Master of Divinity

MASTER OF DIVINITY (MDiv)

A graduate entry program for students with a previous non-theological degree seeking to undertake their initial theological studies. It is a comprehensive degree leading to Christian Ministry or graduate research study in theology at the highest level.

The Master of Divinity is a coursework program designed for two categories of candidates:

- Those who hold a tertiary qualification in a non-theological discipline, who seek a comprehensive education in theology comparable in breadth and depth to the Bachelor of Theology, including a deeper biblical and theological understanding, spiritual formation, and cultural literacy that will prepare them for ordained or other professional ministry in church, para-church or non-profit organisations, and other similar vocational settings.

- Those who hold a tertiary qualification in a theological discipline who wish to pursue a graduate qualification in theology as part of their continuing ministerial education.

The award provides a systematic and comprehensive study of theological and related disciplines through a structure of specialisations and sub-specialisations.

Course Structure

216 credit points (24 course subjects) at AQF 8 and/or AQF 9 level (8500 and/or 9600 series) including:

- A specialisation in Biblical Studies (six subjects). 54 credit points from subjects assigned to Biblical Studies including no more than 18 credit points from 8500 series subjects. Plus two subjects in Biblical Languages.
- A specialisation in Theology (six subjects). 54 credit points from subjects assigned to Theology including no more than 18 credit points from 8500 series subjects.
- A sub-specialisation from the Christian Life & Ministry discipline.
- At least one subject in Church History.
- For other requirements please refer to the SCD Handbook.

Entrance Requirements

Category I: an AQF 7 award in theology (Bachelor of Theology/Ministry)

Category II: an AQF 8 award in theology (eg SCD Graduate Certificate in Arts)

Articulation to Other SCD Awards

Students are eligible to articulate to the Master of Philosophy, Doctor of Ministry, or Doctor of Theology

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offered by the Sydney College of Divinity provided they meet the entry requirements (including undertaking a specified research component within the Master of Divinity).

Course Structure Master of Divinity Sample Program

YEAR	SUBJECTS
FIRST	Introduction to the Old Testament Introduction to Pastoral and Practical Theology Introducing Theology Perspectives on World Mission Introduction to New Testament Interpretation of the Bible Basic Christian Doctrines The Early Church
SECOND	Biblical Language I Principles of Christian Ethics Romans Christology Biblical Language II The Lukan Literature Psychology of Leadership Issues in Theology: Christian Apologetics
THIRD	Preaching Gospel, Culture and Communication in Australia and NZ Prophetic and Wisdom Literature Focus Study in Trinitarian Theology Issues in Contemporary Theology Transformational Leadership in Ministry Pneumatology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology Research Project