

Diploma in **Theology**

“ I think Whitley's real goal is to form people of generous character, of embodied faith. All the academic knowledge and biblical interpretation works towards that purpose. It's not just about the theory. It's a way of living. And this is absolutely central to what the people at Whitley do and how they do it.”

- Lauren, Whitley Masters Student

Why Whitley?

- **Inclusive** - Whitley is an inclusive environment. We respect a range of opinions. We welcome people of different ages, demographics, cultures, nationalities and Christian denominations, cherishing the breadth of experiences and perspectives this brings.
- **Biblical** - At Whitley College we are shaped by God's Word. Our values come from the Holy Bible and our practices are informed by the Baptist Church.
- **Individual** - Studying theology at Whitley is not one-size-fits-all. Whatever stage you're at in life we have individual learning programs to suit. Choose your level of commitment and enrich your life and the lives of those around you.
- **Flexible** - At Whitley College, you're sure to find an option that best suits your life. Go online or onsite, be part-time or full-time.

Diploma in Theology

If you have considered studying theology, this is a great place to start. The Diploma in Theology introduces students to the key theological disciplines of biblical studies and Christian thought and history.

This may be extended by further study in those disciplines or by electives in the area of pastoral ministry studies. Also, students can undertake study in a ministry setting as part of the course.

Why study the Diploma in Theology?

The program will help you develop:

- ✓ **Sound foundational skills** for critical study of Christian texts
- ✓ **Skills to articulate** foundational theological and scriptural knowledge and reflection
- ✓ **Clear analytical skills** allowing you to analyse and communicate sound theological ideas
- ✓ **The ability to apply skills and knowledge** to their own and other contexts and traditions
- ✓ **The ability to apply skills and knowledge** to the service of others through practical engagement and as conversation

Who is the Diploma in Theology for?

Keen for theological study but not ready for a degree? This entry-level course 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.

It's a great way to get a taste of theological topics without the longer-term commitment.



Course Overview

The Diploma in Theology has a variety of subject areas and includes study in the following areas:

- Theology
- Spiritual Growth
- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Evangelism and Mission
- Church History
- Worship and Preaching
- Baptist Principles and Practice
- Pastoral Care
- Church Leadership and Administration

Vocational opportunities

The Diploma in Theology program can enrich your faith journey and ministry, and can also be a stepping stone to further study and even ordination.

Future service could include:

- Church-based pastoral ministries
- BUV ordination program
- Chaplaincy
- Small group leadership
- Children and families ministry

Further Study

- Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry
- Bachelor of Theology
- Bachelor of Ministry

Study Pathways



- Mainstream Program or
- Transformation Program

Commitment



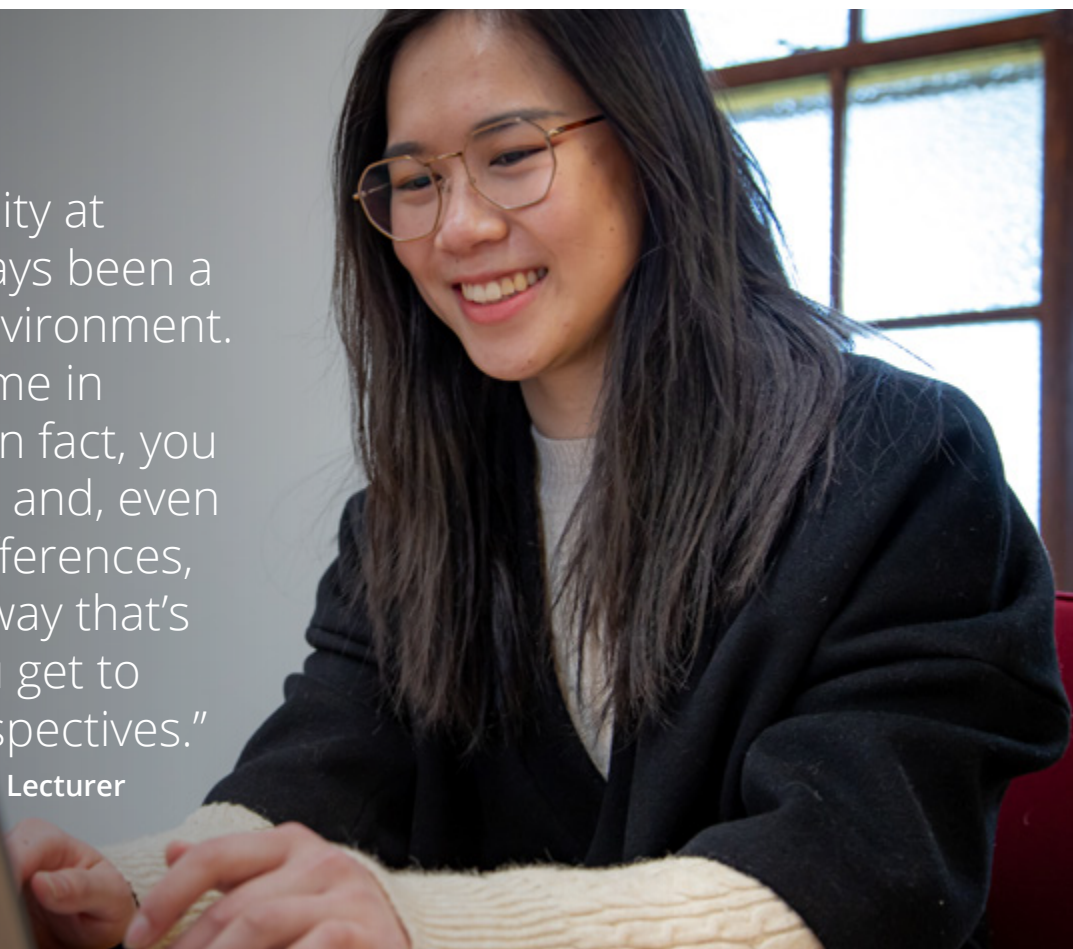
- Full-time - 1 year OR
- Part-time - up to 4 years

Choose a commitment that best serves you!



I love the community at Whitley. It has always been a very supportive environment. You don't feel shame in asking questions. In fact, you are encouraged to and, even when there are differences, it's facilitated in a way that's still very open. You get to hear different perspectives."

– Sarah, Whitley Alumni and Lecturer





Course Structure

There are two study pathways for the Diploma in Theology. First, our mainstream program, which incorporates foundational skills of studying theology. Second, the transformation program, designed specifically for leaders training from a non-english speaking background.

Mainstream Program

Core Units

1. Introducing the Hebrew Bible
2. Interpreting the New Testament
3. Beginning Theological Studies
4. Living the Faith

Foundational Unit

1 unit from a set list

Electives

Select any 3 Theology Electives

Transformation Program

Core Units

1. English for Theology
2. Theological Foundations
3. Learning in context
4. Engaging the Hebrew Bible
5. Baptist identity and the story of the Church
6. Engaging in the New Testament
7. The Church then and now.

Foundational Unit

1 unit from a set list

Electives

Select any 1 Theology Elective



At Whitley there's a sense of community. A sense you have permission to ask questions and discuss texts, test ideas, and even to argue because you realise 'we're on the same journey'." - Whitley Alumni, Joel Rothman

Electives⁺

Mainstream Program Pathway (only)

- The Story of Christianity Part 1
- Patterns in the Practice of Spirituality
- The Story of Christianity Part 2
- Writing Well
- Introduction to Biblical Languages
- Who is Jesus?

Transformation Program (only)

- Romans and Galatians
- The Gospel of Luke
- The Spirit and the Church
- Beginning Theological Studies

*Availability may vary each semester. Students may speak with a course advisor about other elective options available

Next steps



Visit our website for more information



Fill out the enquiry form



We'll reach out and answer your questions



Fill out the paperwork and you'll be ready to go!

Ready to find out more?



Scan the QR code or visit whitley.edu.au/study-options/undergraduate-diplomas/diploma-in-theology/

For a detailed course structure, complete list of foundational subjects and electives, admission requirements, fee structure, timetable and detailed learning outcomes.

Keen to chat?

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