

Doctor of Ministry

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The Doctor of Ministry aims to provide the opportunity for advanced critical reflection on professional practice in the discipline of Christian Ministry and closely related fields. Graduates can demonstrate an extended knowledge of the sub-disciplines of Christian Ministry and closely related fields; and can successfully identify, investigate and resolve problems confronting these fields. Graduates can also demonstrate a developed critical theological approach to ministry and leadership in their profession; understand the need for, and have developed the capacity to, engender networks of trust and cooperation among ministry professionals; demonstrate development of new skills in the professional areas of preaching, leadership, and management; and demonstrate a greater understanding and appreciation of social issues in the mission of the church in a local and global context.

The course includes the following awards:

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Course Study Modes and Locations

Doctor of Ministry (1902DM)

Distance Education - Uni Wide

On Campus - Uni Wide

Doctor of Ministry (extended) (1904DM)

Distance Education - Uni Wide

On Campus - Uni Wide

Availability is subject to change, please verify prior to enrolment.

Normal course duration

Doctor of Ministry

Full-time 3.0 years (6.0 sessions)

Normal course duration is the effective period of time taken to complete a course when studied Full-time (Full-time Equivalent: FTE). Students are advised to consult the Enrolment Pattern for the actual length of study. Not all courses are offered in Full-time mode.

Admission criteria

[CSU Admission Policy](#)

Candidates admitted to the course will:

1. hold a Class 1 or Class 2 Division 1 Bachelor (Honours) degree in theology or ministry, or a Master degree by coursework in theology or ministry (attained at a course credit point average of 6.00 or better), or a Master degree by research in theology or ministry (Variation to admission requirements based on alternative academic qualifications will be assessed by the Course Coordinator in consultation with the Course Management Committee);
2. have at least five years of full time (or equivalent) practice in professional ministry or in a cognate area, a significant amount of which should be able to be shown to be current;
3. meet the University's English language proficiency requirements; and
4. be able to be assessed for variation to admission requirements based on RPL - this will be assessed by the Course Coordinator in consultation with the Course Management Committee.

These admission requirements are necessary to ensure that candidates have sufficient academic ability and professional experience to conduct research that leads to advanced, critical reflection on professional practice in the field of Christian Ministry.

Credit

[CSU Credit Policy](#)

32 points of credit will be granted towards the Doctor of Ministry for students who have successfully completed the following subjects within the Charles Sturt University Master of Ministry:

- MIN540 Approaches to Enquiry in Ministry (16)
- MIN541 Reflective Practitioner Perspectives in Ministry (16)

Graduation requirements

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 192 points.

Course Structure

The course consists of four core coursework subjects and a dissertation of 128 points.

Coursework Subjects

Up to 32 points credit may be given from the Master of Ministry for the successful completion of [MIN540](#) and [MIN541](#) (equivalent to [MIN740](#) and MIN741)

[MIN740](#) Approaches to Enquiry in Ministry (16)

[MIN741](#) Reflective Practitioner Perspectives in Ministry (16)

[MIN742](#) Literature Review in Ministry (16)

[MIN743](#) Research Proposal in Ministry (16)

Dissertation/Portfolio

The dissertation subject may not be taken until [MIN740](#), [MIN741](#), [MIN742](#) and [MIN743](#) have been successfully completed.

[MIN744](#) Doctoral Thesis in Ministry FT (128)

or

[MIN745](#) Doctoral Thesis in Ministry PT (128)

Enrolment Pattern

FULL-TIME ENROLMENT PATTERN

Session 1

[MIN740](#) Approaches to Enquiry in Ministry (16)

[MIN741](#) Reflective Practitioner Perspectives in Ministry (16)

Session 2

[MIN742](#) Literature Review in Ministry (16)

[MIN743](#) Research Proposal in Ministry (16)

Sessions 3 - 6

[MIN744](#) Doctoral Thesis in Ministry FT (128)

PART-TIME ENROLMENT PATTERN

Session 1

[MIN740](#) Approaches to Enquiry in Ministry (16)

Session 2

[MIN741](#) Reflective Practitioner Perspectives in Ministry (16)

Session 3

[MIN742](#) Literature Review in Ministry (16)

Session 4

[MIN743](#) Research Proposal in Ministry (16)

Sessions 5 - 12

[MIN745](#) Doctoral Thesis in Ministry PT (128)

Residential School

Please note that the following subjects may have a residential school component.

MIN740 Approaches to Enquiry in Ministry

MIN741 Reflective Practitioner Perspectives in Ministry

MIN742 Literature Review in Ministry

MIN743 Research Proposal in Ministry

Enrolled students can find further information about CSU residential schools via the [About Residential School](#) page.

Contact

For further information about Charles Sturt University, or this course offering, please contact info.csu on 1800 334 733 (free call within Australia) or email inquiry@csu.edu.au

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