

# Graduate Certificate and Diploma **in Divinity**



Whitley has helped my perspectives to broaden. Not only has my knowledge grown, but I have experienced first-hand how people of different age groups, gender, culture and theological approaches, come together in Christ"

– Junho, Whitley Student



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COLLEGE**  
*The Baptist College of Victoria*



**UNIVERSITY  
OF DIVINITY**

# 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.

## Graduate Certificate and Diploma in Divinity

These two courses are designed to allow students to explore areas of interest in divinity and its associated disciplines.

- The certificate covers three postgraduate units, taking between one semester (full-time) and three semesters (part-time).
- The diploma covers six postgraduate units and takes between one year (full-time) and three years (part-time).

### Why study the Graduate Certificate and Diploma in Divinity?

Depending on the study pathway, graduates of these courses can:

- ✓ **Gain knowledge of key concepts** in one or more areas of divinity and associated disciplines
- ✓ **Gain research, analysis and communication skills** applicable to postgraduate study
- ✓ **Apply skills of interpretation** to texts and contexts
- ✓ **Apply judgement based on theory, practice and tradition** to contemporary issues

### Who is the Graduate Certificate and Diploma in Divinity for?

Are you looking for a taste of education in divinity, or have a particular interest in a subject within that field?

The certificate and the diploma will serve as an introduction or foundation for the study of theology or philosophy and disciplines which are associated with them.

It is aimed at people who have already completed an undergraduate degree or approved equivalent.



# Course Overview

The Graduate Certificate and Diploma in Divinity each allow students to engage in a range of areas - such as theology, biblical studies and spirituality - relating to the disciplines of divinity.

Students may choose from one or more areas of study to develop their skills and knowledge related to the field.

## Vocational opportunities

These courses are excellent opportunities to explore the basics of theology and Christian thought, and make ideal professional development for a range of fields.

Graduates could pursue:

- Church-based pastoral ministries
- Early career pastoral leadership
- Lay person exploration

## Further Studies

Speak with a course advisor for details on study in Whitley's Masters programs.

## Commitment



### Graduate Certificate in Divinity

- Full-time - 1 semesters OR
- Part-time - up to 3 semesters

### Graduate Diploma in Divinity

- Full-time - 1 year OR
- Part-time - up to 3 years

Choose a commitment that best serves you!



Whitley is an open community that listens and shares, while empowering folks to challenge and confront the hard questions that come with following Jesus."

- Gemma, Whitley Alumni





# Course Structure

## Graduate Certificate in Divinity

The Graduate Certificate in Divinity introduces students to theological study building from any undergraduate degree. This course allows students to follow their theological questions.

### Foundational Units

Select any **3 units** from at least three fields (see electives).

## Graduate Diploma in Divinity

This course 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.

### Foundational Units

Select any **6 units** from at least three fields (see electives).

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# Electives<sup>+</sup>

## Pastoral Ministry

- Worship 3.0
- Artists Scientists and Theologians In Conversation
- Foundations of Pastoral and Spiritual Care
- Transforming Pastoral Leadership: A Case Study Approach

## Bible

- Matthew
- Paul, the cross shaped church and its mission
- War and Peace in the Hebrew Bible
- Exodus and its Afterlives

## Spirituality

- Art of Contemplative Practice 1
- Patterns in the Practice of Spirituality
- Action and Contemplation: the Art of Christian Engagement
- Spiritual Formation: Shaping the teachers and leaders of tomorrow

## Theology and History

- Baptist Identity
- Church: The Quest for Christian Community
- The Cracking of Christendom

<sup>+</sup>Availability may vary each semester



Without Whitley I wonder if I would still be a person of faith? Whitley created space for me to wrestle with God. It helped me ask better questions and equipped me with ways of thinking about those questions I would never have discovered on my own." – Katrina, Whitley Alumni

## 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/study-options/postgraduate-coursework/graduate-certificate-in-divinity/](https://whitley.edu.au/study/study-options/postgraduate-coursework/graduate-certificate-in-divinity/)

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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