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2021 Study Guide



From the Principal

Here it is: our 2021 Study Guide. Whether you are new to Whitley or are a returning student, I believe you will find a variety of high-quality units and programs that will prepare you for an ever-wider variety of ministry, work and research. Check out individual units that are of interest to you, or (in consultation with our Academic Dean) consider pursuing one of the available pathways that we offer.

But if I may offer a word of advice: make sure, whatever you choose, it shapes your own narrative of hope or contributes to hopeful action around you. Because if there is one thing we need today, it is hope. We need to be able to stretch our arms out to something or someone. That is what makes us human. In our times of fires, floods, COVID-19, abuses of power, BLM protests, loneliness and the fragmentation of life, we need hope. Hope for better circumstances. Hope for a future. Hope for better lives and relationships. Hope anticipates a reality that does not yet exist and so it might seem a risky enterprise to hope at all.

In Greek mythology the hope left in Pandora's box – the only thing remaining for human kind – did not symbolize something positive. And yet, a lack of hope deregulates and creates anxiety and fear. It is not an easy call to live from what has yet to come. Hope is in many ways grounded beyond ourselves in the source of all hope: God.

I am confident that our 2021 offerings in theological education and formation begin from a broad global perspective. Reflecting on Matthew 12:21, it is absolutely clear to me that our focus must be that people, communities and even nations put their hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Our hope is not based on fatalism. We will actively support you in all our classes, lectures, writing and research, to help you shape this horizon of hope for those in your contexts, as you grow yourself in faith, hope and love.

Therefore, I am thrilled to offer you this 2021 Study Guide! Choose well! And as we learn and grow together, may the words of the Apostle Paul be our guide:



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13)

Rev Professor René Erwich

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Grounded in the story of Jesus Christ
and committed to faithful living
and practical expressions of God's
activity in the world, Whitley College
is a culturally diverse community
of learners in theology.



Shaped by the Bible, and informed by
our Baptist heritage, we engage with
contemporary challenges of churches and
the world by equipping people through
theological studies and research
for various contexts of service.

Welcome to Whitley College



Our Vision

For more than 130 years Whitley College has been forming men and women for Christian life and service. Through rigorous engagement with the biblical narrative and its application to local and global contexts, Whitley College has created an adaptive learning environment that is relevant for, and consistent with, Christian living, both within churches and faith communities and beyond.

Drawing from this foundation, Whitley continues to shape responsible theological learning and reflection, focused on the complex interaction between culture, church and faithful living. The experience of studying theology at Whitley integrates our:

- Knowing – authentic theological understanding
- Being – personal formation and growth
- Doing – responsible living.

Forming Christian disciples in faith, hope and love

From diploma to doctoral level, our courses serve to equip leaders who will change the world through the church's mission and ministry.

Some of Whitley's emphases are:

- ✓ An open evangelical stance.
- ✓ Reading the Bible responsibly.
- ✓ Exploring the radical gospel demands of Christian discipleship.
- ✓ Commitment to the church, within a Baptist tradition.
- ✓ Reflecting on action as a central learning method.
- ✓ Situating theology in our personal story and social context.
- ✓ Furthering the full participation of women and men in Christian leadership.

Who studies at Whitley?

People study at Whitley for a variety of reasons—preparing for pastoral or other Christian leadership, exploring questions of faith or vocation, integrating their faith and daily life, developing a fresh approach to mission, returning to study while in Christian service and engaging in scholarly theological research. Whitley's commitment is to enable every person to move forward in response to God's unique call upon their life.

We strongly encourage every student to see their study as the reflective part of a life of action and commitment. Integration of faith and life is the key.

We trust that your time at Whitley will be a period of challenge and growth in which you sense God's leading into mission and ministry.

Why choose Whitley?

We believe theological formation involves all of life, demanding both academic rigour and a commitment to discipleship.

We offer programs that integrate practice and theory across a range of theological disciplines.

There are many good reasons to study at Whitley:

- > **Accredited diplomas and degrees awarded by the University of Divinity** are highly respected within Australia and overseas. Many graduates have gone on to further studies within Australia and around the world.
- > **A complete range of theological studies:** biblical languages, biblical studies, church history, systematic theology, pastoral care, mission and evangelism, spirituality, worship, ethics, Christian education and supervised field education.
- > **Highly qualified and respected faculty:** who contribute to the theological conversation through publications and research, as well as quality teaching and practical ministry engagement.
- > **Find a level appropriate to your own stage of life:** Diploma, Bachelor, Graduate Diploma, Masters, Doctorate or take a single class not-for-credit.
- > **Strong research culture,** with Whitley being a leading research College in the University of Divinity. Research graduates are applying their learning in diverse settings – inside the church and in the wider community – in Australia and overseas
- > **Flexible study options:** day, weekend or evening classes, online or via live streaming, part-time or full-time, whole semester units or intensive modules.
- > **Diverse student body:** women and men, lay students and ordinands, students from all denominations, Australian and international students, young and mature students, and from diverse cultural backgrounds.
- > **A Baptist College in an ecumenical context:** study selected units at other Colleges of the University of Divinity and include them in your degree.
- > **Affordable:** Australian citizens and holders of a permanent humanitarian visa may defer the payment of fees through the FEE-HELP loan scheme. Eligible students can also receive Austudy (student living allowance).
- > **Overseas students are welcome**
Study with Whitley from anywhere in the world with our selection of online classes, or apply to study full-time at Whitley under an overseas student visa. Note early application dates and specific entry requirements apply, including those related to English language.
- > **Pathways tailored to suit particular groups:**
 - TransFormation for non-English speaking background students
 - NEXT for 18–25 year-old emerging adults
 - BaseCamp internship at Camp Wilkin, Anglesea, combining outdoor education and ministry
 - NAIIITS: An Indigenous Learning Community exploring theology from an Indigenous perspective.
 - WellSpring for those seeking to be formed as Spiritual Directors.



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Where to begin ...

If you are unsure where to begin, we would love to meet you, learn about your areas of interest and together identify a possible starting point for your studies.

- 1. Identify your interests.** Begin your journey by identifying your interests, motivations and goals. Looking through this Study Guide is a great first step! Consider how many units you can manage, whether you would prefer to study in-person or online, and whether you wish to work towards an award.
- 2. Talk to us.** We'd love to hear what you're thinking and help you determine the best path forward. To set up an appointment, contact our office on (03) 9340 8100 or email whitley@whitley.edu.au.
- 3. Submit an application.** Download and complete the relevant admission form, following the instructions carefully. Submit the completed form(s), together with supporting documentation (either originals or certified copies) to the registrar before the relevant closing date.

Foundation units provide an accessible entry point into each of the following areas of study. Foundation units are identified with a star in the pages that follow.

Sources

Biblical Languages
Old Testament
New Testament
Biblical Studies

Beliefs

Christian Thought
Church History

Practices

Pastoral and Spiritual Care
Pastoral Theology and Ministry
Intercultural Studies
Spirituality / Spiritual Direction

+ English for Theological Studies

Joyce Choi, Lynne Dyer

A good way for students for whom English is a second language to learn the language of theology.

UG AL1003W INT or SEM 1

+ Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Megan Turton

Delve into the Old Testament narrative and experience the richness of the text by learning the basics of the original language it was written in.

UG AL1011W PG AL8011W SEM 1 DAY

+ New Testament Greek A

Stephen Field

Delve into the basic grammar and vocabulary of the language in which the New Testament was first written.

UG AL1002W PG AL8002W SEM 1 DAY
+ ONLINE

+ Introduction to Biblical Languages

Megan Turton, Stephen Field

Learn basic skills in biblical Hebrew and New Testament Greek, which will enable you to utilise language tools within commentaries and other resources.

UG AL1005W PG AL8005W SEM 2 NIGHT

New Testament Greek B

Stephen Field

Develop your Greek translation skills further in this advanced unit, which builds on the skills acquired in New Testament Greek A.

UG AL1012W PG AL9012W SEM 2 DAY
+ ONLINE

Ruth (Biblical Hebrew Part 2)

Megan Turton

Continue to develop your Hebrew language skills through a focused study of the book of Ruth. Reading the narrative through the original language will enrich your understanding.

UG BA2010W PG BA8010W SEM 2 DAY

Old Testament

+ Introducing the Hebrew Bible

Mark Brett

Consider the history and diversity of the Old Testament, particularly in relation to key themes like creation, covenant, government, suffering, ethnicity, and hope.

UG BA1001W PG BA8001W SEM 2 NIGHT
+ ONLINE

Land and Place

Mark Brett

Explore two of the most central themes in Old Testament theology, and relate these to contemporary struggles today.

** Unit previously called Promised Land and Exile*

UG BA3004W PG BA9004W SEM 1 NIGHT
+ ONLINE

Jeremiah

Merryl Blair

Critically examine the book of Jeremiah, paying particular attention to theological themes within the book (such as justice and righteousness, loyal love, knowledge of God, divine suffering) and ecological themes, and consider the relevance of these themes within current 'prophetic voices'.

UG BA2007W UG BA3007W PG BA9007W
SEM 2

The Psalms and their Theologies

Christaan Erwich

Examines the book of Psalms within Israel's historical, social and cultic environment and the broader Ancient Near East context. Examine how the Psalms have been woven into the fabric of Christian worship, and consider their continued influence in our contemporary world.

UG BA2030W UG BA3030W PG BA9030W
INT



New Testament



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+ Interpreting the New Testament

David Janssen

Experience the insights and limitations of different ways of reading and analysing selected New Testament texts, with a focus on doing interpretation.

UG BN1001W UG BN2001W PG BN8001W
SEM 1 DAY + ONLINE

Mark: Narratives of the Cross

Marco Rotman

Experience the challenges of a thorough study of Mark's Gospel. This is the Gospel of following Jesus 'on the way' to the 'other side', containing the most vivid and instructive story of the joys and failures of discipleship in the New Testament.

UG BN3001W PG BN9001W INT

The Spirit and the Church

Siu Fung Wu

Develop an understanding of the work and roles of the Holy Spirit as expressed in the New Testament, and discuss the implications of that work for the life of the church today.

DIP UG BN0120W SEM 1 NIGHT

Romans: Suffering & Justice

Siu Fung Wu

Explore Romans from the perspective of the poor and enslaved in Rome in the first century.

UG BN2033W UG BN3033W PG BN9033W
SEM 2 NIGHT + ONLINE

Revelation

Keith Dyer

Explore the first-century context of this remarkable text as a basis for reading Revelation responsibly and ask how it still might challenge and transform our lives today.

UG BN3042W PG BN9042W SEM 1 NIGHT
+ ONLINE



Biblical Studies

Use of the Bible in Ethics

Mark Brett, Keith Dyer

How does the Bible inform our ethical lives and struggles today? Consider, including through case studies, the diversity of biblical material related to particular ethical topics and examine similarities and differences between biblical cultures and our own multicultural context.

UG BS3020W PG BS9020W SEM 2 DAY

Christian Thought

+ Beginning Theological Studies

Jason Goroncy

What is theology? What is theology for? How is theology even possible? How do we do theology? You are invited to begin to think more responsibly, deeply and constructively about God and the world.

UG CT1001W UG CT2001W PG CT8001W
SEM 1 NIGHT +ONLINE

Lives of Faith: Biography as Theology

Frank Rees

Study the lives, actions and theological work of a number of scholars and leaders, and consider what insights we might derive for understanding our own lives and faith.

UG CT2033W UG CT3033W PG CT9033W
INT

Suffering, Faith and Theodicy

Jason Goroncy

History is haunted by questions of evil and suffering, such as 'Why?' and 'How long?'. Responses to such questions typically take the form of theodicy. Critically examine some of these questions and responses, and explore what faith can and must say in the face of suffering.

UG CT3029W PG CT9029W SEM 1 DAY

Creation

Jason Goroncy, Darrell Jackson

What do we mean when we talk about creation? Discover the various theological, biblical, pastoral, and missiological understandings of creation and consider how these might inform the way we understand and interact with the natural world.

UG CT3039W PG CT9039W SEM 2 DAY

+ Conversations: Interdisciplinary Theological Perspectives on Contemporary Issues

Darrell Jackson, John Flett

Delve into hot-button cultural, social and political issues, and observe how various frameworks (including hermeneutical, systematic and philosophical methods) shape the way these topics are contested in the public sphere.

UG AR1000P PG AR8000P INT

Church History



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Baptist Identity

Marita Munro

Explore the origins of what Baptists believe and how this affects what they do and how they do it.

UG CH3004W PG CH9004W SEM 1 DAY
+ ONLINE

+ The Story of Christianity (Part 1)

Marita Munro

Explore the events, personalities, ideas and discoveries that shaped the church from the time of Jesus through to the Middle Ages.

UG CH1011W UG CH2011W PG CH8011W
SEM 1 DAY + ONLINE

+ The Story of Christianity (Part 2)

Marita Munro

Explore the personalities, ideas and revolutions that have shaped the church since the Reformation.

UG CH1012W UG CH2012W PG CH8012W
SEM 2 DAY + ONLINE





Pastoral Theology and Ministry

Foundations in Pastoral Supervision

Anne Mallaby

Develop your skills as a supervisor to students preparing for ordination and those in pastoral ministry.

PG DP9077W INT

+Writing Well

Paul Mitchell, Jason Goroncy

Explore techniques and practices that will help you reach a wide range of audiences through the written word, and pick up practical tips and tricks for writing high-quality essays, sermons, opinion pieces, event promotions and much more.

UG AL1020W PG AL8020W SEM 1 DAY
+ ONLINE

Practical Leadership for Pastoral Ministry

Lynn Moresi

Explore the significant developments in youth spirituality research and pastoral responses to the needs of youth.

UG DP2046W UG DP3046W PG DP9046W
SEM 1 NIGHT



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Rural Ministry

Geoff Leslie

Interact with and observe agricultural life as a basis for theological reflection the land, social and family life, the environment and economics in a rural setting. Explore needs, opportunities and appropriate models for ministry in rural Australia, including in times of natural disaster.

UG DM3710W PG DM9710W + ONLINE
SEM 1

+ Living the Faith

Lynn Moresi

Make the connection between your story and your theology, between who you are and what you believe.

UG DA1001W PG DA8001W SEM 2 DAY
+ ONLINE

Worship 3.0

René Erwich

Consider the various theological foundations and lived practices of worship and liturgy in a changing cultural context. Look at recent and broader developments in liturgical theology and relate them to current worship practices in Baptist and evangelical churches.

UG DL3040W PG DL9040W SEM 2 DAY

A Toolbox for Ethical Pastoral Leadership

Lynn Moresi

Critically examine the responsibilities of pastoral leaders with a view to forming practices which are healthy, life-giving and ethical.

UG DP3014W PG DP9014W SEM 2 DAY



Pastoral and Spiritual Care



Dementia, Palliative Care, End-of-Life Care: Integration, Reflection and Advanced Practice

Lynn Moresi

Explore the nature and practice of pastoral care in the context of dementia, palliative care and end-of-life care.

PG DP9029W SEM 1 DAY

Wellbeing @ Home

Francesca Nuzzolese

Consider the practice of ministry within households and communal contexts, drawing on recent theological and social literature, and discover the social and spiritual aspects of the life cycle, particularly children, adolescence, marriage and singleness.

* Requires use of Zoom

UG DP3037W PG DP9037W SEM 2 NIGHT

Reflective Practice Units



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Supervised Theological Field Education Foundations

Asher Kirby

Reflect with a group of peers and work on the way your personality and strengths impact your ministry. This unit requires an approved ministry placement of at least 16 hours per week.

UG DP3067W PG DP9067W SEM 1 DAY

Supervised Theological Field Education Advanced

Asher Kirby

Continue reflecting with a group of peers on your ministry experience and develop greater awareness of how your personality and strengths impact your ministry.

UG DP3069W PG DP9069W SEM 1 DAY
or SEM 2 DAY

Supervised Theological Field Education Capstone

Anne Mallaby

Complete the unit Supervised Theological Field Education Advanced as the integrative Capstone requirement in your Masters degree.

PG XP9069W SEM 1 DAY or SEM 2 DAY
As arranged

Clinical Pastoral Education Level 1

Context supervisor

Using an action-reflection model of learning, CPE involves the provision of pastoral care within a particular context and alongside various levels of supervision for personal and theological formation. This unit requires a formal clinical placement.

UG DP9100S PG DP9100S

As arranged in clinical placement

Clinical Pastoral Education Level 2

Context supervisor

This advanced level of CPE extends the skills introduced in CPE Level 1 and assures candidates of competency in all four phases of the experiential cycle of learning. This unit requires a formal clinical placement.

UG DP9273S PG DP9273S

As arranged in clinical placement

Clinical Pastoral Education (Specialist)

Context supervisor

Building on previous CPE studies, this unit allows the student to extend their skills into specialized contexts, such as aged care, mental health, palliative care and rehabilitation, community-based care, criminal justice, schools or the military. This unit requires a formal clinical placement.

UG DP9170S PG DP9170S

As arranged in clinical placement

Intercultural Studies



+ Culture and Language for Cross-cultural Engagement

Ian Dicks

Develop the necessary skills for learning another language and understanding another culture. This unit will assist anyone wanting to engage in cross-cultural work or foster relationships with new migrants in the Australian context and help them settle and grow their English skills.

UG DM1005W **UG** DM2005W **PG** DM8005W
INT As arranged with supervisor

+ Introduction to Strategic Mission

Ian Dicks

Explore what is involved in sharing the gospel with different socio-cultural-religious communities in ways that are culturally appropriate and effective in leading to the establishment of Indigenous communities of faith.

UG DM1019W **UG** DM2019W **PG** DM8019W
INT 📍 Dates and location negotiated by arrangement with Global Interaction

Global Experience: An Extended Culture and Language Exercise

Ian Dicks

A six-week hands-on program in which you begin to learn another language, engage with people of another culture and participate in cross-cultural ministry. Requires prior completion of *Culture and Language for Cross-cultural Engagement*.

UG DM3008W **PG** DM9008W **INT**
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Cultural Intelligence: Competence for Life, Work and Ministry in a Multicultural World

Ian Dicks

Learn and explore the complex factors associated with cultural intelligence, which are necessary for appropriate and effective ministry in culturally diverse contexts.

UG DM3060W PG DM9060W SEM 1 DAY

Mission in the Australian Context

Ian Dicks

How does our presentation of the gospel reflect our Australian context? Examine the relationship of gospel and culture, mission theory and practice by exploring dimensions of Christian mission in Australian contexts.

UG DM2051W UG DM3051W PG DM9051W
SEM 2 NIGHT

Christian Leadership in a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Context

Meewon Yang, Marc Chan

Explore what it means to minister in culturally and linguistically diverse modern-day Australia and uncover a multicultural vision for the Kingdom of God.

UG DM2007W UG DM3007W PG DM9007W
SEM 2 DAY



Spirituality



Mapping the Soul with the Enneagram

Peter Bentley, Ann Lock

This unit explores the relationship between a person's identity and their spirituality through the Enneagram personal mapping system.

PG DS9208W SEM 1 INT

+ Art of Contemplative Practice 1

Peter Bentley, Ann Lock

Study the foundational principles of contemplation and its relevance to our life, work and ministry contexts. The formation program will draw on the various contemplative elements of inner silence, solitude, Sabbath, prayer, listening, discernment and the human experience of God.

PG DS9201W WS SEM 1 INT

📍 WellSpring Centre, Ashburton and residential retreat offsite

Engaging Groups in Creative Contemplation

Christopher Page

Focussing on the principles and practices that lead to spiritual growth and authentic action, this unit will critique both the work of Parker J. Palmer and the contemplative group approach to spiritual development.

PG DS9207W WS SEM 1 INT

📍 WellSpring Centre, Ashburton and residential retreat offsite



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Spiritual Formation: Shaping the Teachers and Leaders of Tomorrow

Peter Bentley, Ann Lock

Investigate how the concepts of spirituality and spiritual formation impacts the practice of ministry. Explore themes of formational learning as applied within a range of learning contexts and the implications for practitioners.

PG DS9030W WS SEM 2 INT

WellSpring Centre, Ashburton

Art of Contemplative Practice 2

Peter Bentley, Ann Lock

Building on the foundation of Art of Contemplative Practice 1, explore the various forms or stages of contemplation relating to the shifts in awareness of a person's relationship with God.

PG DS9202W WS SEM 2 INT

WellSpring Centre, Ashburton and residential retreat offsite

Spirituality Transforming Life

Roslyn Wright

Who are you? How can you grow to become the person God is calling you to be? What will help you to discern God's will?

UG DS3008W PG DS9008W SEM 2 NIGHT



Spiritual Direction



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+ Art of Spiritual Direction 1

Peter Bentley and team

Introduces the ministry of spiritual direction in theory and in practice, and provides a context in which to test a sense of call to this ministry.

PG DD8202W WS INT

WellSpring Centre, Ashburton.
Unit extends across Semester 1 & 2

Art of Spiritual Direction 2

Peter Bentley and team

Builds on the learning done in Art of Spiritual Direction 1. Practical work and supervision continue at a deeper level.

PG DD8203W WS INT

WellSpring Centre, Ashburton.
Unit extends across Semester 1 & 2

Art of Spiritual Direction 3

Peter Bentley and team

Explores significant theological and psychological issues in spiritual direction as well as the student's developing sense of call to this ministry.

PG DD9204W WS INT

WellSpring Centre, Ashburton.
Unit extends across Semester 1 & 2



The Arts and Theology



Film as Reflective Practice

Mia Kafieris

Consider what it means to be human and to be in relationship with others, the Divine, creation, culture and society, through film. Cinema reflects societal conceptions of what it means to be human, the problems we are facing, the solutions that are being proposed and the dissonance between them.

UG DP3018W SEM1 SAT

Available to Postgraduate students as a Supervised Reading Unit

The God of Fiction

Paul Mitchell, Jason Goroncy

Explore Christian themes and content through critical and theological engagement with novels, short stories and poetry.

UG CT3038W PG CT9038W INT

Student Directed Options



Capstone

A Capstone Unit draws together the student's learning throughout their award. Working under supervision, the student reads, researches and reflects on the theological resources that have informed their study. A Capstone Unit is completed in the final year of a Bachelor or Masters award.

Supervised Reading Unit

Students select a question to consider and draw together readings and resources that discover a response in an 8,000 word essay at Postgraduate level and a 5,000 word essay at Undergraduate level. This unit is supervised by a faculty member appropriate to the field of exploration.

Minor Thesis

Students can engage in a major research essay as part of their postgraduate award. The Minor Thesis is a 16,000 word research paper supervised by a faculty member and is a pathway to higher degree by research awards.

Course Planning



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Students who study at Whitley have opportunities to continue their studies through to the highest level.

The decision about which study option is right for you is in part a matter of discernment. Together, we will consider what is best for you to be doing, in light of your gifts, calling and interests, together with possible future areas of service or leadership.

Pathways are mapped out for each individual student, choosing units and degrees which reflect your own goals for study. A wide range of degrees, diplomas and single subjects is available. Almost all of these pathways intersect, so you can begin in one area and articulate your studies towards another.

Diploma-level programs provide a good entry point for those entering tertiary study for the first time.

The TransFormation program is a good starting point for Church leaders from all denominations of non-English speaking backgrounds.

NEXT is designed for young adults who have finished secondary school, and can become the first step on a pathway towards a Bachelor Degree.

Direct entry into Bachelor level programs is also available to those who have successfully completed their Victorian Certificate of Education, or equivalent. For those with a previous degree, a wide range of postgraduate courses is available.

Whitley has successfully supported many students to work their way through to higher level qualifications, including Masters research awards and PhDs.

Specialist Programs

We offer a number of specialised options where cohorts of students journey together through their studies. These communities of learning are embedded in the larger community of Whitley.

NEXT



Your future is not a destination, it's a direction. Where are you going NEXT?

NEXT is a unique experience of spiritual formation and personal development tailor-made for emerging and young adults.

NEXT is designed for post-high school students (18–25 years old) in transition between whatever is now to whatever is... well... next. NEXT develops faith through carefully structured experiences of spirituality, academic study, cultural discernment, purposeful living and justice-seeking opportunities.

TransFormation



The TransFormation program provides training for church leaders who serve in all denominations and whose first language is not English.

It combines study, spiritual growth, worship and community experience which are essential in the formation of Christian leaders. It is designed to help people overcome the obstacles of time, money and language that have previously prevented them from attending existing courses of college study.

Lectures and tutorial groups are offered around a community lunch, encompassing theology, evangelism and mission, worship and preaching, pastoral care, biblical studies and church leadership and administration.

Partner Programs



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BaseCamp is a 12 month live-in program with a focus on equipping young people with leadership qualities, life skills and tertiary qualifications.

Develop a clear picture about your future God-given calling, all while living, working, studying, and having a bunch of fun at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea.

The internship is a partnership between Baptist Camping Victoria, Go Tafe, and Whitley College. Over the course of the year the Interns will study and attain a Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation, as well as complete five of eight units towards a Diploma in Theology. The interns will also be presented with opportunities for gaining additional certificates and qualifications in Wilderness First Aid, and Surf Lifesaving Bronze Medallion.



Whitley works in partnership with WellSpring, an ecumenical spirituality centre, to provide accredited units in spirituality and spiritual direction.

WellSpring's focus is on fostering a contemplative awareness of the presence of God and encouraging people to explore what this means for them in all of life.

Our spirituality and spiritual direction units invite you towards a deeper awareness of God's presence in everyday life, provide pathways for spiritual discernment and formation, and encourage reflective engagement with issues such as justice, peace, interfaith understanding, reconciliation and care for creation.



A unique opportunity to study the Bible, theology and ministry from an Indigenous perspective, taught by Indigenous scholars.

In these units, you are invited to:

- > Learn about the Bible when reading it using the insights of an Indigenous perspective
- > Discover perspectives on history and church history from the experience and perspective of Indigenous peoples
- > Engage in the process of doing theology led by Indigenous Scholars
- > Reflect on the implications for ministry practice, not only amongst Indigenous communities but in all of our church and ministry contexts

Vocational Pathways

Studying theology creates pathways into further service and ministry

At Whitley, we offer these pathways that support your formational and educational journey to serve in various ways. The following pathways are possible study pathways, with optional selections

and awards. These examples are offered in Masters awards, but study can be done at Undergraduate levels, including Diploma and Bachelor awards.

church-based ministry [Sample pathway structure](#)

Intro to a Biblical Language (Greek or Hebrew)	Advanced Biblical Language (Greek or Hebrew)	Introducing the Hebrew Bible	Interpreting the New Testament
Biblical Studies Elective	Biblical Studies Elective	Biblical Studies Elective	Beginning Theological Studies
Who is Jesus?	Church: The Quest for Christian Community	Story of Christianity (Part 1 or 2)	Baptist Identity
Foundations of Spiritual and Pastoral Care	Homiletics	A Toolbox for Ethical Pastoral Leadership	The Multicultural Church, or Cultural Intelligence
Supervised Theological Field Education	Supervised Theological Field Education Capstone		

spiritual director [Sample pathway structure](#)

Introducing the Hebrew Bible**	Art of Spiritual Direction 1		Art of Contemplative Practice 1
Beginning Theological Studies**	Foundations of Spiritual and Pastoral Care	Art of Spiritual Direction 2	
Art of Contemplative Practice 2	Art of Spiritual Direction 3		Capstone

** With a spirituality subgroup



intercultural worker Sample pathway structure

Introducing the Hebrew Bible	Interpreting the New Testament	Reading Scripture Interculturally	Beginning Theological Studies
Introduction to Strategic Mission	Cultural Intelligence	Culture and Language for Cross-cultural Ministry	Understanding Different World Religions
Global Experience		Supervised Theological Field Education	Supervised Theological Field Education Capstone

Other units available that can fit this award include: Mission in the Australian Context, Global Mission Today, Baptist Identity, and Biblical and Pastoral units

pastoral and spiritual carer Sample pathway structure

Introducing the Hebrew Bible **	Interpreting the New Testament	Beginning Theological Studies	Foundations of Spiritual and Pastoral Care
Pastoral and Spiritual Care in Suffering, Grief and Loss	Foundations in Pastoral Supervision	Sociology and Environment in the Practice of Spiritual Care (or similar)	Advanced Listening Skills (or similar)

** With a spirituality subgroup

Option 1

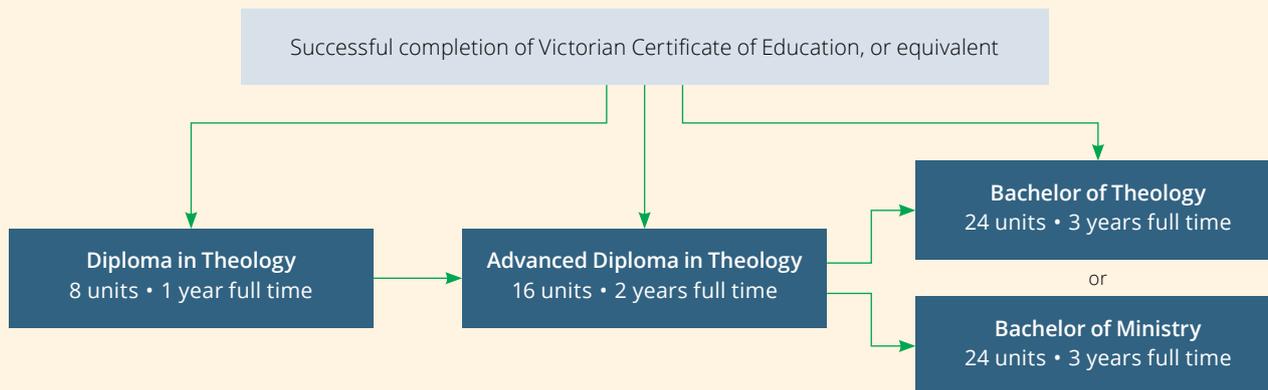
Leadership, Supervision and Management in Pastoral and Spiritual Care (or similar)	Dementia, Palliative Care and End-of-Life Care	Supervised Theological Field Education	Supervised Theological Field Education Capstone
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Option 2

Clinical Pastoral Education	Clinical Pastoral Education	Research – Minor Thesis	
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Course Map

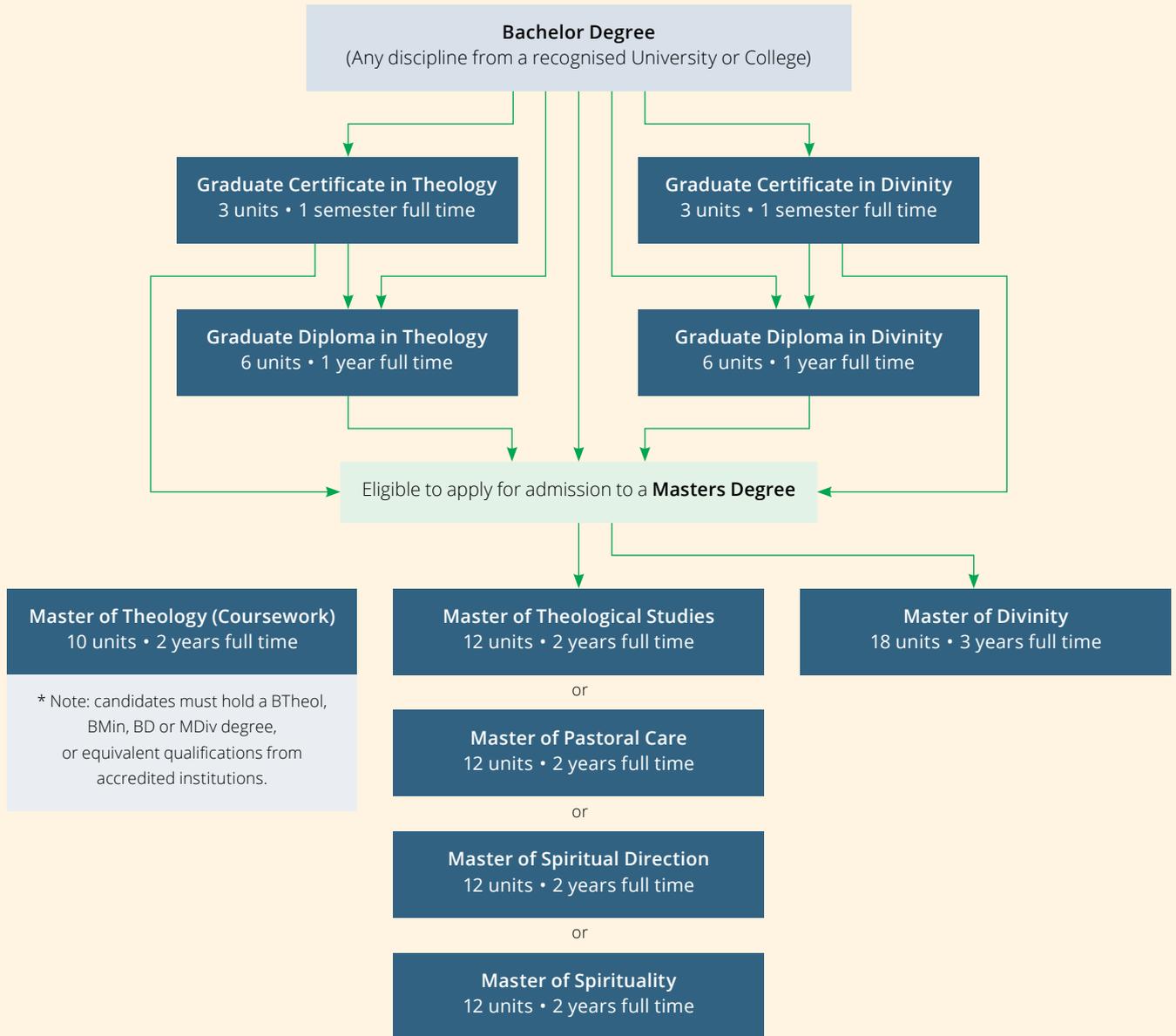
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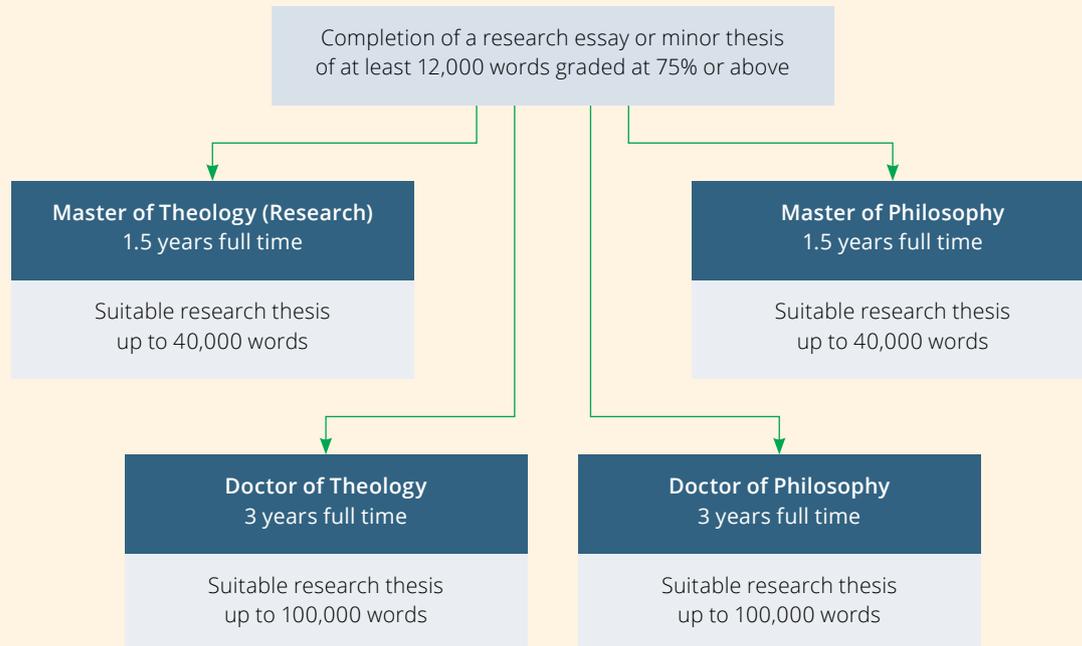


postgraduate coursework



Course Map

postgraduate research



Undergraduate Diplomas



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Diploma in Theology

8 UNITS

This entry-level award introduces students to formal and formational theological study. There are options to explore biblical studies, Christian thought and history, as well as spiritual and pastoral formation and practice.

Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry

16 UNITS

This award builds on the Diploma in Theology by offering students the opportunity to develop their theological and biblical understanding. It prompts students to extend their thought into their life and practice.

Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Ministry

24 UNITS

This award prepares students for the practice of ministry in various settings. This award is for people who are intending to be involved in ministry contexts. It establishes foundations for ministry through the study of scriptures, theological traditions, historical and contemporary contexts. There is an emphasis on formation through ministry practice.

Bachelor of Theology

24 UNITS

The Bachelor of Theology critically examines life and faith through the study of scriptures, theological traditions and historical contexts. It aims to broaden self-understanding and prompt engagement in the world. This award certainly prompts research and communication skills and can be part of a ministry formation process.



Whitley's coursework awards are aimed at meeting the personal, pastoral and ministry needs of our students. Our course advice is based on your areas of study and your long-term goals. Our lecturers' and administrative team's goal is to help students with their formation, not only through academic study, but in the context of whole-of-life learning, interest and calling.

Dr David Janssen
Dean

Postgraduate Coursework

Graduate Certificate in Divinity

3 UNITS

The Graduate Certificate in Divinity introduces students to theological study building from any undergraduate award. In just three units students can follow their theological questions.

Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology

3 UNITS

This award equips students to do further research by rigorous examination of research methodologies and completing a research project.

Graduate Certificate in Spirituality*

3 UNITS

This award allows students to understand personal spiritual experience through introductory study of themes and approaches in Christian spirituality. It serves as a foundation for further study in spirituality or spiritual direction.

Graduate Certificate in Theology

3 UNITS

This awards builds on any undergraduate award and introduces students to three foundational theological areas of study.

Graduate Diploma in Divinity

6 UNITS

This award offers flexibility for students to explore areas of interest in theology or to focus in-depth on one particular area. It serves as a foundation for theology, philosophy, or other theological disciplines.

Graduate Diploma in Pastoral Care

6 UNITS

This award provides students with the opportunity and skills for reflective and critical engagement in the conversation between the texts of human experience, contemporary culture, ministry or service or wider societal context, and Christian scriptures and tradition.

Graduate Diploma in Spirituality*

6 UNITS

This award allows students to explore their own spiritual experience in light of theological scholarship in spirituality. Graduates are able to articulate insights for Christian practice and identity. The program is delivered in partnership with the WellSpring Centre, Ashburton.

Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction*

6 UNITS

This award provides formation for the ministry of spiritual direction. Students explore the dynamics of Christian spirituality through reflection on their personal experience and integration of this with insights from the literature. Students are equipped for the ministry of spiritual direction in their particular faith tradition.

Graduate Diploma in Theology

6 UNITS

This award allows students to explore areas of interest in theology. It provides a substantial foundation for further study and a means of engaging Christian thought and traditions. Graduates are able to articulate insights for Christian practice and identity.



Master of Divinity

18 UNITS

This award is offered to students with an undergraduate degree in another area. It is a foundational Masters program equipping people to study the scriptures, the traditions, the historical as well as contemporary contexts. It enables students to integrate their Christian identity and practice.

Master of Pastoral Care

12 UNITS

This award enables students to apply an advanced body of knowledge and skills in relation to their practice of pastoral care. Building on an undergraduate degree in any area, this award brings the practices and traditions of Christian theology to bear on spiritual and pastoral care.

Master of Spirituality*

12 UNITS

This award enables students to develop an advanced understanding of the theological foundations for their spirituality, practice and growth, and to apply this knowledge personally and communally.

Master of Spiritual Direction*

12 UNITS

This award enables students to acquire and apply an advanced knowledge of the theological and scriptural foundations for spiritual direction in the Christian tradition. This awards offers a pathway to the professional practice of spiritual direction.

Master of Theological Studies

12 UNITS

This award enables students to apply an advanced body of knowledge in theology and its associated disciplines. Students broaden their knowledge and skills and deepen their engagement with select areas of study to prepare them for professional practice and further learning.

Master of Theology (Coursework)

10 UNITS

The Master of Theology (Coursework) allows students who have an undergraduate award in theology to extend their knowledge in theology and its associated disciplines.

Postgraduate Higher Degrees by Research

The Whitley research community is a stimulating and inspiring mix of students, faculty and practitioners from around the world, and we're committed to understanding and engaging with what God is doing in the world.

Whitley research students and faculty are working on a range of postgraduate programmes exploring biblical and theological approaches to the Christian life, ministry, mission, the church, as well as the wider issues that confront society and the global community.

Interdisciplinary theological research

Whitley College has a long tradition and commitment to maintaining a highly expert faculty able to supervise biblical and theological research dissertations.

Whitley's world-class faculty also makes a distinct contribution to the University research community through its commitment to supervising interdisciplinary, qualitative, and other empirical studies of practical theology.

Research partnerships and collaboration

The Whitley research community currently collaborates with three research partners in the provision of postgraduate research scholarships, annual lecture programmes, industry partnerships, and the cutting-edge integration of academic research and ministry workplace as the location for truly 21st-century theological research.

Our current research partnerships are focused in three areas: the future of the church, spiritual-care and ageing, and indigenous theology. These involve new and innovative research partnerships with the Baptist Union of Victoria's Mission Catalyst team, BapCare, and the NAIITS Indigenous Learning Community.

The Whitley research community believes that postgraduate research should not only benefit the student and result in a printed dissertation, but that effective research will also equip and prepare others to engage more effectively through innovative, information-led practices of ministry and mission.

Research Scholarship

As the Whitley research community grows and develops, a key to its success is the provision of scholarships for postgraduate research students. Whitley has already initiated several of these scholarships with its research partners.

The **spiritual care and ageing 'Mary Pope scholarship'** is supported through our partnership with BapCare.

The Baptist Union of Victoria and Whitley College are partnering to offer a **Future Church scholarship** for a postgraduate research student with an interest in the future of the church in the West.

Whitley College is also offering a scholarship for an Indigenous theologian studying towards one of our HDR awards.



Master of Philosophy

This award offers people the opportunity to develop and apply an advanced body of knowledge in theology as a pathway to further learning and research. Visit divinity.edu.au/courses/master-of-philosophy for further details.

Doctor of Philosophy

This research award in divinity requires students to apply a substantial body of knowledge to research and the development of new knowledge, contributing to contemporary scholarship and professional practice. Visit divinity.edu.au/courses/doctor-of-philosophy for further details.

Entrance Requirements

Entry to these research programmes requires completion of a Minor Thesis or other research essay of at least 12,000 words, graded at 75% or above. For detailed entry requirements please visit divinity.edu.au/sgr/future-research-students/.

Master of Theology (Research)

This award allows students to research and apply an advanced body of knowledge in theology and provides a pathway for possible further learning. Visit divinity.edu.au/courses/master-of-theology-research for further details.

Doctor of Theology

This is a research award in theology where students apply a substantial body of knowledge to research, investigate and contribute to new knowledge and scholarship or professional practice. Visit divinity.edu.au/courses/doctor-of-theology for further details.



All our higher degree by research (HDR) programmes are accredited through the University of Divinity, with a growing number offered in partnership with Christian agencies. If you enrol with the University through Whitley College, you'll discover that our research active faculty are a key resource in supporting you at every level of your postgraduate research programme, through regular supervision, research seminars, and research training.

Associate Professor Darrell Jackson
Director of Research

Overseas Students

We welcome overseas students and provide a safe, enjoyable and rewarding place to study. Our college community includes students and staff from many countries, including Korea, China, Myanmar, the Philippines, Samoa, India and Indonesia.



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Accredited diplomas and degrees awarded by the University of Divinity are highly respected within Australia and overseas.

Detailed information about particular requirements for overseas students (including the University's English language requirements and details of how to apply for a student visa) is available at divinity.edu.au/study/overseas-student-resources/.

In addition to studying onshore in Australia, Whitley offers a selection of fully online courses that can be undertaken by students living and studying overseas.

Closing Dates for Overseas Student Applications

Applying for and obtaining a student visa can take considerable time and may vary depending on the country of citizenship. Special closing dates therefore apply to applications for admission from overseas students.

Applications for overseas coursework students close on **15 November 2020** for **Semester 1 2021** and **15 April 2021** for **Semester 2 2021**. Earlier closing dates apply to overseas higher degree by research students.

English Language Requirements

The minimum English language proficiency requirement for admission to the University of Divinity is:

- 1 Undergraduate and postgraduate coursework study: IELTS Academic score of at least 6.5 with no individual band under 6.0.
- 2 Higher degrees by research: IELTS Academic score of at least 7.0 with no individual band under 6.5.

Alternatives to an IELTS score are detailed in the University of Divinity's **Admissions Policy**. Please check the university website or contact us to discuss.

Application Fee Overseas Students

AU\$300

Fees



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Tuition fees are set each year by the University of Divinity and are uniform across all the teaching colleges.

Fees are charged on the basis of a 'unit fee', which covers the teaching for one unit of study for one semester. This fee is all inclusive: it covers tuition, library usage, and student facilities.

Undergraduate (Degree/Diploma)

\$1,704 per standard unit (18 points)

Postgraduate

\$2,640 per standard unit (24 points)

Australian citizens and holders of a permanent humanitarian visa may defer the payment of University of Divinity fees through the FEE-HELP loan scheme. Please visit www.studyassist.gov.au for more information.

Audit

\$500 per unit, payable directly to Whitley College.

This allows you to participate in classes and access learning resources, but not undertake assessment for credit. Audit students are expected to prepare for and participate in class in the same way as students completing the unit for credit.

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How to Apply



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1 Identify your interests

What are your areas of interest? Are you aiming to complete a particular academic qualification? Do you intend to study full-time or part-time, in the classroom or online, during the day, in the evenings or at weekends? Use this guide, the timetable and our website to identify a possible starting point for your studies.

2 Talk to us

We would love to meet you in person but, if that's not practical, the conversation can take place via telephone or video link. To set up an appointment, contact our office on **(03) 9340 8100** or email **whitley@whitley.edu.au**. You will be connected with our Registrar, Dorothy, or our Dean, David, to chat about your study options and determine together a suitable starting point and pathway tailored to your circumstances and imagination. Please have your supporting documentation available for this meeting, to assist us in providing appropriate enrolment advice.

3 Submit an application

- > Complete an **Application for Admission**
- > Nominate to fund your fees through FEE-HELP or authorise upfront payment of fees

Provide necessary supporting documents:

- > Proof of citizenship in your current name (Birth Certificate, Passport or Citizenship Certificate)
- > Academic/VCE transcripts
- > IELTS results (Overseas students only)

4 Get started!

- > Application for Admission approved by the Dean and processed by Registrar
- > Receive Whitley welcome email and orientation information
- > Receive admission letter from the University of Divinity
- > Receive access to online Learning Management System (ARK)
- > Start the learning journey!

2021 Key Dates

Semester 1

Monday 22 February – Friday 28 May

Semester 1 Census Date

Tuesday 16 March

Non-teaching Period (Easter)

Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April

Graduation (Melbourne)

Friday 19 March

Research Day (Staff and HDR Students)

Wednesday 2 June

Study Week

Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

Examination Week

Monday 7 June – Friday 11 June

Results Published

Friday 9 July

Semester 2

Monday 26 July – Friday 29 October

Semester 2 Census Date

Tuesday 17 August

Non-teaching Period

Monday 20 September – Friday 1 October

Study Week

Monday 1 November – Friday 5 November

Examination Week

Monday 8 November – Friday 12 November

Graduation (Adelaide)

Friday 3 December

Results Published

Friday 10 December

Enrolment Dates

Semester 1

- > Please enrol no later than **Friday 12 February 2021**
- > Overseas coursework student applications close **15 November 2020**

Semester 2

- > Please enrol no later than **Friday 16 July 2021**
- > Overseas coursework student applications close **15 April 2021**

Acknowledgment of Country



Whitley College acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the College stands and is committed to work for reconciliation and justice.



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