BACHELOR OF MINISTRY

UNITING COLLEGE

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."
At once they left their nets and followed him.
Matt 4:19-20
TNIV

BMin

practical and scholarly

integrated

diverse ministry roles

flexible learning

multiple pathways, multiple exit points

ministry

The Bachelor of Ministry's main purpose is to equip Christian leaders to be competent in establishing, transforming and growing healthy communities and networks.

The course will enable students to engage seriously with contemporary ministry and mission contexts that are developing and evolving. Within the BMin there is a particular emphasis on both the practice of ministry and on the integration of learning with practice across all areas of study.

BMin Practice Stream

Designed for people who learn by doing, the BMin practice stream is designed for those who want to be deeply engaged in ministry practice, or those who want to explore pioneering a new faith community, social justice or creativity initiative.

Supervised Field Education (SFE) is included in 5 semesters, and a range of guided reading units are available so students can tailor their studies to reflect their gifts and passions.

The 'regular' BMin suits those who prefer a more classroom based model of learning.

21st Century Christian Leaders
Leading in a 21st Century World

The Bachelor of Ministry (BMin) is designed to develop deeply reflective leaders responsive to the changing face of ministry and mission. Centred on the integration of practice and theology, students will engage with contemporary approaches to scripture, mission, leadership and Christian education and discipleship as they grow and develop their skills for Christian ministry and leadership.

Integrated Learning

At the heart of the BMin is the integration of practice and learning. Students will participate in Integrative Ministry Practice units, bringing ministry experience into conversation with current issues in scripture, mission, leadership and discipleship.

Supervised Field Education (SFE)

Participation in SFE gives students the opportunity to ground their learning in practical ministry and leadership experiences.

There are four areas of study:

- Biblical Studies
- Leadership
- Missiology
- Christian Education and Discipleship

Plus six different majors:

- Biblical Studies
- Missiology
- Innovation
- Christian Education and Discipleship
- Leadership
- Pastoral Care

Students will do two majors and one minor. A major is six units including four at upper level and a minor is four units including two at upper level.

Core Units

- Interpreting the Old Testament
- Interpreting the New Testament
- Spirituality for 21st Century Disciples
- Media and Communication in Contemporary Culture
- Introduction to Christian Leadership
- Introduction to Formation for Ministry
- Introduction to Christian Thought
- Reading Cultures

Who is the BMin for?

Anyone who's keen to develop their skills and knowledge in the area of Christian leadership, ministry and mission. The course is both practical and academic, providing opportunities for integrating ministry practice and theological reflection.

Students could include:

- People interested in fresh expressions of church and pioneer leadership
- Those preparing for ordained ministry
- Chaplains
- Youth and children's workers
- Lay pastors
- Volunteers in local mission and community outreach
- Anyone who wants to reflect on their Christian leadership.

Flexibility

Students can individualise their learning through Guided Study units plus through SFE's. A Guided Study unit allows an individual learning package to be devised. It could include ministry exposure, interviews of respected leaders or an individual reading program.

Different Modes of Learning

Students can study full time or part time, on campus or in distance mode. Students can shape their learning and assessment.

"I like the idea of the BMin as it is a great way to sharpen the skills I already use in Family Ministry and build my confidence and knowledge.
It's also a great way to mix with others who are in similar ministries."
(Heidi)

Bachelor of Ministry	
Year 1	
Semester 1	4 core units (18 points)
Semester 2	4 core units (18 points)
Year 2	
Semester 1	Major 1 unit (4.5 points) Major 2 unit (4.5 points) Minor unit (4.5 points) Biblical Hermeneutics (4.5 points)
Semester 2	Major 1 unit (4.5 points) Major 2 unit (4.5 points) Integrative Ministry Practice A (4.5 points) Supervised Field Education 1 (4.5 points)
Year 3	
Semester 1	Major 1 unit (4.5 points) Major 2 unit (4.5 points) Minor unit (4.5 points) Elective (4.5 points)
Semester 2	Major 1 unit (4.5 points) Major 2 unit (4.5 points) Integrative Ministry Practice B (4.5 points) Supervised Field Education 2 (4.5 points)

Multiple Entry and Exit Points

Not sure if you want to do a full degree? There are 3 awards available.

Bachelor of Ministry	108 credit points (see diagram above)
Associate Degree of Ministry	72 credit points, including: 8 core units, 2 minors, one Supervised Field Education unit, Biblical Hermeneutics, electives
Diploma of Ministry	36 credit points, including: 4 core units, one in each area of study, and 2 upper level units, electives

BMin Practice Stream	
Year 1	
S1	Introduction to Formation for Ministry (core) (4.5 units) 3 elective or core units (13.5 points)
S2	3 elective or core units (13.5 points) Supervised Field Education 1 (4.5 points)
Year 2	
	4 elective or core units (18 points) Biblical Hermeneutics (4.5 points) Integrative Ministry Practice A (4.5 points) 2 Supervised Field Education units (9 points)
Year 3	
	5 elective or core units (22.5 points) Integrative Ministry Practice B (4.5 points) 2 Supervised Field Education units (9 points)

An example of BMin Practice

A track for pioneer leaders? For those who learn by doing, in which ministry occurs throughout the degree, broken down into (five) "projects over 3 years enhanced by core topics, so that learning occurs "just in time".

Example A: fresh expressions of church

Project A - listening exercise --> Project B - forming of community --> Project C - clarity with community on processes of spiritual formation --> Project D - celebration of new community life --> Project E - forming of new leaders

Example B: justice project

Project A - listening exercise --> Project B - sociological analysis --> Project C - gathering team --> Project D - justice project enactment --> Project E - clarity on processes of spiritual formation

Example C: faith community in a school

Project A - listening exercise --> Project B - "confirmation" class trialled --> Project C - spiritual formation process --> Project D - leadership development --> Project E - worship community trial

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Our Mandate

To develop effective leaders of healthy missional churches throughout the Synod and Presbytery of South Australia, who are:

- Passionate
- Christ-centred
- Highly skilled
- Mission-orientated practitioners

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