

Master of Arts

MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

The Master of Arts is a coursework program designed for graduates who hold a tertiary qualification in a theological discipline, who wish to pursue a graduate qualification as part of their continuing education for ministry in the church, para-church or non-profit organisations, and other vocational settings.

Course Structure

Category 1: 72 credit points (8 course subjects) at AQF 8 or AQF 9 level (8500 or 9600 series)

Category 2: 108 credit points (12 course subjects) at AQF 8 or AQF 9 level (8500 or 9600 series)

- Unit content may not be similar to that of subjects undertaken previously, e.g., in a Bachelor of Ministry or Bachelor of Theology.
- The Master of Arts may be taken with or without specialisation. A specialisation comprises six subjects (54 credit points) in a sub-discipline including at least two course subjects (18 credit points) at 9600 level.
- Specialisations are available in Biblical Studies, Pastoral Counselling and Christian Leadership.

Course Structure Admission and Prerequisites

Admission to the MA is available via four pathways:

1. Applicants holding an AQF level 8 award in Theology (Grad Cert or Grad Dip)
2. Applicants holding an AQF level 7 award in Theology (BTh or BMin)
3. Applicants holding an AQF level 7 award in any discipline (BA etc.)
4. Applicants with no formal academic training but have experience in significant ministry leadership (see notes on Professional Entry)

Pathway 1: Applicants enrol directly into the MA and complete 8 subjects at 8500 or 9600 level over 1 year to 3 years.

Pathway 2-4: Applicants enrol in the Grad Cert Arts and complete 4 subjects at 8500 or 9600 level over 6 months to 1.5 years. On completion, the student proceeds to Pathway 1.

Professional Entry into Graduate Certificate in Arts

This entry requires the applicant to:

- possess a minimum of 5 years relevant work experience in a **senior leadership role**, consistent with the *Typical Progression Pathways* outlines below or
- possess a minimum of 8 years relevant work experience in a range of leadership roles from **associate leader to senior team leader** or
- possess a minimum of 10 years relevant work experience in an **associate leader role** and be over the age of 30.

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The MA is a 1 or 1.5 years full-time equivalent and is offered via the Leadership Collective in partnership with Emmaus Bible College as a three–four year part time course.

Articulation to Other SCD Awards

Students are eligible to articulate to the Master of Divinity. They may also articulate to the Master of Philosophy offered by the Sydney College of Divinity provided they meet the entry requirements (including undertaking a specified research component within the Master of Arts).

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ARTS (GradCertArts)

The Graduate Certificate in Arts course is designed for those who hold a tertiary qualification in a non-theological discipline, who wish to pursue a graduate qualification, and who are seeking skills to enhance their professional work. Graduates will be able to apply a body of theological knowledge in a range of contexts relating to ministry and/or further learning.

Course Structure

Grad Cert in Arts = 4 subjects
Grad Dip of Arts Specialising in Leadership = 8 subjects (including two subjects at 9000 level)
Masters of Arts Specialising in Leadership = 12 subjects (including two subjects at 9000 level)

Entrance Requirements

As above.

Articulation to Other SCD Awards

Students are eligible to articulate to the Graduate Diploma of Arts, or the Master of Arts. Students are required to surrender their GradCertArts in both situations.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF ARTS

The Graduate Diploma of Arts course is designed primarily for students who already hold a tertiary qualification in a non-theological discipline, who wishes to pursue a graduate qualification, and who are seeking skills to enhance their professional work. Graduates will be able to apply a body of theological knowledge in a range of contexts relating to ministry and/or further learning.

Course Structure

Students can exit at the completion of 8 Units with the Graduate Diploma in Arts (Specialising in Leadership) or complete.

Entrance Requirements

As above.

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Articulation to Other SCD Awards

Students are eligible to articulate to the Master of Arts offered by the Sydney College of Divinity, on completion of which students are required to surrender their GradDipArts.

Sample MA with **Biblical Specialisation**

Subject	Lecturer
Introduction to Old Testament	Dr Theron Young
Hermeneutics	Dr Theron Young
Contemporary Theological Issues	Dr Xavier Lakshmanan
Christian Ethics	Dr Part Harrison
Introduction to New Testament	Dr Theron Young
Evangelism	Dr Leonard Smith
Church History	Dr Donald Patten
Lukan Literature	Dr Mike Leary
The Psalms	Dr Theron Young
Romans	Dr Mike Leary
Introduction to Pastoral Care	Dr Leonard Smith
Introduction to World Mission	Dr Pat Harrison

Other sample subjects available for study include:

- Biblical Languages
 - Koine Greek
 - Biblical Hebrew
- Introduction to Counselling

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- Marriage and Family
- Group Processing
- Ministry in the Church

Sample MA with Pastoral Counselling Specialisation

Subject	Lecturer
Theory and Practice of Pastoral Counselling	Rowena Reynolds
Counselling in Context	Kim Taylor
Contemporary Theological Issues	Dr Xavier Lakshmanan
New Testament Theology	Dr Mike Leary
Pastoral Counselling in Context	Rowena Reynolds
Marriage and Family Counselling 1	Rowena Reynolds
Group Processing	Kim Taylor
Pastoral Counselling in Context	Julie Palagrini
Old Testament Theology	Dr Theron Young
Solution Focused Brief Therapy & Positive Psychology	Rowena Reynolds
Personal and Public Ethics	Kim Taylor
Psychology and Leadership	Dr Leonard Smith

Other sample subjects available for study include:

- Pastoral Counselling in Ministry
- Pastoral Counselling: Grief and Loss
- Ministry in the Church
- Biblical Languages (Greek or Hebrew)
- Other Biblical or Theological studies

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Sample MA with Leadership Specialisation

Subject	Lecturer
Introduction to Old Testament	Dr Theron Young
Hermeneutics	Dr Theron Young
Contemporary Theological Issues	Dr Xavier Lakshmanan
Developing Leaders through Mentoring	Dr Leonard Smith
Introduction to New Testament	Dr Theron Young
Transformational Leadership in Ministry	Dr Richard Green
Spiritual Leadership	Dr Leonard Smith
The Psalms	Dr Theron Young
Mastering Change in Ministry	Dr Leonard Smith
Romans	Dr Mike Leary
Church Planting	Dr Richard Green
Administrative Leadership and Management for Ministry	Dr Richard Green

Other sample subjects available for study include:

- Biblical Languages
 - Koine Greek
 - Biblical Hebrew
- Introduction to Counselling
- Marriage and Family
- Group Processing