



BRISBANE  
SCHOOL *of*  
THEOLOGY



# Prospectus

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Shaped by His Word  
*Serving His World*



Welcome to Brisbane  
School of Theology.  
Since 1943 the college  
has worked to see  
God's people shaped  
by his word and  
serving his world.



Your BST college experience is designed to be deeply formative. Our faculty are gifted teachers and tenderhearted 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, 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, and 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. Amid 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





# Life at BST

## Transformational community

We believe that Christian growth comes not only from study but through relationships with others. Weekly chapel, community lunches, lectures and fellowship groups all contribute to our formation.

## Interdenominational Bible training

Being interdenominational means that our students and staff all come from different Christian backgrounds. Students learn how to read the Bible, explore a variety of theological perspectives, and experience how to respectfully discuss differing beliefs. This means that BST students prepare for any kind of ministry within a safe and diverse community.

## Passionate and gifted staff

With a passion for both learning and serving others, our faculty are dedicated to helping you achieve your academic goals while also nurturing your personal growth and spiritual development. Our staff are equally committed to providing you with the resources and assistance you need to succeed. We strive to live out our Christian walk as we support your learning journey.

## Study support

Every BST student is paired with a Student Advisor who will support them through the highs and lows of study life. Our friendly tutors are also on hand to support with assessment planning, exam preparation, and time management.

## Practical, experience-based learning

BST students develop their gifts and skills through our Mission Exposure Weeks, Practical Assessments, and Overseas Study Tours. They also gain connections to Mission Organisations through our weekly Mission Awareness Program.



# Statement of faith

God is the Creator and sustainer of all things.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is fully God and fully human, in one person. He lived a sinless life, died in the place of sinful human beings and experienced bodily resurrection before ascending visibly to heaven.

The Holy Spirit lives within all Christians and empowers us to grow spiritually and serve God in the world.

There is one God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who share together equally and eternally in the one being of God.

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 to the church as the final authority for what to believe and how to live.

The Church is the people of God, made up of all who are joined to Jesus Christ through faith, regardless of ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status or denominational association.

All humans are sinners, disobedient to God, and have a broken relationship with him 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, who, through his sacrificial death, has done all that is necessary for God to forgive our sins.

Jesus Christ will return personally at the end of the age, when there will be a bodily resurrection of all people, followed by judgement leading to eternal life, or eternal separation from God.

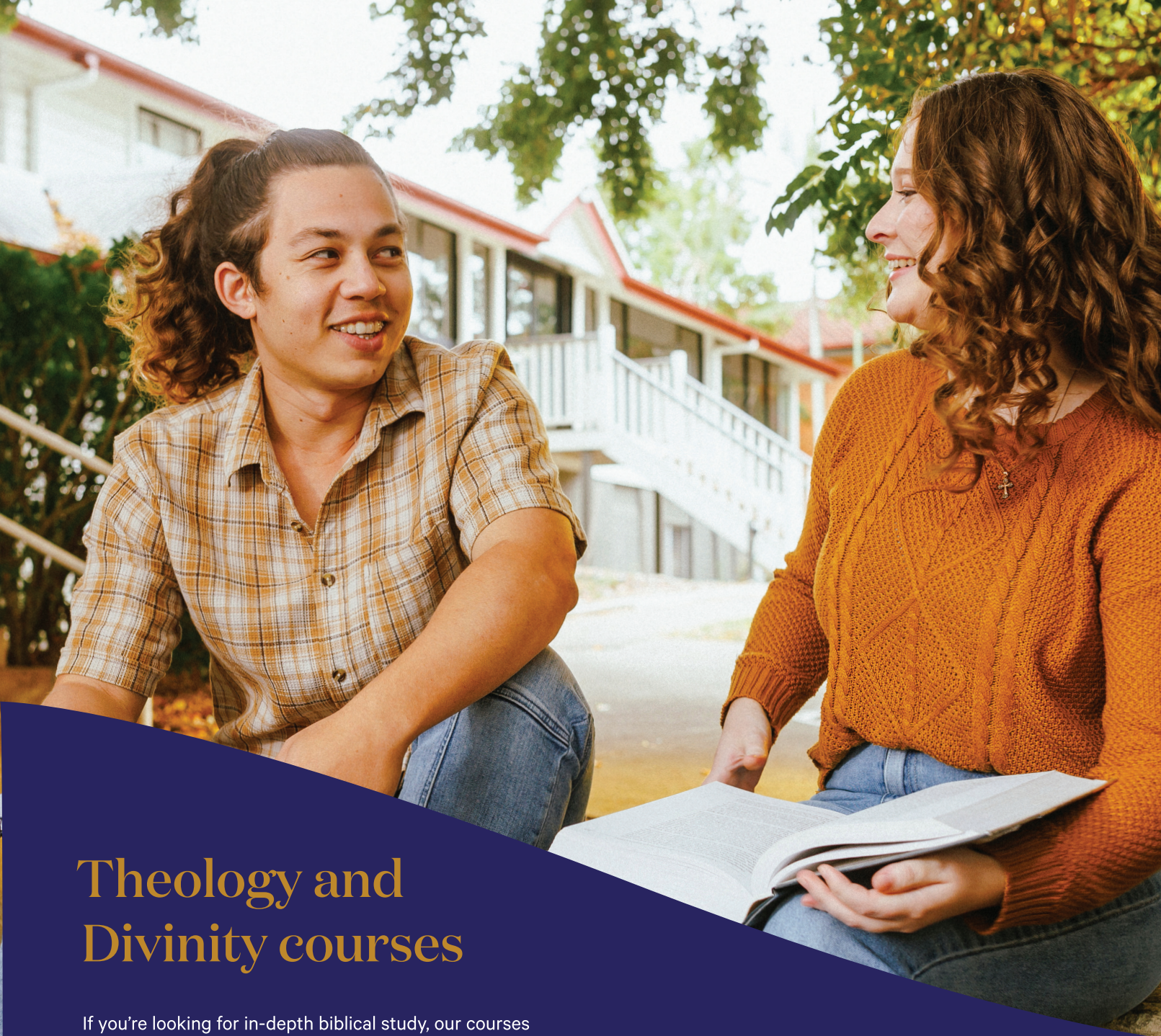
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As an affiliated College of the Australian College of Theology, Brisbane School of Theology is approved to deliver the following courses of the ACT (CRICOS 02650E).

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# Theology and Divinity courses

If you're looking for in-depth biblical study, our courses in Theology and Divinity are exactly what you need. Our experienced lecturers will give you a panoramic view of the entire Bible, while also drilling down on specific sections. You will gain insights into church history, explore the depths of theology, develop practical ministry skills, and complete qualifications that most denominations are looking for to ordain ministers in their congregations.

Our Theology degrees are for students without a previous undergraduate qualification, and our Divinity degrees are for students who already have an undergraduate qualification.

If you are seeking ordination with specific denominational requirements, we work with you to tailor a course that aligns to your needs. This flexible approach ensures a seamless pathway to a life of service, in the church, on the mission field, or as a means to deepen your faith and understanding of God.

## Graduate outcomes

If you are exploring a life of ministry service, either in the church or on the mission field, then a degree in Theology/Divinity (particularly at the Bachelor level or above) is your best option. Potential graduate outcomes include: church leadership and pastoral roles, local and international mission work, church planting, chaplaincy, and pastoral care roles.

Find out more online



# Undergraduate Certificate of Theology

## Course Duration

4 UNITS = 48 CREDIT POINTS

FULL TIME 6 MONTHS

## Entry Requirements

### PREREQUISITES

Completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65; OR

Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR

Demonstrate academic suitability for course: test, brief essay, or interview.

### FEE-HELP AVAILABLE

On-campus or off-campus live streamed.

Explore theological education with our **Undergraduate Certificate of Theology**—a perfect entry point, especially for those without an undergraduate qualification.

Gain an overview of the Bible and develop skills to understand and share your faith. Delve also into the history of Christianity, providing a solid foundation for further theological exploration.

## Course Structure

1 unit from Biblical Introduction

1 unit from Christian Thought and History

1 unit from either Biblical Introduction, Christian Thought and History or Languages

1 elective unit

SEE PAGES 24-27 FOR CORE UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

Find out more online



# Diploma of Theology

## Course Duration

8 UNITS = 96 CREDIT POINTS

FULL TIME 1 YEAR

PART TIME UP TO 8 YEARS

ENGLISH CRICOS 054649A

CHINESE CRICOS 083079A

## Entry Requirements

### PREREQUISITES

Completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65; OR

Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR

Demonstrate academic suitability for course: test, brief essay, or interview.

### FEE-HELP AVAILABLE

On-campus or off-campus live streamed.

The **Diploma of Theology** provides an encompassing overview of the Bible, offering essential skills to comprehend and share its narrative.

Explore different areas of the Bible, including Paul's letters, the Gospels, or Psalms. You can also study topics like church history, the doctrine of grace, practical ministry skills, or Hebrew and Greek.

## Course Structure

2 units from Biblical Introduction

1 unit from Christian Thought and History

2 units from either Exegesis, Languages, Biblical Studies or Christian Thought and History

3 elective units

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Find out more online





# Bachelor of Theology

## Course Duration

24 UNITS = 288 CREDIT POINTS

FULL TIME 3 YEARS

PART TIME UP TO 9 YEARS

ENGLISH CRICOS 054676J

CHINESE CRICOS 083086B

## Entry Requirements

### PREREQUISITES

Completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65; OR

Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR

Demonstrate academic suitability for course: test, brief essay, or interview.

### FEE-HELP AVAILABLE

On-campus or off-campus live streamed.

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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.

Uncover the history and purpose of the church, and tackle big theological ideas about grace, the end of the world, and God himself. Choose what you want to dig deeper into, like language, ministry, preaching, or biblical studies. This degree can lead you to roles in the church, missions, or even as a chaplain. Plus, it meets most church requirements for ordination and prepares you for mission work with a focus on teaching the Bible. An advanced Theological study path is also available through out BTh Honours program.

## Course Structure

2 units from Old Testament Introduction

2 units from New Testament Introduction

5 units from Christian Thought (2 from History, 3 from Theology)

2 units of Language (same language)

3 units from Exegesis (2 in original language)

4 units from either Exegesis, Biblical Languages or Christian Thought

1 unit of Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries

1 unit of Field Education

4 elective units

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# Graduate Certificate of Divinity

## Course Duration

4 UNITS = 48 CREDIT POINTS

FULL TIME 6 MONTHS

PART TIME UP TO 2 YEARS

ENGLISH CRICOS 076017G

## Entry Requirements

### PREREQUISITES

Completed 3 year bachelor degree or equivalent

### FEE-HELP AVAILABLE

On-campus or off-campus live streamed.

If you have a previous degree but are new to theology, the Graduate Certificate of Divinity offers a comprehensive introduction.

In just 4 units, this program lets you dive into areas of Biblical study that interest you, like theology, specific books of the Bible, practical ministry, or even learning Hebrew or Greek. Whether you want to get better at sharing your faith, or you're considering full-time ministry, this course provides a biblical foundation to test and apply your interests and skills.

## Course Structure

4 units from any field

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Find out more online



# Graduate Diploma of Divinity

## Course Duration

8 UNITS = 96 CREDIT POINTS

FULL TIME 1 YEAR

PART TIME UP TO 4 YEARS

ENGLISH CRICOS 054685G

## Entry Requirements

### PREREQUISITES

Completed 3 year bachelor degree or equivalent

### FEE-HELP AVAILABLE

On-campus or off-campus live streamed.

Boost your skills with theological study through the one-year Graduate Diploma of Divinity.

Gain a clear understanding of the big-picture of the Bible from creation to Revelation, and the tools to explain it to others. Dive into specific books, practical ministry skills, and theology as you travel through this course. If you're considering mission work or you're keen to enhance your local church involvement, this course lays a brilliant foundation, recognised by ministry organisations for both missions and local church service.

## Course Structure

2 units from Biblical Introduction

1 unit from Christian Thought and History

5 elective units

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Find out more online





# Master of Divinity

## Course Duration

24 UNITS = 288 CREDIT POINTS

FULL TIME 3 YEARS

PART TIME UP TO 9 YEARS

ENGLISH CRICOS 054688E

## Entry Requirements

### PREREQUISITES

Completed 3 year bachelor degree or equivalent

### FEE-HELP AVAILABLE

On-campus or off-campus live streamed.

Find out more online



Elevate your biblical expertise and ministry focus with the Master of Divinity—a perfect choice for those with an undergraduate qualification seeking in-depth study.

Starting with an overview of the entire Bible, you'll analyse key sections like the Gospels, Paul's letters, or the Psalms. Delve into the original languages, grasp the church's extensive history, and explore major theological doctrines.

Tailor your studies to pastoral ministry, preaching, cross-cultural mission, or comprehensive biblical studies. This program opens doors to church roles, mission work, church planting, and chaplaincy.

Recognised for ordination, it's valued by ministry organisations for practical and spiritual mission preparation. Advanced theological study paths are also available through our Master of Theological Studies or Doctorate programs.

## Course Structure

2 units from Old Testament Introduction

2 units from New Testament Introduction

2 units from History

3 units from Theology

2 units of Language (same language)

2 units from Exegesis (1 Old Testament, 1 New Testament)

2 units from Exegesis (in Biblical language)

1 unit from Christian Thought

2 units from either Exegesis, Biblical Languages or Christian Thought

1 unit of Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries

1 unit of Field Education

4 finishing units

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# Campus accommodation

While living on campus isn't a requirement of your BST studies, it will certainly transform how you experience our vibrant campus community.

At BST you can find a variety of accommodation options, from single rooms with shared kitchens to fully self-contained one- and two-bedroom units suitable for singles, couples, and families.

Our location in Toowong is perfect for those who want to enjoy the city life of Brisbane while being surrounded by lush greenery. With stunning views of the city skyline and easy access to cultural landmarks like South Bank, Mt Coot-tha, and Anzac Memorial Park, you'll never run out of places to reflect on your studies, unwind, and enjoy your college experience.

We make our accommodation available to our students on a first-come-first-served basis. Full-time students are given priority access, so be sure to apply as soon as possible to secure your spot.

Living on campus is not just a place to sleep, it's an integral part of the education we offer, giving students a real taste of the New Testament vision for living in relationship and being brothers and sisters together.

“Being here at BST, both living and studying, has been a total breath of fresh air.

It has helped to not only give me a space that I can feel like I call home, but also a community and a context that allows me to continue to pursue God, draw close to him and being able to share that with others”

MICHAEL BEARDSLEY  
Master of Divinity Graduate

Find out more online







## Ministry courses

If you're called to local church ministry, mission work, chaplaincy, or you just want to be better equipped to share God's word with those around you, then a degree in our Ministry program may be exactly what you need.

Our experienced lecturers and tutors will provide you with an overview of the entire Bible, help you grapple with key concepts and texts, and give you real, practical experience in preaching, cross-cultural mission, leadership development, or further biblical study.

We offer a range of ministry courses, from a short 6-month certificate to a full Masters degree. The distinguishing feature of a Ministry degree is an added focus on practical ministry, as compared to the Theology degrees (which emphasise preaching, teaching, and biblical languages).

## Graduate outcomes

If you are exploring a life of ministry service, in the church or on the mission field, then a Ministry degree (particularly at the Bachelor level or above) is a great option. If you are called to be a pastor or a missionary, have a chat with our team to figure out whether a Ministry or Theology degree will best suit your situation. Potential graduate outcomes include: church service, mission work, chaplaincy, and pastoral care roles.

Find out  
more online



# Undergraduate Certificate of Ministry

## Course Duration

4 UNITS = 48 CREDIT POINTS

FULL TIME 6 MONTHS

## Entry Requirements

### PREREQUISITES

Completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65; OR

Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR

Demonstrate academic suitability for course: test, brief essay, or interview.

### FEE-HELP AVAILABLE

On-campus or off-campus live streamed.

**The Undergraduate Certificate of Ministry at Brisbane School of Theology offers foundational insights into ministry.**

Designed for those without an undergraduate qualification, it provides a concise yet comprehensive overview of essential ministry principles, including biblical studies and practical skills.

## Course Structure

1 unit from Biblical Introduction

2 units from Ministry & Practice

1 elective unit

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# Diploma of Ministry

## Course Duration

8 UNITS = 96 CREDIT POINTS

FULL TIME 1 YEAR

PART TIME UP TO 8 YEARS

ENGLISH CRICOS 054659K

CHINESE CRICOS 083078B

## Entry Requirements

### PREREQUISITES

Completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65; OR

Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR

Demonstrate academic suitability for course: test, brief essay, or interview.

### FEE-HELP AVAILABLE

On-campus or off-campus live streamed.

**Tailored for individuals seeking a deeper understanding of ministry, the Diploma of Ministry explores key areas of the Bible, church history, and theological doctrines.**

With a focus on practical ministry skills, this program equips students for effective service in various ministries.

## Course Structure

2 units from Biblical Introduction

1 unit from Christian Thought

2 units from either Ministry & Practice

3 elective units

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# Bachelor of Ministry

## Course Duration

24 UNITS = 288 CREDIT POINTS

FULL TIME 3 YEARS

PART TIME UP TO 9 YEARS

ENGLISH CRICOS 054670D

CHINESE CRICOS 083084D

## Entry Requirements

### PREREQUISITES

Completed Year 12 with an ATAR of 65; OR

Successful completion of a qualification at AQF Level 5 or above; OR

Demonstrate academic suitability for course: test, brief essay, or interview.

### FEE-HELP AVAILABLE

On-campus or off-campus live streamed.

Find out more online



The Bachelor of Ministry at Brisbane School of Theology offers a robust and comprehensive exploration of ministry studies.

This program provides a solid foundation by covering the entire biblical text, delving into church history, and major theological doctrines. Students have the flexibility to specialise in areas such as pastoral ministry, preaching, cross-cultural missions, or biblical studies. This bachelor's degree not only equips individuals with a deep understanding of ministry principles but also prepares them for diverse roles within the church, missions, and other ministry contexts.

## Course Structure

2 units from Old Testament Introduction

2 units from New Testament Introduction

2 units from History

3 units from Theology

3 units from Exegesis

6 units from Ministry & Practice (must include Field Education and Spiritual Formation units)

6 elective units

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# Master of Ministry

## Course Duration

24 UNITS = 288 CREDIT POINTS

FULL TIME 3 YEARS

PART TIME UP TO 9 YEARS

ENGLISH CRICOS 088085G

## Entry Requirements

### PREREQUISITES

Completed 3 year bachelor degree or equivalent

### FEE-HELP AVAILABLE

On-campus or off-campus live streamed.

Find out more online



The Master of Ministry program at Brisbane School of Theology is designed for those seeking advanced leadership roles in ministry.

Building on prior knowledge, this master's degree allows for specialised studies in pastoral ministry, preaching, cross-cultural missions, or comprehensive biblical studies. With a focus on in-depth exploration and practical application, the program prepares individuals for the complexities of ministry leadership. Graduates emerge equipped with advanced skills, theological insights, and strategic perspectives, making them well-positioned for impactful roles in church leadership, mission work, or other significant areas of ministry.

## Course Structure

2 units from Old Testament Introduction

2 units from New Testament Introduction

2 units from History

3 units from Theology

3 units from Exegesis (1 Old Testament, 1 New Testament)

5 units from Ministry & Practice (including 1 unit Ministry & Practice project or capstone, 1 Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries, and 1 Field Education unit.)

6 elective units

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# Student support

## Academic support

At BST we are passionate about providing our students with the tools and resources they need to achieve their academic goals. We offer free tutoring services and academic skills seminars that cover a wide range of areas, including essay writing, referencing, study skills, time management, accessing library resources, and academic English.

## BST library

Our W. J. Tunley Memorial Library is designed to create a warm and inviting space where students, staff, and visitors feel welcomed and inspired to learn. Our passionate librarian is committed to fostering a community of learners by promoting group discussions, private contemplation, and academic growth. We offer a vast collection of both physical and digital resources, all carefully curated to support your learning and assessment preparation.

Find out  
more online



## Student Advisors

At BST every student is paired with a dedicated Student Advisor who provides ongoing academic and personal support throughout their studies. These advisors are available to help students navigate academic challenges, develop study plans, and set academic goals. Additionally, Student Advisors care about each student's overall well-being, including spiritual and personal growth.

## Student Committee

The Student Committee at BST serve as a liaison between the students and the college. They also organise social and spiritual activities on campus, like games night, prayer meetings, visits to local attractions and meals together. The Student Committee President is your Student Advocate, supporting you in understanding BST policies and procedures, obtaining fair and equitable treatment, and, if necessary, they can assist you with appeals, grievances and complaints.

## Campus safety

BST is committed to a safe campus community, united in Christ and enriched by our diversity. We display respect and love for each other as we seek to live out our Christian faith together. Discrimination, bullying, sexual assault and harassment have no place in our community.

We have a trained Sexual Assault and Sexual Harrassment (SASH) Officer available on campus.







## BST faculty

We are incredibly thankful for our diverse and talented faculty. Our team of educators come from various nationalities and denominations, bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge to the classroom.

They are not only passionate about teaching, but also share a commitment to helping students grow in their faith and develop a heart to serve others. We are committed to the goal of being shaped by God's word in order to serve his world.

With their extensive theological backgrounds and practical ministry experience, our faculty are well equipped to guide students on their academic and spiritual journeys. Whether in the classroom, chapel, or community, our faculty members are dedicated to helping students become faithful and effective servants of Christ.

### Meet Rev Dr Andrew Prince

Andrew, originally from Sydney and trained as a veterinarian, studied theology at Moore Theological College before pastoring two Baptist churches in Brisbane. Andrew joined BST's faculty in 2009, where he teaches missiology and practical theology.

His doctorate is on contextual communication of the gospel across cultures, and his research interests include Asian Christianity, contextualisation, preaching, spiritual formation, and pastoral health and practice. Andrew's most recent book, *How Christians Grow* (2022), focuses on the journey of becoming more like Jesus.

Andrew is married to Susan and they have three (almost) adult sons—Nathan, Matthew and Joshua.



Meet more BST  
Faculty online





# Graduate Certificate of Pastoral Care for Mental Health

## Course Duration

4 UNITS = 48 CREDIT POINTS

PART TIME 2 YEARS

## Entry Requirements

### PREREQUISITES

Completed 3 year bachelor degree or equivalent

### FEE-HELP AVAILABLE

On-campus or off-campus live streamed.

Find out more online



**The Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Care for Mental Health at BST is a unique program designed to equip Christians to respond to those struggling with mental health issues in a compassionate and God-centred way.**

The course provides you with a strong theological foundation, as well as practical skills for effective pastoral care in various settings, including professional, ministry, mental health, mission, and personal. In partnership with Living Wholeness, the program adopts a holistic approach, aimed at empowering you and the whole church to contribute to God's healing work for those experiencing mental health struggles.

## Course Structure

The three core subjects will be offered over 3 semesters (1.5 years) part-time study. You can enter the course at the beginning of any semester.

### CORE UNITS

PC137-812 Theological Perspectives on Mental Health

IN004-812 Mental Health Issues in Christian Counselling

PC136-812 Theological Approaches to Wellbeing

### SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (ONE UNIT)

PC003-812: Pastoral Skills and Methods

PC008-812: Spiritual Formation for Professional Ministries

PC094-812: Practical Ministry Field Education

PC200-812: Pastoral & Church-Focused Ministry Project – 7,000 words

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# Living Wholeness partnership

**The partnership between Brisbane School of Theology and Living Wholeness Institute is a collaboration that seeks to equip people with the skills and knowledge to care for others in a holistic and transformative way.**

Both organisations share a passion for integrating Christian faith with practical skills for caring for others. The Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Care for Mental Health, accredited by the Australian College of Theology, is a particular highlight of this partnership. This course integrates Living Wholeness content alongside current thinking in pastoral care and theology.

At the heart of this content is the Christian Wholeness Framework, a systematic approach to the integration of biology, theology, psychiatry, and psychology, that offers a way to understand human nature holistically.

The partnership between BST and Living Wholeness Institute brings together the strengths and experience of both organisations to further develop the people of God, and help shape disciples who are trained and ready to provide pastoral care and support.

Whether you're in ministry, a volunteer, a mental health professional, or a concerned friend, this partnership offers a unique opportunity to learn from experts in the field and gain practical skills to make a difference in the lives of those around you.

Find out more online





# Core unit descriptions

## Biblical Introduction

### OLD TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION

#### OLD TESTAMENT FOUNDATIONS

This unit is designed to provide students with an understanding of the Pentateuch, Historical, and Former Prophetic books of the Old Testament. Students will explore the content and character of these sacred texts, gaining essential knowledge and understanding of their themes and theology. They will learn to describe the cultural, historical, religious, and literary influences that have shaped these texts. This unit also provides practical applications, empowering students to apply these teachings to contemporary Christian living and ministry contexts.

#### OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS & WRITINGS

This unit is designed to help students develop a deep understanding of the contents, themes, and character of the Prophetic books and the Writings of the Old Testament. Students will explore the Latter Prophets including the Books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and the Minor Prophets. This unit also covers Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah, the Book of Psalms, and Wisdom Literature. By the end of this unit, students will have a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the Old Testament prophets and writings that they can apply to their daily life and ministry.

### NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION

#### JESUS AND THE GOSPELS

This unit is an inspiring journey of discovery about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Students will delve deep into the four Gospels and explore the historical, socio-cultural, religious and political setting in which Jesus lived and ministered. They will learn about his teachings, miracles, and parables, and gain understanding of his message of the Kingdom, love, and salvation. Through this unit, we pray students will not only acquire knowledge but also be inspired to live a life that reflects the life and teachings of Jesus.

#### EARLY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

This unit takes students on a fascinating journey through the historical, cultural, and theological landscape of the early church. Through the study of the Acts of the Apostles, students will gain a deep understanding of the birth of the church, the growth of the gospel, and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. They will learn about the challenges faced by the early Christians, their faith, and commitment to the mission of spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth. Students will also explore the teaching and themes of at least 7 of the major New Testament epistles as they seek to relate the practices, teachings, and devotion that characterised the early church to their own lives and ministry context.

## Christian Thought

### HISTORY

#### CHRISTIANITY IN HISTORY TO 1550

In this unit students will delve into the rich history of Christianity and its major developments from the earliest Christians to the year 1550. They will explore the challenges and triumphs of the Church in Imperial Rome, onto Christendom, and through to the Continental Churches and the Reformation. By looking back through our historical heritage, students can learn from the mistakes and successes of those who have come before and explore how to apply their learnings to life today.

#### CHRISTIANITY IN HISTORY FROM 1550 TO MODERN TIMES

This unit is an exciting journey through the major developments in Christianity from 1550 to the present day. Students will learn about the contributions of significant figures, responses to changing cultural norms, and challenges to faith throughout the past 500 years. Students will explore the history of the church in a global context and here in Australia. By the end of this unit, students will be equipped to use the lessons from the past to inform their current ministry contexts.

### THEOLOGY

#### THE KNOWLEDGE AND DOCTRINE OF GOD

In this unit students will gain knowledge and understanding of God and His relationship with the world and humanity. Through topics such as revelation, inspiration, creation, sin, and providence, students will deepen their understanding of their Christian faith and gain insights into the great questions of life. Students will be equipped to apply their perspectives on the knowledge of God to contemporary Christian life and ministry practice.

#### CREATION AND THE FALL, THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

This unit is designed to equip students with an understanding of the foundational beliefs of Christianity. Through critical analysis students will delve into the relationship between the act of creation, the corruption of sin, and the person and work of Christ. This unit encourages students to apply their theological learnings to Christian preaching and ministry practice, supporting them to become reflective practitioners in their faith.

#### THE DOCTRINES OF GRACE AND ESCHATOLOGY

In this unit students will delve deep into Christian beliefs on salvation and the end times. They will explore concepts of grace, faith, justification, sanctification, and adoption, as well as the Kingdom of God, the Parousia, and the New Heavens and New Earth. With this knowledge, students will be prepared to apply these theological concepts in their personal experience of faith, future preaching and ministry practice.

#### THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRY

This unit equips students with a deep understanding of the church's essence and its ministry. Students will explore the nature of the church, its theological underpinnings, its unique practices, and its role in the life of the believer and the wider community. Students will examine the ministry of the church, including the teaching of the Word and various sacraments like baptism and the Lord's Supper. This unit empowers students to confidently serve in their local churches, participating in the unity, purpose and practices that God envisioned for His church.

#### CHRISTIAN ETHICS

In this unit students will delve into the foundational knowledge and understanding of biblical and philosophical ethics. They will learn to trace the major themes of biblical ethics and demonstrate Christian ethical reasoning and decision-making. The unit also focuses on relating Christian ethics to contemporary Christian living and ministry contexts—applying Christian ethics to real-world issues such as gender, marriage, power, ecological sustainability, and technology.

#### CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

This unit is designed to equip students with the understanding and skills to defend their faith. Through exploring critiques of Christianity throughout history and contemporary alternatives, students will gain analytical and evidence-based perspectives on Christian apologetics. They will also explore the relationship of apologetics to theology, the study of religion, mission, and the relationship of the church to culture.

## Exegesis

### OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS (IN ENGLISH OR HEBREW)

#### PENTATEUCH

In this unit students will explore the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Pentateuch; Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Through this exploration of the recorded early history of God's interaction with humanity from creation to the establishment of the people of Israel and the law of Moses, students will highlight the key themes and theological teachings within these sacred texts. Drawing from these themes and teachings students will be encouraged to apply their learning to contemporary Christian living and ministry contexts.

#### FORMER PROPHETS: 1 & 2 SAMUEL

This unit is designed to help students examine the introductory issues in understanding the Former Prophetic writings, with a special focus on 1 & 2 Samuel. This journey through the writings of the Former Prophets will unpack theological themes and motifs like kingship, the people of God, the Ark of the Covenant and the temple. Students are then encouraged to apply their learnings from the teachings of the Former Prophets to current ministry contexts and their personal walk with God.

#### ISAIAH 40-55

This unit is a study of one of the high points of the Old Testament, namely, Isaiah 40-55, the prophecy containing the so-called Servant Songs, which are fundamental for the New Testament understanding of Jesus Christ. It delves into the great Isaianic themes of the new exodus, creation and redemption, new covenant, the Messiah, and Israel and the nations. It keeps going to the New Testament to see how these are fulfilled in Jesus. It seeks to understand the prophetic message to the original audience and to God's people today.

#### THE PSALTER

In this unit students will dive deep into the beauty and richness of the book of Psalms, gaining knowledge and understanding of its contents, themes, and characters. They will explore the origin and use of the Psalms in ancient Israel, examine introductory issues, evaluate alternative interpretations, and exegesis of selected Psalms. Through this journey, students will be equipped to apply the teachings of Psalms to Christian living and ministry practice.

### NEW TESTAMENT EXEGESIS (IN ENGLISH OR GREEK)

#### THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS: LUKE

In this unit, students will gain an understanding of the contents, themes and character of the Gospel of Luke. They will learn how to analyse key issues and reflect critically on the theological teachings of the gospel account. With the help of modern exegetical methods, students will be able to exegete selected passages and have the necessary tools to apply the teachings of these texts to contemporary Christian living and ministry practice.

#### THE FOURTH GOSPEL

This unit is an opportunity for students to investigate the life and teachings of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John. By exploring this unique account of Jesus' life and ministry, students will gain an understanding of the deep theological themes and teachings found within the Apostle John's writing. Students will also be equipped to relate the teachings of this gospel to contemporary Christian living and ministry contexts.

#### THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

This unit is an exciting opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of the letters the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy and Titus. Students will explore the themes and theological teachings of the Pastoral Epistles, like leadership, Christ, salvation, and the role and practice of the church, as well as examine their relevance to contemporary Christian living and ministry practice. By the end of the unit, students will be equipped to apply the teachings of these letters to their own leadership and ministry preparation.



PAULINE THEOLOGY AND ROMANS

This unit is a fascinating exploration of the Book of Romans and the theology of the Apostle Paul. By delving into Romans, students will gain a deeper understanding of the major themes and foundational theological teachings of grace, sanctification, Christ, the law, the church and more. Ultimately, through this unit, students will be equipped to apply the teachings of Paul to Christian living and ministry practice.

PAUL AND CORINTHIAN CHRISTIANITY

In this unit students will journey into the fascinating world of Paul and Corinthian Christianity. Through a deep exploration of 1 Corinthians, students will gain foundational knowledge of the themes and theological teachings of this letter, including love, unity, and the church as the body of Christ. Students will be encouraged to relate the teachings of 1 Corinthians to contemporary Christian living and ministry practice.

Ministry & Practice

EVANGELISM AND MISSION

MISSION PERSPECTIVES

In this unit students will embark on an exciting journey of discovery, exploring the biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic perspectives on Christian world mission. They will gain foundational knowledge of the methods and standards of professional, safe, and ethical practice. Students will also explore various perspectives on contemporary Christian world missions, like culture shock, strategies for evangelism, mission organisations and agencies, and how to mobilise local churches in support of global mission.

PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELISM

Through this unit students explore the biblical and theological perspectives of evangelism and learn about effective evangelism principles and practices. Students also have the chance to put their skills into action and gain valuable real-world experience through involvement with evangelistic programs.

MINISTRY IN A CULTURALLY DIVERSE CONTEXT

This unit provides a unique opportunity for students to develop their understanding of ministry in culturally diverse settings. Through exploring biblical and theological perspectives on diversity, unity, and culture, as well as analysing the cultural context of Australia, students will be equipped to apply their learnings within any ministry context.

CONTEXTUAL ASIAN MINISTRY

This unit is designed to equip students to serve effectively in an Asian context. Students will explore the rich cultural diversity of Asia and gain a deeper understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities that come with ministry in an Asian context. They will learn about the history, culture, and theology of Asian Christianity and trends within the Asian church. This program is an excellent opportunity for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of Asian culture and to serve God within an Asian context.

CROSS-CULTURAL FIELD EDUCATION

This unit provides students with an immersive experience in cross-cultural ministry. Through supervised preparation and real-world experience, students gain exposure to different cultures and ministries within diverse communities. The unit also offers opportunities for reflection and evaluation, encouraging students to critically examine their experiences and apply their learning to their life and ministry.

Pastoral and Church-Focused Ministry

EVANGELISM AND MISSION

PREACHING I

In this unit students gain a foundational understanding of preaching, its methods, and purpose, and reflect on the person of the preacher. Students will learn how to prepare and deliver sermons. With practical fieldwork, students put their skills into practice and receive constructive and supportive feedback from experienced preachers.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR PROFESSIONAL MINISTRIES

In this unit students will delve into the world of personal spiritual development and relationships in professional ministry. Students discover the methods and means for spiritual development as they hone their self-awareness skills. Students will learn about maintaining spiritual vitality, conflict resolution, avoiding burnout, and much more.

PASTORAL SKILLS AND METHODS

This unit is designed to help students become effective pastoral carers. Students learn foundational principles of pastoral care, including the methods and standards of professional, safe, and ethical practice. Students will develop essential pastoral skills such as empathy, respect, and active listening. Students will also explore how to provide pastoral care in specific situations, including with those in crisis, dealing with chronic conditions, and those with complex or special needs.

THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON MENTAL HEALTH

This unit examines the intersection of theology and mental health, asking important questions to help us understand differing Christian perspectives on this complex issue. Along with the biblical perspectives, we will examine the cultural impacts on theologies of mental health and consider the dangers and damage of poor theology. Ultimately, this unit will help students build a vision for a Christian perspective on mental health, one that brings hope and healing to our communities.

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING

This unit equips students with knowledge, skills, and perspectives to help those facing mental health challenges in a Christian counselling or ministry context. Students will explore the role of the Christian Counsellor, analyse prevalent mental health issues, review principles of recovery-oriented mental health practice with biblical perspectives, and learn how to take appropriate action, including referral.

CONGREGATIONAL FIELD EDUCATION

This unit is the perfect opportunity to develop knowledge and practical skills in leadership and management within a church setting. Students learn methods of professional, safe, and ethical practice, and develop evidence-based perspectives on church leadership. With the guidance of experienced mentors, students gain hands-on experience and reflection time to grow both personally and professionally, as they work to become a leader who inspires and serves their community.

PRACTICAL MINISTRY FIELD EDUCATION

In this unit students will gain an understanding of the practice and principles involved in non-congregation ministry settings. Through observation and analysis, students will develop the skills necessary for professional, safe, and ethical practice. With guidance from experienced supervisors, students engage in a placement in a practical ministry situation, allowing them to put their learning into practice.

Languages

BIBLICAL HEBREW A

In this unit students dive into a foundational exploration of the Biblical Hebrew language. By exploring grammar and syntax, students can recognise the factors that influence the interpretation and translation of the Hebrew text of the Old Testament. By the end of this unit, students will have explored about 100-200 words of Hebrew vocabulary and be in a position to begin translating simple Biblical Hebrew texts.

BIBLICAL HEBREW B

Building from the learning in Biblical Hebrew A, this unit is designed to increase students' vocabulary, grammar, and translation skills in Biblical Hebrew. By the end of this unit, students will be able to translate multiple chapters of the Hebrew Old Testament, effectively use translation tools, and discuss the interplay between translation and interpretation.

NEW TESTAMENT GREEK A

In this unit, students dive into a foundational exploration of New Testament Greek. By exploring grammar and syntax, students can recognise the factors that influence the interpretation and translation of the Greek text of the New Testament. By the end of this unit, students will have explored about 150-300 words of Greek vocabulary and be in a position to begin translating simple Greek New Testament texts.

NEW TESTAMENT GREEK B

Building from the learning in New Testament Greek A, this unit is designed to increase students' vocabulary, grammar, and translation skills in the language. By the end of this unit, students will be able to translate multiple chapters of the New Testament, effectively use translation tools, and discuss the interplay between translation and interpretation.

Find more unit descriptions, including electives, on the ACT website



Auditing units

Have you been searching for an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of theology but are concerned about the time commitment and stress of exams and assessments? At BST we understand that busy lifestyles can make it difficult to engage with your faith in a meaningful way, which is why we offer a non-accredited Audit program that is flexible, low-pressure, and tailored to meet your needs.

You can choose to audit any unit offered at BST, allowing you to focus on the topics that interest you most. Perhaps you want to explore the practical side of ministry, pastoral care, leadership skills, or overseas missions? Or you could explore the Old and New Testaments, the Gospels, the Psalms, Paul’s letters, church history, and more. Auditing also gives you the chance to meet other like-minded individuals who share your passion for going deeper in the Word. Join our credit students in class and participate in discussions and group activities.

Being a non-accredited program means there are no academic requirements to join our Audit program. You simply 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 either, so you can complete as many or as few units per year as your schedule allows. Whether you're looking to add a Christian dimension to your career, share the gospel with others, or deepen your own faith, our Audit program is the perfect opportunity to integrate theology into every aspect of your life.

“I have audited twelve units and their value is immeasurable...the four foundational units (Old and New Testament) were explosive to my faith and being able to grasp God’s sovereignty, faithfulness, love and mercy to a much deeper, transforming level.”

HELEN MORRIS  
BST Audit Student

Find out more online





# Master of Theological Studies (MTS)

## Course Duration

8 TO 16 UNITS = 48 TO 192 CREDIT POINTS

COURSE DURATION DEPENDENT ON ENTRY PREREQUISITE

FULL TIME 1.5 YEARS

PART TIME UP TO 8 YEARS

ENGLISH CRICOS: 0100549

## Entry Requirements

### PREREQUISITES

Completed 3 year bachelor degree or equivalent

MTS COURSE DURATION = 16 UNITS; OR

Completed an ACT Bachelor of Ministry or Bachelor of Theology or equivalent

MTS COURSE DURATION = 12 UNITS; OR

Completed an AQF Level 8 or 9 award in Ministry or Theology

MTS COURSE DURATION = 8 UNITS.

### FEE-HELP AVAILABLE

On-campus or off-campus live streamed.

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The Master of Theological Studies program is an exceptional opportunity for pastors and other Christian leaders to grow in their faith, deepen their biblical and theological knowledge, and enhance their pastoral skills.

The MTS program is designed to equip you to become a more effective minister and leader in your community, and to serve the church with excellence. One of the most exciting aspects of the MTS program is the quality of the lecturers. They are all hand-picked world-class scholars, who are deeply committed to building up Christ's church. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom, and their passion for the gospel is contagious.

The units covered in the MTS program are not trendy, but timely. They focus on enduring topics that speak into the life of the church today. And they integrate multiple theological disciplines, which stimulates lateral thinking and opens up new perspectives on God's Word and God's world.

Furthermore, the MTS program can be completed through a series of intensive units, or a combination of intensives and evening classes, which makes it accessible to busy pastors and leaders who want to continue their education while balancing their ministry responsibilities.

## Course Structure

On-campus or off-campus live streamed through Zoom.

2 units from Old Testament Introduction - OR -  
2 units from New Testament Introduction

1 unit from Christian Thought

Up to 13 elective units

If you have completed an ACT Bachelor of Ministry or Theology or equivalent you are eligible to receive advanced standing of 48 credit points. You may only need to complete the equivalent of 12 units from your choice of elective units.

If you have completed an AQF Level 8 or 9 award in Ministry or Theology you are eligible to receive advanced standing of up to 96 credit points. You may only need to complete the equivalent of 8 units from your choice of elective units.

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# Doctorate program

The Doctor of Philosophy degree program at BST is an exciting opportunity for candidates from diverse academic backgrounds to pursue research in their primary field and integrate their research with knowledge from various Christian traditional theological disciplines. This is a rigorous program that equips men and women as beginning researchers in a broad range of fields of study related to the humanities and social sciences.

At BST we understand that pursuing a PhD is a significant commitment, both in terms of time and energy. That's why we are committed to supporting our PhD candidates throughout their degree, providing them with the tools they need to succeed. One of the most important resources available to our PhD candidates is a dedicated supervisor. Each candidate is assigned a supervisor who is an expert in their field of study. Your supervisor will help you navigate your PhD research, providing guidance and support as you work towards your degree.

In addition to your supervisor, you will also have access to a range of other resources and support services. Our library is well equipped with a vast collection of resources that you can access both on and off campus. You'll also have access to the latest research tools, including online databases and academic journals.

At BST, we believe that a PhD is more than just a qualification - it's an opportunity to make a real difference in the world. Our PhD program is designed to equip you with what you need to become a leader in your field, tackling some of the most pressing issues of our time.

Whether you're interested in theology, social sciences or humanities, our PhD program will provide you with a qualification recognised by theological and Bible colleges as well as universities for those who teach in these fields. With the support of our dedicated staff and resources, you'll be able to achieve your academic and professional goals.

If you're ready to take on the challenge of a PhD, we encourage you to consider BST's program. It's a journey that will test you, but one that is also rewarding. We are excited to support you on this journey and help you achieve your goals. Contact us today to start your PhD journey.

Find out more online







“I genuinely look forward to my classes each week - they are always enjoyable and engaging. BST has been a refreshing and safe environment to explore theology and challenging parts of Scripture.

One of my highlights at BST has been mission week. It stretched me outside my comfort zone and encouraged me to consider children’s ministry more seriously.”

EVA MURRAY

Graduate Diploma of Divinity



# Chinese Program

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.

Brisbane School of Theology is an interdenominational evangelical Bible college. We aim to teach students to explore the truth of the gospel deeply, understand the Bible, and apply the word of God to their lives and ministry. We provide high-quality Bible-centred theological courses.

In addition to increasing students' theological knowledge, we hope to grow students into passionate disciples who love God and love others; serving the Lord with their actions and words in the world. We work to fulfil the Great Commission commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ: "To make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

BST was first established in 1943, and the Chinese Program was founded in 1997. BST's teachers and students come from different cultural backgrounds and denominations. Our diversity enhances our unity in Christ and increases our vision and enthusiasm for cross-cultural missions.

BST has long-term, successful relationships with many churches and mission agencies. As a result, BST graduates from both the Chinese and English programs serve in local Chinese and English churches throughout Australia. Many of our graduates also go on to serve in overseas mission.

Brisbane School of Theology offers both undergraduate and graduate courses.

# 中文课程

除了我们的英语课程外,我们还提供了一些用普通话教授的课程,这为那些将澳大利亚视为家园的许多来自中国背景的基督徒打开了我们学院社区的大门。

布里斯班神學院是一所無宗派的福音派神學院。目的是教導學生能夠更深入的去認識福音的真理,更認識神的話,並應用到學生的生命當中。本學院提供高質素以聖經為中心的神學課程,除了增長學生的神學知識,更希望把他們培養成有熱誠,愛神愛人的門徒;能夠在世上以他們的行為及言語,去為主作見證,完成主耶穌基督所吩咐的大使命:「使萬民都作我的門徒」(太 28:19)

BST 有七十多年的歷史,中文課程創立於1997年。BST 的師生來自不同的文化背景和不同宗派。這種多元化的契合,增進我們在基督裏的合一,並增加了師生對跨文化宣教的異象和熱情。

BST 與許多教會和宣教機構有著長期、良好的合作關係。所以 BST 中文、英文課程的畢業生,不僅在澳洲本土中文、英文教會事奉,也有很多畢業生參與不同差傳機構,去到世界的不同地方,投入普世宣教事工當中

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。

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more online



# Centre for Asian Christianity

The inception of our Centre for Asian Christianity is a natural extension of our desire to see God's word shared throughout the world.

Asia is rising in global prominence. In 2012, the Australian government released the Asian Century White Paper. This Paper recognises the rise of Asian countries like China and India on the economic, political and cultural global stage—naming the 21st Century the "Asian Century". On the spiritual side, it is predicted that by 2050, 75% of the world's Christians will live in the Global South—Africa, Asia and Latin America (Pew Research Center, 2015).

With this in mind, Australia's proximity to Asia, and the large Asian population living within Australia, means we are well placed to act for God's kingdom. What an incredible opportunity to support and work with the Asian church to reach more people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

## Our vision

To be an Australian hub for the acceleration of gospel growth in the Asian church.

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**The Centre's strategy to be an Australian hub for the acceleration of gospel growth in the Asian church is three-fold:**

### TRAINING

The Centre's partnership with BST supports the training of Christian workers for ministry in Asian contexts. The Centre also facilitates public lectures, workshops, conferences and events on Asian Christianity.

### RESEARCH

The Centre seeks to amplify and facilitate engagement with research and literature from those writing from the Asian and Asian diaspora. This includes inviting key voices to inform best practice and supporting those contributing to Asian, and Asian diasporic theologies.

### CONNECTION

The Centre facilitates connection among Asian-focused Christians, churches and organisations through events, resources and partnerships. These connections promote mutual encouragement, knowledge-sharing and the advancement of God's kingdom in Asian communities.







## Getting started

At BST we are thrilled when someone expresses interest in joining our community. We understand that applying to college can be a daunting task, but we are here to guide and support you every step of the way.

From the moment you start your application to the day you receive your acceptance letter, we are committed to making your journey as smooth as possible. We can't wait to learn more about you, your passions and aspirations, and journey with you as you are shaped by God's word in order to serve his world. So, let's get started!

## Application process

### STEP 1: ATTEND AN INTERVIEW

We want to get to know you and give you the opportunity to get to know us. At your interview, you can discuss your study options and explore the college. This interview can be on campus or online.

### STEP 2: FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FORM

Download and fill out the BST Application Form. This can be done before or after your interview.

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Start your  
application now





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