there are many different aspects to being a student at BST...

Our classes will inform, challenge, encourage and excite you. Theology is not an easy ride and our gifted, experienced lecturers don’t shy away from tough topics. But delving further into God’s word is an amazing privilege and every unit offers a mixture of up-front teaching, student presentations and healthy debate to make sure you get the most out of studying the Bible.

To help you start figuring out how and where God wants you to serve, our Ministry Awareness Program (MAP) brings in a different mission/ministry worker every week to give a short presentation on their work and to answer your questions. You’ll also get the chance to work alongside some of them, as all full-time students take part in a mission exposure week once a year.

Everyone from the newest student to the oldest lecturer is an important part of the BST community. We value shared meals as a precious expression of our unity and fellowship. So every week we spend time together — students, staff and faculty — at joint morning tea, a community lunch or just chatting between classes.

Every student has the opportunity to be part of a small fellowship group that meets weekly. This time of encouraging one another through Scripture and prayer balances the more academically rigorous interaction you’ll have with the Bible in your lectures. We also have a wonderful team of mentors available to offer guidance and support as you navigate the spiritual, emotional and intellectual challenges of theological study.

We don’t want knowledge for its own sake; being shaped by God’s word means loving him more completely and serving his people more willingly. So taking the time to praise God together, be taught by his word, pray for one another and share our testimonies, is something that all students and staff get involved in through our weekly chapel services and prayer meetings.

Start up a game of footy, watch TV, have a table-tennis match, or just relax in the sunshine. The important thing is that we help you make time to grow real friendships with the people you’re learning with in class because you’re concentrating so hard on your next assignment.
OUR PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE

Honours
A Double Degree

Bachelor of Theology
Bachelor of Ministry

Associate Degree of Theology

Advanced Diploma of Theology
Advanced Diploma of Ministry

Diploma of Theology
Diploma of Ministry

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

YEAR 4

GRADUATE

Master of Divinity/
Graduate Diploma of Divinity

Master of Divinity
Master of Ministry

Graduate Diploma of Divinity
Graduate Certificate of Divinity

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

YEAR 4

POSTGRADUATE

Doctor of Philosophy (Research)

Master of Theological Studies

Master of Theology (Research)

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

YEAR 4

The length of each program shown above is accurate if you study with us full-time; however, part-time study options are also available for all programs (overseas students need to comply with visa requirements for full-time study).

* The Master of Theological Studies is available as a two year award for graduates.

OUR AFFILIATIONS

Brisbane School of Theology is an affiliated college of the Australian College of Theology (ACT) which means the courses we offer are accredited by the ACT. We’re also a member of the Asia Theological Association and the South Pacific Association of Evangelical Colleges.

The main reason we affiliate with, or are members of, these larger theological bodies is so that you know you’re studying in a program that’s recognised not only across Australia but internationally too. It also means we have to meet certain standards when it comes to our staff, our teaching program and our spiritual values, helping us keep our promise of giving you a high quality theological education.
Are you more comfortable in an up-front leadership role or do you prefer to work behind the scenes?

- Yes: Ease into things with a Diploma of Ministry or Theology, or jump right in to a Bachelor degree.
- No: The Master of Divinity or Ministry is a good next step for you.

Does the idea of living and working overseas at some point appeal to you?

- Yes: The Master of Divinity or Ministry is a good next step for you.
- No: Check out the Graduate Diploma of Divinity.

Are you keen to use your gifts mainly in the context of a local church or in a secular setting?

- Yes: If you already have a theological degree head for the Master of Theological Studies; if you have a non-theological degree try the Master of Divinity; if you don’t have a degree you’ll need to begin with a Bachelor of Theology.
- No: If you’re starting from scratch then try a Bachelor of Theology or Ministry. If you already have a degree then the Master of Divinity or Ministry would suit you, and if you’re looking to top up your theological education try the Master of Theological Studies.

Are you interested in full-time Christian work or will your involvement in ministry sit alongside another job?

- Yes: Do you get a lot of enjoyment from studying in its own right or do you mainly view it as a means to an end?
- No: Are you keen to continue using the skills gained through your degree or are you interested in pursuing a different career?

Do you get a lot of enjoyment from studying in its own right or do you mainly view it as a means to an end?

- Yes: If you already have a theological degree head for the Master of Theological Studies; if you have a non-theological degree try the Master of Divinity; if you don’t have a degree you’ll need to begin with a Bachelor of Theology.
- No: If you’re a graduate then look at the Graduate Diploma of Divinity; if not try the Diploma of Theology or Ministry. And our very flexible Audit program is good no matter what your level of higher education.
If you’re new to theological education, and if you don’t have any other kind of undergraduate qualification, then the Diploma of Theology is a great way to dip your toe in the water. It will give you an overview of both the Old and New Testaments, showing you the big-picture story of the Bible and giving you the basic skills to better understand and explain it. You’ll also be able to choose one key book or area of the Bible to explore more deeply, like Paul’s letters, the Gospels, or the Psalms. The broad range of elective units means you can then choose to uncover a bit of church history, get to grips with the doctrine of grace, learn some practical ministry skills like pastoral care or preaching, or even study some Hebrew or Greek.

The DipTh is a good jumping-off point if you’re not yet sure what the future holds for you. It will give you a well-rounded biblical base so you can start testing out which areas of theology interest you most and where God might be wanting to put your skills to work.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

To study for the Diploma of Theology at BST you will need to have completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above or a minimum OP score of 16. For non-school leavers you will be asked to demonstrate academic suitability through an interview and if required an entrance test.

If you’re an overseas student, and English isn’t your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.5 in each subtest or have 10 years English in country experience.

**THE TOPICS YOU’LL BE STUDYING**

If you study for the DipTh full-time it will take two semesters (one year), as you’ll do an average of four units each semester and you need eight units to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within five and a half years.

Of your eight units, two must be from Biblical Introduction, one from Christian Thought and two from Exegesis, Languages, Biblical Introduction or Christian Thought. You also have three elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered. (See page 20)

**FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS**

1 ½ years: Advanced Diploma of Theology
2 years: Associate Degree of Theology
3 years: Bachelor of Theology
4 years: Honours or a Double Degree

“A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY IS ESSENTIAL IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP. I WORK IN AN EXTREMELY CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT AND REGULARLY FACE DIFFICULT DECISIONS - BUT MY FAITH STANDS FIRM, UNDERGIRDED BY SOUND TEACHING FROM A WELL-RESPECTED COLLEGE.”

Tim Mander
Deputy Opposition Leader and State Member of Parliament for Everton
Graduated from BST in 2003
If you’re looking to get serious about in-depth biblical study, and this is your first undergraduate qualification, then the Bachelor of Theology is exactly what you need.

It begins with an overview of the entire biblical text, giving you a great framework as you move into more detailed analysis of key sections. You’ll have a chance to study the Bible in the languages in which it was originally written; you can get a better understanding of the history and purpose of the church; and you’ll be getting to grips with major theological doctrines of grace, eschatology and even God himself. You can then choose the areas in which you want to dig deeper, such as pastoral ministry and preaching, mission, or biblical studies.

Most churches are happy that the Bachelor of Theology fulfills all the academic requirements for ordination, although a small amount of denomination-specific training might still be expected. Ministry organisations will also recognise this degree program as excellent preparation for mission work, particularly if you’re interested in a role that involves Bible teaching.

“THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS I WAS GIVEN IN THEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE DIRECTLY PREPARED ME TO TEACH OLD TESTAMENT IN UKRAINE FOR FIVE YEARS. AND THAT KNOWLEDGE STILL HELPS ME NOW AS I TRAIN THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS, PREACHERS AND CROSS-CULTURAL WORKERS.”
John Harris
Missionary and pastor in the Netherlands
Graduated from BST in 1998

**BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY**

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

To study for the Bachelor of Theology at BST you will need to have completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above or a minimum OP score of 16. For non-school leavers you will be asked to demonstrate academic suitability through an interview and if required an entrance test.

If you’re an overseas student, and English isn’t your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.5 in each subtest or have 10 years English in country experience.

**THE TOPICS YOU’LL BE STUDYING**

If you study for the BTh full-time it will take six semesters (three years), as you’ll do an average of four units each semester and you need 24 units to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within nine years.

Of your 24 units, two must be from Old Testament Introduction, two from New Testament Introduction, five from Christian Thought (two from Church History, three from Theology), two from Biblical Languages, three Exegesis (two in original language) (one Old Testament, one New Testament), four Exegesis, Biblical Languages or Christian Thought with two units at Level 7 or above, one unit of Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries and one unit of Field Education as well as four elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered.

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**EARLY EXIT POINTS**

1 year: Diploma of Theology
1 1/2 years: Advanced Diploma of Theology
2 years: Associate Degree of Theology

**FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS**

4 years: Honours or a Double Degree
DIPLOMA OF MINISTRY

If you’re actively involved in the life of your church, but feel that a qualification of some kind would help you to engage at a deeper level, the Diploma of Ministry may be the right fit.

The program will provide a good refresher of the knowledge and skills you’ve been gaining as you’ve served, as well as allowing you to test the waters of some new ministry areas. You’ll be given a clear understanding of the big-picture story of the Bible and handed the tools to better explain it. Then the broad range of optional units means you can take a closer look at what’s involved in pastoral care and the discipleship of others, gain the basic principles of good leadership, or learn new ways to share the gospel cross-culturally.

The Diploma of Ministry offers a good mix of classroom-based teaching, group discussions with peers and hands-on ministry experience, so you’re not just gaining theoretical knowledge but putting what you learn into action.

**THE TOPICS YOU’LL BE STUDYING**

If you study for the DipMin full-time it will take two semesters (one year), as you’ll do an average of four units each semester and you need eight units to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within five and a half years.

Of your eight units, two must be from Biblical Introduction, one from Christian Thought and two from Ministry and Practice. You also have three elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered. (See page 20)

“THE BIGGEST THING I LEARNED AT BST WAS THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMILITY, AND I COULD SEE THE STAFF DEMONSTRATING THAT IN THEIR OWN LIVES — THEY INTERACTED SO FREELY AND KINDLY WITH STUDENTS AND SERVED THEM DURING COMMUNITY LUNCH AND WERE THE FIRST TO BE CLEANING UP AFTERWARDS. IT WAS AN AMAZING EXAMPLE.”

Hannah Mbitu
Church worker in Kenya
Graduated from BST in 2012

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

To study for the Diploma of Ministry at BST you will need to have completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above or a minimum OP score of 16. For non-school leavers you will be asked to demonstrate academic suitability through an interview and if required an entrance test.

If you’re an overseas student, and English isn’t your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.5 in each subtest or have 10 years English in country experience.

**FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS**

1 ½ years: Advanced Diploma of Ministry
2 years: Associate Degree of Ministry
3 years: Bachelor of Ministry
4 years: Honours or a Double Degree
BACHELOR OF MINISTRY

If you have a heart for the church and want to be involved in guiding, encouraging and growing God’s people, then the Bachelor of Ministry is for you.

It begins with an overview of the entire biblical text, giving you a great framework as you move into more detailed analysis of key sections. You’ll have a chance to study particular books of the Bible in detail; you can get a better understanding of the history and purpose of the church; and you’ll be grappling with how key theological doctrines, like grace or eschatology, relate to the Christian life. You can then choose the areas in which you want to dig deeper, focusing on pastoral ministry and preaching, cross-cultural mission, leadership development, or further biblical study.

Most churches are happy that the Bachelor of Ministry fulfils all the academic requirements for ordination, although a small amount of denomination-specific training might still be expected. Ministry organisations also recognise this degree program as excellent preparation for mission work.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
To study for the Bachelor of Ministry at BST you will need to have completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65 or above or a minimum OP score of 16. For non-school leavers you will be asked to demonstrate academic suitability through an interview and if required an entrance test.

If you’re an overseas student, and English isn’t your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.5 in each subtest or have 10 years English in country experience.

THE TOPICS YOU’LL BE STUDYING
If you study for the BMin full-time it will take six semesters (three years), as you’ll do an average of four units each semester and you need 24 units to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within nine years.

Of your 24 units, two must be from Old Testament Introduction, two from New Testament Introduction, five from Christian Thought (two from Church History, three from Theology), three from Exegesis (one Old Testament, one New Testament), six from Ministry and Practice, one unit being Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries and one unit being Field Education, and six elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered. (See page 20)

EARLY EXIT POINTS
1 year: Diploma of Ministry
1 ½ years: Advanced Diploma of Ministry
2 years: Associate Degree of Ministry

FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS
4 years: Honours or a Double Degree

WANT TO COMBINE THEOLOGICAL STUDY WITH ANOTHER DISCIPLINE?
You could begin by doing two years of full-time undergraduate study here with us, then pursue a minor in a related discipline (Psychology, History, Business, etc) at another Australian university for your final year. You would then graduate with a Bachelor of Christian Studies.
Or you could study full-time for two years at university and then pursue a minor in Theology/Ministry here with us for a year.

To find out more just get in touch on info@bst.qld.edu.au - we would love to talk with you about how you could introduce a Christian perspective to your chosen career.

“I STARTED AT BST THINKING THERE WAS SO MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT GOD, HIS WORD, AND MINISTRY. I GRADUATED FROM BST KNOWING THERE WAS STILL SO MUCH TO LEARN. BST HELPED ME TO BEGIN THE JOURNEY TO KNOW GOD, HIS WORD, AND HOW TO DO MINISTRY. WE SERVE A LIMITLESS GOD!”
Dale Buchanan
Senior Pastor at Tent Hill Baptist Church
Graduated from BST in 2014
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study for the Graduate Diploma of Divinity at BST you need an undergraduate degree in a non-theological discipline.

If you’re an overseas student, and English isn’t your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 7.0 overall with a minimum of 7.0 in reading and writing, and 6.5 in listening and speaking OR 10 years in country experience.

EARLY EXIT POINTS

1 semester: Graduate Certificate of Divinity

FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS

3 years: Master of Divinity or Ministry

THE TOPICS YOU’LL BE STUDYING

If you study for the GradDipDiv full-time it will take two semesters (one year), as you’ll do an average of four units each semester and you need eight units to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within four years.

Of your eight units, two must be from Biblical Introduction and one from Christian Thought. The remaining five are elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered. Five units are completed at Level 7 or above and three units must be Level 8 or above.

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There’s a broad range of practical units too, which means you can take a closer look at what’s involved in good pastoral care, gain the basic principles of good leadership, or learn new ways to share the gospel cross-culturally.

Whether you’re considering how you could put your current training into action in a mission setting, or exploring full-time ministry work, this course will lay a brilliant foundation. Ministry organisations generally recognise the GradDipDiv as good preparation for mission work, and its practical elements mean it’s also useful if you just want to be better equipped for ministry alongside your regular job.

If you already have an undergraduate qualification, but want to boost those skills with some theological study, you’ll find the Graduate Diploma of Divinity packs a lot into just one year.

You’ll be given a clear understanding of the big-picture story of the Bible and handed the tools to better explain it. You’ll also be able to choose one book or key area of the Bible to explore more deeply, like Paul’s letters, the Gospels, or the Psalms. You can then uncover a bit of church history, look at the doctrines of eschatology or grace, or even learn some Hebrew or Greek.

There’s a broad range of practical units too, which means you can take a closer look at what’s involved in good pastoral care, gain the basic principles of good leadership, or learn new ways to share the gospel cross-culturally.

Whether you’re considering how you could put your current training into action in a mission setting, or exploring full-time ministry work, this course will lay a brilliant foundation. Ministry organisations generally recognise the GradDipDiv as good preparation for mission work, and its practical elements mean it’s also useful if you just want to be better equipped for ministry alongside your regular job.

If you study for the GradDipDiv full-time it will take two semesters (one year), as you’ll do an average of four units each semester and you need eight units to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within four years.

Of your eight units, two must be from Biblical Introduction and one from Christian Thought. The remaining five are elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered. Five units are completed at Level 7 or above and three units must be Level 8 or above.

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MASTER OF DIVINITY

If you already have a non-theological degree, but want to get serious about in-depth biblical study and ministry work, then the Master of Divinity is for you.

It begins with an overview of the entire biblical text, giving you a great framework as you move into more detailed analysis of key sections such as the Gospels, Paul's letters, or the Psalms. You’ll have a chance to learn and study the Bible in the languages it was originally written in; you’ll gain an understanding of the long history and purpose of the church across the world; and you’ll be addressing major theological doctrines of grace, eschatology and even God himself. You can then choose to specialise in the areas that best fit your intended career path, focusing on pastoral ministry and preaching, cross-cultural mission, or more comprehensive biblical studies.

Most churches are happy that the Master of Divinity fulfils all the academic requirements for ordination, although a small amount of denomination-specific training might still be expected from some. Ministry organisations also recognise this program as excellent preparation for mission work.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study for the Master of Divinity/Ministry at BST you need to have an undergraduate degree in a non-theological discipline.

If you’re an overseas student, and English isn’t your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS test and achieved a 7.0 overall with a minimum of 7.0 in reading and writing, and 6.5 in listening and speaking OR 10 years in country experience.

THE TOPICS YOU’LL BE STUDYING

If you study for the MDiv full-time it will take six semesters (three years), as you’ll do an average of four units each semester and you need 24 units to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within nine years.

Of your 24 units, two must be from Old Testament Introduction, two from New Testament Introduction, two from Church History, three from Theology, two from Biblical Languages, two Exegesis (one Old Testament, one New Testament), two Exegesis in Biblical Language, one in Christian Thought, two Exegesis, Biblical Languages or Christian Thought. You will do one unit of Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries and one unit of Field Education as well as four elective units. At least three units must be at Level 9 (including a project). (See page 20)

EARLY EXIT POINTS

1 semester: Graduate Certificate of Divinity
1 year: Graduate Diploma of Divinity
2 year: Master of Theological Studies

THE TOPICS YOU’LL BE STUDYING

If you study for the MMin full-time it will take six semesters (three years), as you’ll do an average of four units each semester and you need 24 units to complete the program. You can study part-time if it suits you better, as long as you finish the program within nine years.

Of your 24 units, two must be from Old Testament Introduction, two from New Testament Introduction, two from Church History, three from Theology, three from Exegesis (one Old Testament, one New Testament), five from Ministry and Practice including one from Ministry and Practice project or capstone, one Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries and one Field Education, and six elective units which you can choose from any of the units offered. At least three units must be at Level 9. (See page 20)
If you already have a theological degree but want to grow your professional and vocational expertise, the Master of Theological Studies will help you do that.

The MTS program is designed particularly for Christian leaders, pastors and others in ministry work to either build on a current area of expertise or grow into new areas of theological understanding and ministry. You’ll be able to study and explore several key areas of the Bible more deeply.

Whatever your end goal, the Master of Theological Studies program allows you to grow in knowledge and understanding of God’s word outside of the pressures of your ministry work.

“WHEN WE ARRIVED AT COLLEGE WE WERE SURE GOD WANTED US TO WORK IN CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION, BUT HAD NO IDEA WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE FOR US. BUT AFTER THREE YEARS AT BST WE HAD A MUCH CLEARER PICTURE OF THE ROAD AHEAD.”
Hester Pike
Bible translator with Wycliffe in Vanuatu
Graduated from BST in 1998

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
To study for the Master in Theological Studies at BST you need to have a completed bachelor degree or equivalent.

If you’re an overseas student, and English isn’t your first language, you need to have taken the IELTS 7.0 overall with minimum of 7.0 in reading and writing, and 6.5 in listening and speaking.

Graduates of an ACT BMin or BTh or equivalent are eligible to receive advanced standing for up to five units based on units completed in their previous degree, leaving eleven units to complete a Master of Theological Studies. You have six years to complete this course. The course will include an introduction to research principles and methods.

Graduates of an ACT MDiv or equivalent are eligible to receive advanced standing for up to eight units based on units completed in their previous degree leaving eight units to complete a Master of Theological Studies. You have four years to complete this course. The course will include an introduction to research principles and methods.

The full course is 16 units that can be completed over eight years.

THE TOPICS YOU’LL BE STUDYING

2020 MTS Intensives at BST:
Transformational Teaching, 24th-28th February 2020, Dr Jay Sedwick
Reading Joshua Today, 30th March-3rd April 2020, Dr David Reimer
Reading Acts Today, 20th-24th July 2020, Dr Darrell Bock
Ethics as Theology, 21st-25th September 2020, Dr Oliver O’Donovan
RESEARCH PROGRAMS

If you already have a theological degree, but want to specialise in a particular area of interest, then our research programs will give you that opportunity.

It might be that your destination is the world of academia, lecturing and publishing, or perhaps you are seeking specialist knowledge to better support a practical career in that field. Our Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy programs are full research awards, with no taught elements, so you’ll have freedom to explore your key area of interest in the way that best suits your purposes. However, you’ll also have the assurance of studying in an environment that respects the authority of the Bible and takes the church’s call to mission seriously.

The BST community will provide a supportive and gospel-centred context for your research, and the guidance of our distinguished lecturers will provide a strong framework for your study, making sure you are well advised, encouraged and resourced.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

To study for the Master of Theology you need to have a three-year theological degree or postgraduate theological degree in Theology or an equivalent theological qualification.

To gain the MTh you must submit a single thesis of 30,000 words. One of our lecturers will serve as your supervisor to offer support and guidance as you plan and research your thesis/papers.

If you study and research full-time then gaining the MTh should take one year, but you can choose to work on it at a slower pace as long as you complete the qualification no more than two and a half years after you begin.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

To begin working towards a Doctor of Philosophy through BST you need to have received a Master of Theology (research), minimum Second-Class Honours in a Bachelor of Theology, or an equivalent postgraduate theological qualification.

To gain the PhD you will be expected to submit a substantial thesis of 80-100,000 words that makes a distinct contribution to theological scholarship. One of our lecturers will serve as your supervisor and you’ll need to work closely with them over a number of years.

If you study and research full-time then gaining the PhD should take three years, but you can choose to work on it at a slower pace as long as you complete the qualification no more than six years after you begin.
If you want to boost your theological knowledge, but a heavy assessment load doesn’t fit with your current lifestyle, then try our audit program.

More flexible and less pressured than our accredited courses, auditing allows you to take part in any unit being offered at BST. You could focus on the practical side of ministry, learning about pastoral care, leadership skills, or overseas mission. You could get a great overview of the Old and New Testaments, or dig deeper into the Gospels, the Psalms, or Paul’s letters. You could even get to grips with the doctrine of eschatology or brush up on your church history.

Maybe you’re looking to add a more overtly Christian dimension to your current job; perhaps you want to be better equipped to share the gospel with friends and colleagues; or maybe it’s just that what you’re learning about the Bible through church is really exciting you and making you want to delve deeper. Whatever your aim, this is the perfect program to help you better understand your faith and weave it through every area of your life.

“...and being able to grasp God’s sovereignty, faithfulness, love and mercy to a much deeper, transforming level.”

Helen Morris, Audit student

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

We have no academic requirements for auditing—you just need to be over 16, have an interest in theology and be willing to learn and be part of the BST community!

There’s no time limit, so you can do as many or as few units per year as your work and life commitments will allow—you can study just for the enjoyment of learning.

**THE TOPICS YOU’LL BE STUDYING**

There’s no set program: you can choose to study any of the units on offer at college (see page 20). You’ll need to commit to attending the whole of any unit you pick, as it’s hard for our lecturers—and other students—if people dip in and out.

Reading through a prospectus is useful, but if you’re going to spend time studying at BST you need to get a feel for us in real life.

You can always find details of our next open night at bst.qld.edu.au/opennights or just get in touch and we’ll set up a time for you to take a look around the campus and chat with our students about college life. We’d also love you to sit and talk with a faculty member, so you can ask questions and we can explore together whether BST is the right place for you to study and grow.

The college community you’re a part of will be key in shaping how and where God uses you in the future, so take the time to really think and pray through all your options. If you feel BST could be the right place for you, then an application pack can be found at bst.qld.edu.au/apply or you can pick one up when you visit us. We look forward to meeting you.
The Centre for Asian Christianity was birthed from the BST Board’s 2016-2020 Strategic Plan. The BST Board affirmed its commitment for BST to be a College that places a distinctive emphasis on preparing students for service in cross-cultural contexts.

Increasingly, all Christian service is recognised as mission and BST seeks to equip graduates with the sensitivity, love and boldness to share Christ across cultural and religious differences. BST’s current Chinese program, the proportion of the student body being from Asia, the relatively close proximity of Asia, and the majority of BST’s key mission partners engaging in ministry in Asia make the establishment of a Centre for Asian Christianity a natural step for the College.

The Centre’s vision is to be a leading centre for training, research, and resourcing Christians for contextual Asian ministry.

**Train**
- Asian-specific subjects, seminars, and speakers
- Public seminars on Asian ministry and mission topics
- Specific training to assist Australian-born Chinese churches
- Formal training for Christians
- Informal training through specific events

**Research**
- Research students (MTh, PhD)
- Research Fellows
- Visiting scholars
- Research seminars
- Research publication

**Resourcing**
- Development of Asian ministry resources (books, articles, blogs)
- Being an Asian network hub where people can find information about people/organisations engaged in Asian ministry
- Asian network and partnership development

**EQUIP**

We are a training, research and collaborative organisation, not a sending one.

**ENGAGE**

Asian Christians have much to teach and inform the Centre, so in humility the Centre seeks to engage in cross-cultural dialogue with Asian Christians about contextual Asian ministry.

**PARTNER**

We are not seeking to be an independent body but look to partner with like-minded individuals and organisations that are seeking to spread the gospel in an Asian context.
Alongside our English program we also offer several courses taught in Mandarin, opening up our college community to the many Christians from Chinese backgrounds who have made Australia their home.

布里斯班神学院是一所无宗派的福音派神学院。目的是教导学生能够更深入地去认识福音的真理，更认识神的话，并应用到学生的生命当中。本学院提供高质量以圣经为中心的神学课程，除了增长学生的神学知识，更希望把他们培养成为忠心、爱神爱人的门徒，能够在世上以他们的行为及言语，去为主见证，完成主耶稣基督所吩咐的大使命：「使万民都作我的门徒」（太 28:19）

本学院有七十多年的历始，中文课程创建于1997年。学院的师生来自不同的文化背景和不同宗派。这种多元化的契合，增进了我们在基督里的合一，并增加了师生对跨文化宣教的异象和热情。

学院与许多教会和宣教机构有着长期、良好的合作关系。所以学院中文、英文课程的毕业生，不仅在澳洲本土中文、英文教会事奉，也有很多毕业生参与不同差传机构，去到世界的不同地方，投入普世宣教事工当中。
課程介紹

布里斯班神學院開設的中文課程主要分為兩大部分，一部分是專科級別課程，另一部分是本科級別課程。

神學／教牧文憑
(Diploma of Theology/Ministry)
本科級別
共 8 門課
全日制課程為期一年，每學期 4 門課
非全日制課程須在 4 年內完成

高級教牧／神學文憑
(Advanced Diploma of Theology/Ministry)
本科級別
共 12 門課
全日制課程為期一年半，每學期 4 門課
非全日制課程須在 6 年內完成

教牧／神學學士學位
(Bachelor of Theology/Ministry)
本科級別
全日制課程為期三年，每學期 4 門課
非全日制課程須在 9 年內完成

旁聽課程
(Audit)
無須做作業 無學分
OUR UNITS OF STUDY

BIBLICAL INTRODUCTION

OT INTRODUCTION
Old Testament Foundations
Old Testament Prophets and Writings

NT INTRODUCTION
Jesus and the Gospels
Early New Testament Church

MINISTRY AND PRACTICE

EVANGELISM AND MISSION
Mission Perspectives
Principles of Evangelism
Cross-Cultural Field Education
Ministry in Culturally Diverse Contexts
Contextual Asian Mission

PASTORAL AND CHURCH-FOCUSED MINISTRY
Preaching 1
Congregational Field Education
Practical Ministry Field Education
Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries
Principles of Christian Counselling
Pastoral Care
Christian Mentoring

EXEGESIS

OT EXEGESIS
The Pentateuch (English or Hebrew)
Exilic Prophecy (Isaiah 40-55)
The Psalms
Former Prophets 1 & 2 Samuel (English or Hebrew)

NT EXEGESIS (IN ENGLISH OR GREEK)
The Synoptic Gospels: Luke
John’s Gospel
The Pastoral Epistles
Pauline Theology and Romans
Paul and Corinthian Christianity
Study Tour (e.g. Israel)

LANGUAGES

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES
New Testament Greek A
New Testament Greek B
Biblical Hebrew A
Biblical Hebrew B

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

INTENSIVES
Transformational Teaching
Reading Joshua Today
Reading Acts Today
Ethics as Theology

OUR FEES

Fee levels are set each year by our accrediting body, the ACT. Other units are offered in a two-year cycle, with the exception of the MTS units which are offered at BST’s discretion.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Fee levels are set each year by our accrediting body, the ACT. However, all Australian citizens studying with us may be eligible for FEE-HELP and Austudy, which we hope will relieve some of the financial pressure of further study.

feelevels.qld.edu.au/fees

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OVERSEAS STUDENTS

We love having a diverse community of people from different countries and backgrounds (more than 14 languages are currently spoken on our campus) and we welcome overseas students. We’re not able to offer any scholarships or fee support at the moment, so you will need to pay your own study and living costs. However, we have plenty of information online to help you navigate your way through life in Australia and what it takes to study here, so we hope you’ll take a look and come join us at BST.
BST is a community of Christians from diverse cultural, denominational and theological backgrounds and traditions. We are united by our allegiance to Jesus Christ, submission to the authority of God’s word and desire to serve God’s mission in the world. Foundational beliefs are taught with conviction, and unity is expected.

In secondary matters, we safeguard the freedom of faculty and students to arrive at their own convictions in light of a careful study of Scripture, with love and mutual respect expected.

Members of BST are expected to hold fast to the following:

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- The Scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments in their entirety, are the inspired and infallible, written Word of God, and have been given by God to the church as the final authority for what we are to believe and how we are to live.
- There is one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit who share together equally and eternally in the one being of God.
- God is the creator and sustainer of all things.
- Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is fully God and fully human, in one person.
- Jesus Christ lived a sinless life, died in the place of sinful human beings, and experienced bodily resurrection before ascending visibly to heaven.
- All humans are sinners through disobedience to God, and are separated from fellowship with God until given new life by the Holy Spirit.
- The only way for men and women to be in a restored relationship with God is through faith in Jesus Christ, who, through his sacrificial death, has done all that is necessary for God to forgive us our sins.
- The Holy Spirit lives within all Christians and empowers us to grow spiritually and serve God in the world.
- The church is the people of God, made up of all who are joined to Jesus Christ through faith, irrespective of ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status or denominational association.
- Jesus Christ will return personally at the end of the age when there will be a bodily resurrection of all people followed by judgment leading to eternal life or eternal separation from God.
OUR GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

A PASSIONATE DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

**Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me. Mark 8:34**

Graduates will maintain a vibrant relationship with God, be passionate about following Jesus and walk by the Spirit in every area of life. They will love God above all and others as themselves in attitudes, words and actions. They will be imitators of Jesus, obey his word, deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Jesus wherever he may lead.

A COMMITTED TEAM-PLAYER AND A SERVANT-LEADER

**The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve. Mark 10:45**

Graduates will be committed to the local church as the family of God and as their context for ministry and base for mission (Heb 10:24-25). They will work enthusiastically and cooperatively with others in ministry teams. They will be open to Christians across various denominations and churches (Luke 9:49-50). As leaders they will be disciple-makers, following the Lord Jesus in serving, leading by example, and training and mentoring other leaders (Mark 10:43-45).

COMMITTED TO LIFE-LONG LEARNING AND PERSONAL GROWTH

**Be imitators of God, as dearly loved children. Ephesians 5:1**

Graduates will be proactive in expanding their knowledge and abilities. They will be open to new challenges, be willing to face unfamiliar problems and accept wider responsibilities. They will continue to grow in faith, knowledge and maturity, “forgetting what is behind and pressing ... toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil 3:13-14).
Theology means ‘the knowledge of God’ and it’s our aim that your time at BST will give you more of that. Yet we’re also equipping you to put your knowledge into action in the world, so everything we offer is designed to make sure that the whole of you is shaped for God’s purposes. So take a look at the kind of person we pray you’ll be when you leave BST...

**Greatly Committed to God’s Mission**

*Go and make disciples of all nations.*

Matthew 28:19

Graduates will be aware of the needs and opportunities of local and global mission. They will work and pray to make Christ known and see people won to faith and obedience. They will be marked by compassion and practical concern for the lost and needy. They will be passionately committed to the fulfilment of the Great Commission, to make disciples of all nations.

**Sound in Knowledge of the Bible**

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.* 2 Timothy 3:16

Graduates will have an in-depth and comprehensive knowledge of the Bible. They will be committed to the infallibility and authority of the Bible as God’s word in everything relating to salvation and the Christian life. They will strive to be faithful teachers of the Bible who correctly explain the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15).

**Competent in Basic Ministry Skills**

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.* 1 Peter 4:10

Graduates will be competent in basic ministry skills, including preaching, teaching, leading and caring for people. They will use their gifts to implement constructive change in the church and community (1 Tim 4:6-16). They will be culturally attuned and flexible in dealing with a range of issues (1 Cor 9:19-23). They will embrace accountability and maintain professional standards in various contexts. They will be ‘salt and light’ in the world (Matt 5:13-14) and be able to ‘prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up’ (Eph 4:12).

**Humble and Faithful in Life and Ministry**

*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.* Hebrews 10:24

Graduates will live lives of holiness, prayer, humility and faithfulness. They will be willing to acknowledge their shortcomings and mistakes and be open to receive constructive criticism and advice. They will do nothing out of selfish ambition, but in humility will put others before themselves (Phil 2:3). They will be prepared to suffer for the sake of Christ, knowing that ‘we must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God’ (Acts 14:22).

**An Effective Communicator of the Gospel**

*Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you’re living the way you are.* 1 Peter 3:15

Graduates will know the gospel and will be eager and able to communicate it, especially in word, but also through writing and other media, in ways that are culturally sensitive and intelligible to others. They will have compassionate hearts, listening empathetically to people in their particular contexts. They will be ready to preach God’s word at any time with patience and care (2 Tim 4:2), trying to persuade people to believe the gospel and to become followers of Jesus (2 Cor 5:11).

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Shaped by His word; serving His world

Brisbane School of Theology offers high-quality, Bible-centred theological training in a diverse and supportive community, shaping the whole person for God’s purposes. We’re developing passionate, capable disciples who have been shaped by God’s word to serve him in the church and the world.

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