

Master of **Divinity**

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At Whitley, I've found you are not taught what to think but how to think. Sure it is a Baptist theological college, but all traditions, cultures and world views are respected, acknowledged, encouraged and expanded on, with humility and gentleness.”

– Brent, Whitley Student



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COLLEGE**
The Baptist College of Victoria



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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.

Master of Divinity

The Master of Divinity 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.

Why study the Master of Divinity?

This Masters award will give you:

- ✓ **Advanced knowledge** of sources, terms and concepts in the field
- ✓ **Mastery of relevant research principles and methods**, including analytical and communication skills
- ✓ **Advanced skills** of interpretation and critical reflection on a range of theological and related disciplines, with awareness of their implications and applications to historical and contemporary issues and contexts
- ✓ **The ability to articulate and communicate** knowledge and insights
- ✓ **The opportunity** to apply relevant theological and hermeneutical skills through a substantial research-based project, theological synthesis, or supervised ministry project

Who is the Master of Divinity for?

- Do you want to dig deeper into thinking and practice about ministry and theology?
- Do you want to broaden your understanding of the history of Christian thought and sharpen your skills for the pastoral arena?

The Master of Divinity is for you if you want to develop your knowledge, skills and abilities in preparation for pastoral and leadership roles. It will give you a solid foundation in theology, pastoral care, biblical studies and ethics, leaving you well-versed in Christian history, biblical writings and scriptural interpretations.

Course Overview

The Master of Divinity is a primary theological degree, open to students with a degree in another area. It enables students to apply an advanced body of knowledge in divinity and its associated disciplines in ministry contexts. Students will broaden their knowledge and skills to prepare them for professional practice and further learning.

Vocational opportunities

The Master of Divinity will prepare you for assuming pastoral duties, equipping you to lead a church, ministry, parachurch organisation or nonprofit

Possible vocations include:

- Pastoral leadership
- Church-based pastoral ministries
- Baptist Union of Victoria ordination program
- Chaplaincy

Further Study

- MPh - Master of Philosophy
- PhD - Doctor of Philosophy

Study Pathways



- Mainstream Program or
- Ordination Program

Commitment



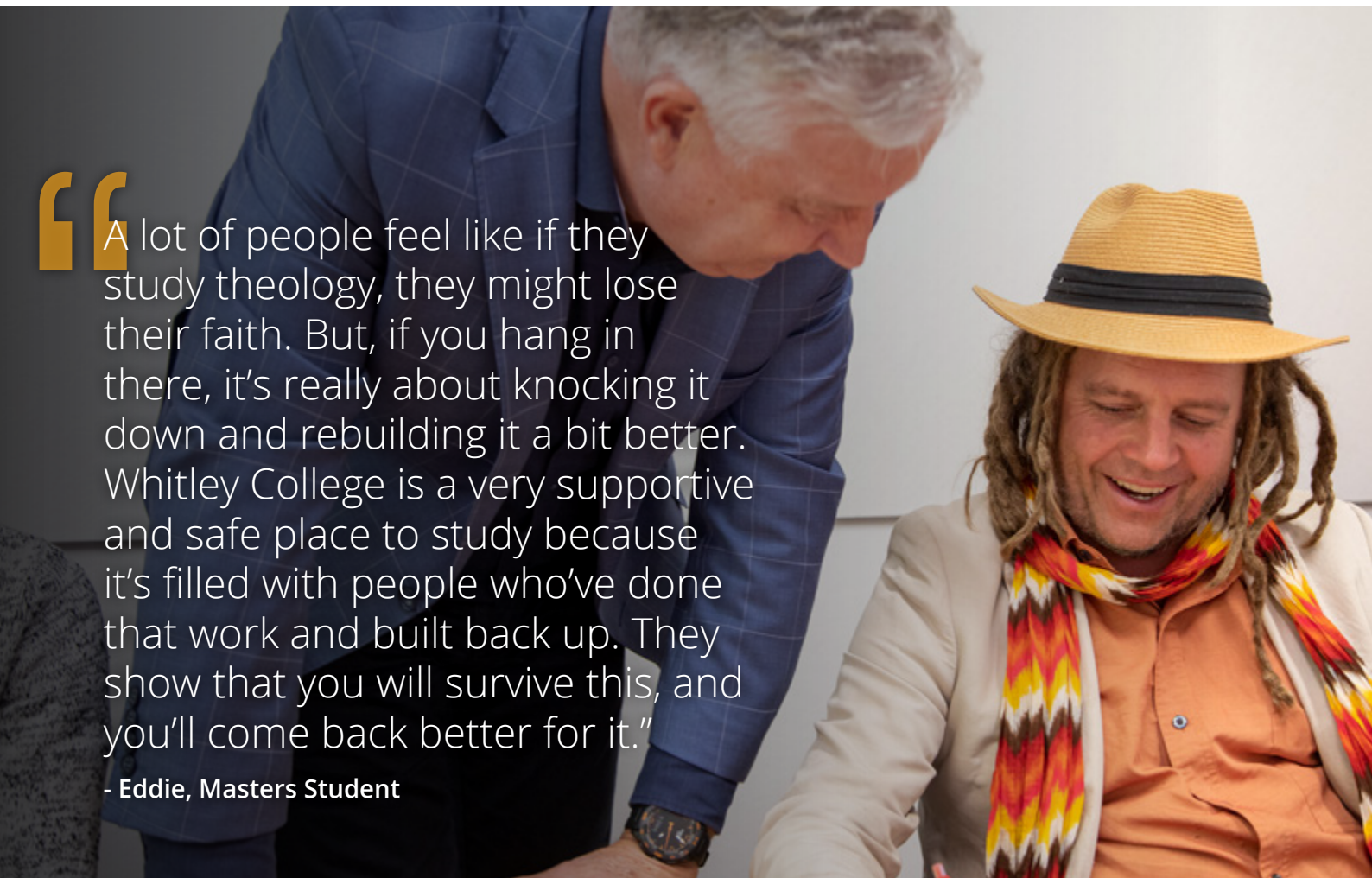
- Full time - 3 years OR
- Part-time - up to 9 years

Choose a commitment that best serves you!



A lot of people feel like if they study theology, they might lose their faith. But, if you hang in there, it's really about knocking it down and rebuilding it a bit better. Whitley College is a very supportive and safe place to study because it's filled with people who've done that work and built back up. They show that you will survive this, and you'll come back better for it."

- Eddie, Masters Student





Course Structure

The Master of Divinity course is made up of 18 standard post graduate units. It is offered as a mainstream and ordination pathway.

Students are required to complete the specified core units and electives from the lists provided.

Mainstream Program

Core Units

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

Foundational Units

Select 2 Units from a set list, OR

Select 1 Foundational Unit & 1 PG unit of your choice

Electives

- Select 2 language units from a set list
- Select 3 units from a set list
- Select 6 post graduate units of your choice

Capstone by Integrative Essay or minor thesis

*For students who have or are looking to be accepted into the BUV ordination pathway. Students with prior study may have a personalised pathway developed with a course advisor.

Ordination Program*

Core Units

1. Interpreting the New Testament
2. Introducing the Hebrew Bible
3. Beginning Theological Studies
4. Living the Faith
5. The Story of Christianity
6. Baptist Identity
7. Ethical pastoral leadership
8. STFE Foundations
9. STFE Advanced

Ordination Units

1. Exegetical subject OT
2. Exegetical subject NT
3. Christology
4. Ecclesiology
5. Pastoral Care - Intro and Skills
6. Preaching/homiletics

Electives

Select 2 Biblical Language units from a set list

Capstone by Integrative Essay



I've done theological studies in the past, but it's surprised me at how much I really appreciate that extra level of camaraderie in ministry, particularly here at Whitley."

- Megan, Ordination Student

Electives⁺

Foundational

- The Story of Christianity (Part 1)
- The Story of Christianity (Part 2)
- Patterns in the Practice of Spirituality

Languages

- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
- Ruth, or
- New Testament Greek A
- New Testament Greek B

Post Graduate Units

- Select from a wide range, examples include:
- Salvation in the Bible
- Patterns in the Practice of Spirituality
- Luke
- Growing as Disciples
- Death
- Theology and the Arts

*Availability may vary each semester

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/master-of-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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