



Postgraduate  
Course Guide

2021/22



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# Hillsong College at a glance

“I see a church with a world-class college that raises, equips & empowers generations of young, anointed leaders from across the globe. Graduates who serve God in all walks of life, released to salt the earth with dynamic ministries & churches throughout the continents of the world.”

BRIAN HOUSTON



years of world-class leadership  
& ministry training



**3** campuses: Sydney (Australia),  
Phoenix (USA) and Online



**63** nationalities represented  
amongst our student body



**10,000+** graduates around  
the world



**7** different courses: Pastoral Leadership, Worship Music,  
Film & TV, Production, Bachelor of Theology (BTh),  
Masters of Arts (MA) and Master of Theology (MTh)

## Affordable Christian Education



**5,500** average yearly tuition  
in US dollars

According to the 2019's College Board Pricing Trends report, the average yearly tuition in private non-for-profit US colleges is \$14,400.





Bobbie and I are excited you are considering Hillsong College – what a significant step forward into your glorious future!

Integral to the heart and soul of Hillsong Church, Hillsong College embraces and strategically includes its students in every aspect of church-life; from weekend services to global conferences, providing first-hand, practical experience alongside world-class leaders. As you journey into the world of Hillsong Church, you will be welcomed to serve alongside some of our pastors and key team who are making the name of Jesus famous, and building the church both locally and globally.

Over 30 years, we have proudly watched as many graduates have accomplished outstanding achievements across a vast canopy of ministry and life. It is our great desire to strengthen, support and release the God-given gifts and potential within you as well. You were born for greatness and significance,

to lead and impact in every sphere of your life. Our heart and mandate is to equip you to reach and influence your world in Jesus name.

We believe this course guide offers you a pathway to realise your dreams, discover your God-given potential and develop a strong platform for a glorious future in Christ. As you read it through, we pray you will discover a light to illumine the path before you and that you will embark on the beginning of an exciting journey from which you will never look back.

We cannot wait to welcome you HOME.

**Brian & Bobbie Houston**

Hillsong College Presidents and  
Hillsong Church Senior Pastors

# Our Executive Team



## Lee Burns

**Executive Vice President**  
PhD(Cand), MTh, BTh, DipMin, CertIV TAE

At Hillsong College, we are serious about the mission to which God has called us and we have a lot of fun in the process of accomplishing it! Studying at Hillsong College places you in an environment encompassing over sixty nations and cultures and it is the greatest joy in the world to do life with and learn from the many other students who are called, like YOU, to build the Church. God will take you on a journey that will see you develop and grow into the areas He is calling you. You will discover that you are more gifted than you actually believe and have much more potential than you realise. During your time at Hillsong College, many seeds will be sown, many dreams dreamed and many convictions established. Because of this, we are confident that you will walk into your God-ordained future fully equipped and empowered, ready for your God-ordained future.



## Duncan Corby

**Academic Dean**  
PhD(Cand), MTh(PracTh), BSc, DipMin, CertIV TAE

Our courses are intentionally designed to prepare you for a life of leadership and impact in line with your God-given purpose. Leadership is a many-faceted discipline, combining self-mastery, inter-personal influence and ministry excellence. Our training cultivates these multi-dimensional qualities in you to maximise your potential for Kingdom service. Situated in the heart of Hillsong Church, you will experience a unique combination of teaching and hands-on experience under the expert guidance of trainers and coaches with a track record of producing world-changing leaders. Welcome to a training experience like no other!





**Angela Bachtle**

Principal, Sydney Australia  
DipMin, CertIV TAE

At Hillsong College, we are passionate about partnering with our Senior Pastors, Brian and Bobbie Houston and their heart to raise up a generation of anointed leaders that will salt the earth. We are committed to cultivating an environment that will enrich the life, purpose and God-given calling of every student. Our training takes place in avenues all across College and Church life; from the classroom, to one on one interactions with leadership; and from being invited to be a key player in building the local church, as well as being a part of our phenomenal College Chapels. In our commitment to disciple and equip this rising generation, students have opportunity to grow and build unshakable foundations for Kingdom cause in their lives and the lives of those around them.



**Blake Robinson**

Principal, Phoenix USA  
MA, BACom, AdvDipMin, CertIV TAE

Hillsong College is a training environment within a thriving, Christ-centred local church. Our church is one house with many beautiful, unique global rooms across the Earth. We continue to influence the world through areas of leadership, worship music, film, media, and production; all seen, taught and experienced within our church. Hillsong College will be the catalyst for you to discover all that God has for you. Here, you will develop character growth which will sustain you through life, an unshakeable confidence in Jesus to believe for the miraculous and experience revival, and competency of skill through our world-class college.



**Christopher Parkes**

Principal, Higher Education and Online  
PhD(Cand), MA, BTh, AdvDipMin, CertIV TAE

Our courses at Hillsong College are a unique combination of practical ministry training and theological education, designed to equip you for your God given destiny! You will experience exceptional lectures, dynamic tutorials, practical workshops, and ‘hands on’ transformational learning in a variety of ministry contexts. One of the hallmarks of Hillsong College across all our courses, is the opportunity to immerse yourself in the life of Hillsong Church. Alternatively, if you are studying with us online, contributing your gifts and talents at your local church. This is because we are committed to raising a generation to build what Jesus said he would build in Matthew 16 — the Church! To that end, our team at Hillsong College are committed to partnering with you to see you step into your calling, in whatever sphere you find yourself.

Campus Locations



**Sydney Hills Campus**


The Hills Campus is known as the flagship campus of Hillsong Church. It features state of the art facilities and all of our course options. This campus is available to all domestic and international students.

 **Hillsong Hills Campus**  
1-9 Solent Circuit,  
Norwest, NSW 2153, Australia



**USA Phoenix Campus**


Our campus in the USA! Located in the contemporary town of Mesa in Phoenix, Arizona. This campus is available to US residents only.

 **Hillsong Mesa Campus**  
655 E. University Dr.  
Mesa, AZ, 85203, USA



**Hillsong College Online**

From anywhere in the world, earn your Certificate IV in Ministry, Diploma of Ministry, Undergraduate or Postgraduate degree at your own pace through Hillsong College Online.

 Wherever you are  
in the world!

# Alumni Testimonial



## Christine Caine

Founder of The A21 Campaign, Alumnus 1992

I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to attend Hillsong College. It was a defining and pivotal season in my Christian walk. I gained a theological and practical framework that helped set me up to flourish in life and ministry. I met people who have become lifelong friends and I was exposed to some of the greatest teachers and ministry practitioners in the world. It was a life-changing and destiny-defining experience.

# Courses

VOCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY TRAINING  
UNDERGRADUATE  
POSTGRADUATE





# Learning at Hillsong College

Hillsong College offers you a transformational education and leadership training experience. At the heart of Hillsong Church, you'll learn about life, leadership, and ministry alongside influential leaders who are changing the world. Within a proven mix of classroom learning, hands-on ministry experience and a vibrant College community, you are ideally positioned to develop a life of purpose and impact. Around the world our graduates are making a difference in many spheres including, ministry, business, education, health and many creative endeavours. Come and join in the adventure!

## Certificate IV in Ministry

*Vocational Leadership  
and Ministry Training*

Available streams of study	Available campus
Pastoral Leadership	SYD, PHX, Online
Worship Music	SYD, PHX, Online
Film & TV	SYD
Production	SYD

## Diploma of Ministry

*Vocational Leadership  
and Ministry Training*

Available streams of study	Available campus
Pastoral Leadership	SYD, PHX, Online
Worship Music	SYD, PHX, Online
Film & TV	SYD
Production	SYD

## Advanced Diploma of Ministry

*Vocational Leadership  
and Ministry Training*

Available streams of study	Available campus
Students are required to choose their elective subjects	SYD, PHX

## Undergraduate

Available degrees	Available campus
Bachelor of Theology (BTh)	SYD, Online

## Postgraduate

Available degrees	Available campus
Master of Arts (MA)	SYD, Online
Master of Theology (MTh)	SYD

# Graduate Reviews



*Hillsong College set my life up for the greatest win! Being fully immersed in an environment where you are constantly being poured into, given countless opportunities to outwork your gifts and talents, and even corrected when you go a little too far off the deep end, helped shape me to be the woman and leader I am today.”*  
— Allison, USA | Worship Music Graduate

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*“One of the most meaningful things that Hillsong College modeled to me is the importance of discipleship. This was constantly reflected in the words and actions of every College and Church staff; always uplifting and encouraging.”*  
— Josh, Canada | Master of Arts Graduate

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*“The Bachelor of Theology course has stretched my faith, enlightened me on my Christian beliefs, and shed light on questions I’ve had throughout the years. It has equipped me to help others understand Christian faith and belief in a more effective way.”*  
— Stacey, Indonesia | Bachelor of Theology Graduate

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*“The Master of Arts course was probably one of the most challenging things I’ve ever signed up for. It taught me to value research, appreciate opposing views and where to find good answers. More than anything it humbled me to stay teachable by realising how much I didn’t know and I’m grateful for that.”*  
— Wesley, Brazil | Master of Arts Graduate

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*“The hands-on experience I had while I was in College was highly instrumental in helping me get where I am today in the Film & TV world. The best way to improve your craft is to do it over and over again and Hillsong College gives you plenty of opportunities to get those experiences which helps you grow and develop your God given talents.”*  
— Matt, USA | Film & TV Graduate

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# Graduate Reviews



*“Having done three years of the Vocational Program and then studying the Bachelor of Theology course in depth was amazing. Learning more about God does not only lead to incredible revelations for myself but it helps me disciple people!”*  
— Joshua, Germany | Bachelor of Theology Graduate

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*“College is a watering hole for creativity, a house filled with creative minds and innovative ideas. I’ve had the privilege of working alongside so many incredible creators and leaders who consistently push and inspire me. I have not only gained practical skills such as editing and marketing strategies, but I have learned leadership – Godly, servant leadership.”*  
— Hayley, Australia | Pastoral Leadership Graduate

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*“Before coming to College, we had a fashion brand which was our focus, so we were designing our own apparel... we knew going to College would help us build a foundation in our Christian walk and we also felt it would give us inspiration even in our craft.”*  
— Susanna and Joanna, UK | Pastoral Leadership Graduates

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*“The best thing about Hillsong College Online is that you can study anywhere! I’ve done lectures on an airplane, in a hotel room, in my bedroom — you can even do them on your phone and that’s probably my favourite thing, how flexible the options are to study.”*  
— Jonathan ‘JD’ Douglass, Australia | Hillsong College Online

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*“Throughout this season at College, God has taken me on a journey of discovering my purpose and identity in Christ as the Aboriginal woman He created me to be. These years have been life defining, as I have grown in my understanding of God, His Word, and His people.”*  
— Mikenzie, Australia | Bachelor of Theology Graduate

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# Postgraduate

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Our Master's degrees are for those who already possess an existing undergraduate degree, who are now seeking to study at a postgraduate level and achieve a higher level award. Our Master's awards integrate students into the unique life and community that make Hillsong College distinctive, including weekend and weekly services and the opportunity to serve and be involved with key events of the church calendar such as the Colour and Hillsong Conferences.



## POSTGRADUATE

# Master of Arts

The Master of Arts (MA) integrates cutting edge principles in theology, Biblical studies, leadership, and contextual studies with Biblical values, to equip professionals in thinking theologically within all contexts.

Hillsong College exists to raise, equip, empower and release the next generation of Christian leaders and ministers to significantly impact communities and churches across the globe. With this in mind we aim to design our courses to ensure that you will be equipped for Christian thought and action in today's world. Our postgraduate courses will equip you in critical thinking and spiritual formation with a view to leading and influencing not only in the 21st Century church context, but in every sphere of life.

# Master of Arts (MA)

## Duration

**Full-Time:** 1.5 years

**Part-Time:** 3-7 years

## Entry Requirements

For entry into our Master of Arts, completion of a AQF Level 7 Bachelors degree or completion of a AQF Level 8 or above postgraduate qualification (a completed postgraduate certificate with a credit average overall) is required. This qualification can be in any field of study, and does not need to be within the fields of Theology or Ministry.

Please see [hillsong.com/college/entry-requirements](https://hillsong.com/college/entry-requirements) for details on admission into this award.

## Course Structure

Our Master of Arts consists of 12 subjects: 2 core subjects (RES401 and THE401), 4 subjects in major area, 5 electives, and 1 independent guided research project.

The MA can be completed in 1.5 years of full-time study or 3 years of part-time study (maximum candidacy 7 years). Students must complete at least 6 subjects (60 credit points) at 500 level or above.

## Length of Program

### Full Time:

1.5 years (4 subjects/40 credit points per semester)

### Part Time:

Up to 3-7 years (1-2 subjects/10-20 credit points per semester)

## Campuses

Hills Campus – Face to Face delivery

City Campus – Face to Face delivery

Online Campus – Part-time Online delivery

## Delivery Modes

- **Weekly** – Face to Face delivery – each subject typically includes a weekly 2 hour lecture, plus a weekly 1 hour tutorial
- **Intensive** – Face to Face delivery – between 4-6 days of lectures over 1-2 weeks, plus a weekly 1 hour tutorial
- **Extensive** – Face to Face delivery – typically 4 days of lectures across the semester, plus a weekly 1 hour tutorial
- **Online** – Online Delivery – weekly video/audio lectures provided to be viewed at your own convenience over the semester, plus regular online tutorials

## FEE-HELP Loan

The Master of Arts qualifies for FEE-HELP Loan Funding. Please consult [studyassist.gov.au](https://studyassist.gov.au) for eligibility details.

## AUSTUDY / ABSTUDY / Youth Allowance

Austudy, Abstudy, and Youth Allowance are available for this course. To check your eligibility and to find out more information, please visit the Study Assist website.



# Master of Arts (MA)

## Subject Information

**Core Subjects and Independent Guided Research Project**  
Our Master of Arts consists of 12 subjects, including 2 core subjects and 1 independent guided research project.

**All students are required to take the following subjects:**  
Postgraduate Research and Writing [RES401]  
Christian Worldview [THE401]

All students are also required to complete an independent guided research project. This project is undertaken within each student's final semester.

### Major Specialisation in Christian Studies

At Hillsong College we offer a major specialisation in Christian Studies. This major allows our students to take a selection of postgraduate coursework subjects across the areas of biblical studies, ancient languages, theology, ministry, professional practice, and independent research. Please note that subjects will differ in their availability during some time periods.

#### Biblical Studies

BIB402 Introduction to Israel's Scriptures (Old Testament)  
BIB403 Introduction to the New Testament  
BIB520 The Pentateuch  
BIB522 Minor Prophets  
BIB550 Reading the Synoptic Gospels  
BIB553 The Johannines  
BIB554 The World of the New Testament  
BIB561 Luke-Acts  
BIB562 Romans and Galatians  
BIB565 The Book of Revelation  
BIB590 New Testament Field Study

#### Theology

THE401 Christian Worldview  
THE501 Christology  
THE502 Trinity and Creation  
THE503 Spirit and Church  
THE504 Christian Ethics  
THE507 Theology and Film  
THE512 Apologetics  
THE520 The Church and Social Justice

#### Ministry

MIN402 Christian Spirituality  
COM504 Preaching and Public Communication

#### Professional Practice

EXP501 Professional Practice

#### Guided Research and Writing

RES401 Postgraduate Research and Writing  
RES500 Independent Guided Research  
RES501 Research Project

At the discretion of the Higher Education Program Director, Colloquium units may also be run, which can be taken by a student as a contribution towards a specialisation in Christian Studies.



All accredited courses are offered through Alphacrucis College.  
Alphacrucis College is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO: 90525) and a Higher Education Provider.

CRICOS Provider Name: Alphacrucis College | CRICOS Provider Code: 00958A  
Course Name: Master of Arts | CRICOS Course Code: 084483C

# Units of Study

The following list includes all subjects (units) of study currently available across our postgraduate awards.

UNIT OF STUDY	OVERVIEW
<b>BIB402</b> Introduction to Israel’s Scriptures (Old Testament)	The aim of this subject is to familiarise students with Israel's Scriptures as a coherent narrative that is of crucial importance to Christians. While this subject includes a discussion of every book in Israel's Scriptures, it goes beyond this to look at how the character of God is communicated and traces significant themes throughout. We will also look at how to read Hebrew narrative and poetry, and at the influence of cultural background on interpretation. Course code: BIB402   Credit points: 10
<b>BIB403</b> Introduction to the New Testament	This unit aims to introduce you to the New Testament and its “Big-picture” message as we grapple with its different genres, themes and contexts. The primary focus will be on the message of each book and its authors within their particular historical-cultural setting, with some attention being given to its contribution to the theology of the NT as a whole. We will explore the historical and thematic developments of the New Testament books overall, assisting you to understand how the different books and message all fit together. Further, we will discuss how the message of the New Testament Scriptures – set in a very different context to ours – can be applied today. Course code: BIB403   Credit points: 10
<b>BIB502</b> Interpreting Scripture today	Many people think that the way they understand the Bible is the way anyone would: its meaning is always unambiguous to us all, isn't it? But in reality we cannot avoid interpreting the bible as we read it. So how can we effectively read and interpret the Bible? This is the key question of this unit. To explore this question we will consider a whole range of interpretive issues, including the different genres of biblical literature and the process(es) by which we come to apply the biblical message to our current context. This subject will therefore provide you with the necessary foundation and tools with which to interpret and apply the message of the Bible more thoughtfully. Course code: BIB502   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible
<b>BIB520</b> The Pentateuch	At the beginning of the Bible, we find the Pentateuch or Torah. Genesis to Deuteronomy are essential for understanding our faith today. For ancient Israel it described their origins, creation stories, ancestors, exodus from Egypt, covenant with Yahweh, the journey to the Promised Land and their worship of Yahweh. Similarly for us as Christians, our salvation story is framed by the people, images and stories found in the Pentateuch. In this unit we will explore these foundational themes of creation, faith, salvation, covenant, worship, land and journeying present in the Pentateuch. We will particularly discover the wonder of the Pentateuch’s literary structure and techniques as well as the world it constructs. It will also survey how the Pentateuch sets the stage for what follows in the rest of the biblical canon. Course code: BIB520   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible
<b>BIB522</b> Minor Prophets	Towards the end of the Old Testament are a collection of twelve usually overlooked prophetic books, known as the Minor Prophets. This unit will blow the dust from the Minor Prophets, to get a glimpse into the ancient history of Israel, the prophets and their God-given message. We will specifically study the Minor Prophets as a collage, to highlight the collections’ literary nature, themes, settings and rhetoric, as well as its portrayal of Yahweh. Further, you will be encouraged to harness your own ‘prophetic imagination’ so that you can be a messenger of God to your own generation. Course code: BIB522   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible
<b>BIB550</b> Reading the Synoptic Gospels	The unit examines the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and their (inter)relationship. Whilst their portrayal of Jesus is an obvious outcome, this subject will also explore some unique facets of each of the synoptics, such as the Messianic ‘secret’ of Mark, Matthew's particular theology, as well as key Lukan passages. A key outcome will be the significance of the synoptics for Christian discipleship and ministry. Course code: BIB550   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible

UNIT OF STUDY	OVERVIEW
<b>BIB553</b> Johannines	The Gospel and Letters of John are dearly loved by many Christians today. Rich in theology and symbolism, these texts draw heavily on the Jewish tradition fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah. This unit will equip you to interpret and apply these extraordinary texts, as well as help you to see the ways in which the story of Jesus fulfils the testimony of Israel. Course code: BIB553   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible
<b>BIB554</b> The World of the New Testament	Why would Paul, A Hebrew speaking Jew, writing to Latin speaking Romans, use Greek? Why was the liberating message of the crucified Messiah considered “foolish?” What did the first Christians look like to outsiders? Did Paul really endorse slavery and male headship? So many aspects and difficult issues of the NT are overlooked or misunderstood in the 21st century for the very simple reason that we don’t understand the world of the original text. This course takes a look at the culture, customs, and values of the first century, especially as they relate to the NT. It asks the question “What was that world like?” and “How does the NT challenge it?” It shows how radical this minority group – the Christians – were in the face of the Roman Empire and invites the student to be challenged in their own convictions and values as 21st century Christians. Course code: BIB553   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible OR 40 credit points
<b>BIB561</b> Luke-Acts	Luke-Acts is a two-volume work which tracks the movement from the ministry of Jesus through to the early church (and beyond!). Obviously this text is therefore of great significance in the New Testament, and has been used by Pentecostals for over a century in our quest to recover a truly biblical faith. This unit examines the narrative of Luke-Acts in a way that holds together the historical and theological foci, and seeks to equip you with a solid reading strategy for approaching these remarkable texts. Course code: BIB561   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible
<b>BIB562</b> Romans and Galatians	Have you ever wondered why Christians don’t follow the full Mosaic Law? Have you ever asked what sets Christianity apart from Judaism? Paul’s letters to the Romans and Galatians answer these questions and more, whilst in many ways these letters reveal most fully the heart of his theology. This unit will also synthesise Paul’s thought into a storyline of history that informs his pastoral and theological reflections. If you are interested in understanding the core Gospel message and its relevance in our contemporary culture then this unit will scratch where you itch! Course code: BIB562   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible OR 40 credit points
<b>BIB565</b> The Book of Revelation	The Revelation (or the Apocalypse as it is often called, from its opening word in Greek) is by common consent one of the most difficult of all the books of the Christian Bible. Nevertheless, attention to its historical context, social and religious milieu, and literary genre will bring considerable light to bear on its form, content, and function, as well as its relevance for us today and in light of contemporary theological perspectives. Course code: BIB565   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible
<b>BIB590</b> New Testament Field Study	This unit provides students with a first-hand introduction to the relevant cultural, geographical, historical, and archaeological issues for the New Testament. This unit features an on-site field study program in the location of modern day Turkey and Greece – formative for the biblical text – including hikes, Biblical walks, visits to archaeological sites and traditional churches and museums that cast light on Paul’s missionary journeys and epistles, assisting us in exegetical tasks.  <b>This course may be offered in the following formats:</b> Requires a Field Study component of approximately 10 days (75 hours), which includes orientation and preparation meetings. This is in addition to the approx. 50 hours out of class time for reading, research, writing, and ancillary activities associated with completion of assigned tasks. Course code: BIB590   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible

UNIT OF STUDY	OVERVIEW
<b>CCM401</b> Introduction to Cross Cultural Ministry	In this unit students have an opportunity to critically explore global mission perspectives and cross cultural ministry within local church and mission organisation contexts. Students analyse the significance of this understanding for local churches and their community and global responsibility, in consideration of biblical, historical, cultural and strategic dimensions. Course code: CCM401   Credit points: 10
<b>COM504</b> Preaching and Public Communication	Have you ever wished that you could bottle the persuasiveness and power of your favourite preacher in order to supercharge your own sermons and see your congregation transformed? When it comes to sermons, the bridge between the first century text and twenty-first century context can often seem longer than 2000-plus years. If you want to discover what turns effective preaching into life-changing preaching, and bring revelation to postmodern people who struggle with the Christian story, then look no further. Get ready to be equipped with the rhetorical tools in this unit to craft a message so powerful that it will be impossible for your audience to leave unchanged. Course code: COM504   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: At least 40 credit points PLUS RES401 — Postgraduate Research and Writing or equivalent
<b>EXP501</b> Professional Practice	Itching to connect the realm of the classroom with some real-life experience? Professional Practice is designed with just this aim in mind. Students will have the have the chance to engage academically with issues pertaining to their major specialisation plus experience a hands-on workplace placement.  Working with an experienced supervisory mentor (no family members or close friends!), students will complete a 100 hour placement over the course of semester, with a variety of formats to choose from. For instance, do you have a heart for local church ministry? You could complete 8 hours a week in a ministry of Hillsong Church, working with a key leader or oversight. Or perhaps a block placement involved in one of the Hillsong Church’s annual Conferences would be the kick start needed... The sky is the limit! Course code: EXP501   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: At least 40 credit points
<b>HIS401</b> History of Christianity	This subject is an introduction to the rich and inspiring heritage of Christian tradition, from the time of Christ to the current era, examined within social and cultural contexts. It explores early church formation, the challenges of the Medieval era, the repercussions of the Renaissance and the reasons for the Reformation. Major revivals are analysed as well as the effectiveness of modern missionary movements. The struggles and strengths of the 20th century are also revealed, as well as various issues facing the 21st century church. By exploring such historical shifts in spirituality and society, students will gain understanding of both contingency and continuity in Christian history, in order to deepen their understanding of gospel ministry today. Course code: HIS401   Credit points: 10
<b>HIS502</b> Early and Medieval History	This subject examines the context, origins and development of early Christianity and its impact on the surrounding communities from the Apostolic Age to the Continental Reformation. It explores how the rapid expansion of the church brought various social, cultural and theological challenges and examines how these were addressed. The contextualisation of medieval Christian thoughts and actions are discussed, as well as their formative influences in contemporary contexts. An analysis of major reform movements will also reveal how they have shaped the history of Christianity. Course code: HIS502   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: 40 credit points OR HIS401 — History of Christianity
<b>MIN402</b> Christian Spirituality	Ever wondered if there were other ways to express faith, apart from lifting your hands during worship? Would you like to deepen the spirituality of your local Christian community, but find yourself hesitating, uncertain of the appropriate boundaries? Students with these questions and more will find themselves challenged as they partake in this foundational unit, designed specifically to introduce charismatic and Pentecostal Christians to the broader history of Christian spiritual approaches. In doing so, students will explore spirituality in the scriptures, and have a chance to connect with their heritage and participate in a broad range of spiritual exercises practiced by the wider body of Christ throughout history. Course code: MIN402   Credit points: 10



UNIT OF STUDY	OVERVIEW
<b>MIN510</b> Communicating the Christian Faith	<p>The ‘E’ word: Evangelism – is a concept that can equally incite ‘excitement’ and ‘excruciation’. In this unit, extroverts and introverts alike will find themselves engaging with the historical, biblical and theological roots for communicating the Gospel and gaining the skills (along with the empowering of the Spirit) to communicate effectively. In doing so, students will explore ways to engage with a world where the acceptance of the Christian story is counter-cultural, as well as ways to connect the good news of the kingdom to contemporary social concerns.</p> <p>Course code: MIN510   Credit points: 10</p> <p>Prerequisites: At least 40 credit points OR MIN401 — Foundations of Pastoral Ministry</p>
<b>RES401</b> Postgraduate Research and Writing	<p>This unit gives you the tools of how to succeed in your postgraduate academic studies. You will develop an ability to analyse, synthesise and critically engage with academic literature and build an understanding of the research process, including different methodologies and their underlying assumptions. Plus, in addition to building an understanding of academic writing as a genre, you will have opportunity to develop your own academic writing skills.</p> <p>Course code: RES401   Credit points: 10</p>
<b>RES500</b> Independent Guided Research	<p>This research unit is undertaken with a supervisor and provides you with an opportunity to pursue a research question in your area of interest. You will demonstrate knowledge of methodology relevant to your research question, enabling you to identify the appropriate research method to address your question. You will develop your ability to identify and develop a research question in a chosen area of interest, and to execute research method to complete your research, including a significant literature review.</p> <p>To secure your supervisor for this unit, we recommend beginning discussions with the Masters Program Coordinator to assist you in allocation of a supervisor before enrolling in this unit. The earlier you begin this process, the better you will be set up for a great research project!</p> <p>Course code: RES500   Credit points: 10</p> <p>Prerequisites: RES401 or equivalent and completion of at least 3 subjects in major area and at least 1 elective.</p>
<b>RES501</b> Research Project	<p>This core unit is the capstone of your postgraduate study towards completion of your Master of Arts. It provides an opportunity for you to pursue a guided research project in your chosen area of interest within your specialisation, under the guidance of a supervisor.</p> <p>You will demonstrate knowledge of methodology and exhibit a critically reflective understanding of fundamental techniques and described methodological process. With this knowledge and understanding, you will be able to demonstrate an advanced ability in formulating a research question and outlining an appropriate research plan for data collection. Using this question and research plan, you will then work to produce a clearly expressed, well-structured and well-argued research essay, which appropriately engages the peer-reviewed literature in the relevant area of interest.</p> <p>Successful completion of this research project gives you an opportunity to develop your postgraduate research skills as you investigate a more significant and complex research question than otherwise possible in a coursework award. Completion of this research project can also help you gain insight into whether you might consider future research studies, for example, a Master of Theology.</p> <p>To secure your supervisor for your research project, we recommend beginning discussions with the Masters Program Coordinator to assist you in allocation of a supervisor before enrolling in this unit. The earlier you begin this process, the better you will be set up for a great research project!</p> <p>Course code: RES501   Credit points: 20</p> <p>Prerequisites: RES401 Postgraduate Research and Writing or equivalent and completion of at least 3 subjects in specialisation area and at least 1 elective. As well as a GPA 2.8 or higher.</p>
<b>THE401</b> Christian Worldview	<p>Do you have questions about God, humanity and the world that you have been unable to answer? Do you sometimes wonder whether Christian beliefs about things like the Trinity and the divinity of Jesus make any sense? This unit provides you with the opportunity to explore those beliefs that are foundational to Christianity. It argues that what we believe about God (our theology) has a practical impact upon our life and ethics and, therefore, provides an overview of Christian faith, and reflects on the ways in which this faith informs our everyday life and calling. The topics addressed range from the doctrine of God, creation and sin, to discussion on the person and work of Christ, and the nature of the coming Kingdom of God and His Church.</p> <p>Course code: THE401   Credit points: 10</p>

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<b>THE501</b> Christology	<p>Is it an oxymoron (contradiction) to claim that Jesus is both human and divine? How do we make sense of Jesus’ death on the cross? Is the resurrection something that can be believed in this modern scientific era? These are the sort of questions addressed in this unit, which provides students with the opportunity to explore central elements of Christian faith at a deeper level of theological reflection. It explores what has traditionally been labelled the “person” and “work” of Jesus, i.e. “who is he?” and “what did he do for us?”. In answering these questions, students are encouraged to reflect on both the ancient traditions of the bible and early church and, further, to discuss the significance of Jesus Christ for contemporary Christian life and thought especially in view of modern Christological reflections.</p> <p>Course code: THE501   Credit points: 10</p> <p>Prerequisites: THE401 — Christian Worldview</p>
<b>THE502</b> Trinity and Creation	<p>Do you think that the doctrine of the Trinity is just too hard to understand, even though you know that this doctrine is foundational to Christian faith? This unit provides students with an opportunity to reflect deeply on the doctrine of the Trinity – both its historical development and its relevance for the contemporary church. It also explores God’s providential work in the creation and addresses controversial issues such as the creation / evolution debate.</p> <p>Course code: THE502   Credit points: 10</p> <p>Prerequisites: THE401 — Christian Worldview</p>
<b>THE503</b> Spirit and Church	<p>How do you explain Pentecostal distinctives? How well do you understand, and how clearly can you explain, historical developments in pneumatology, such as the filioque controversy? In today’s diverse ecclesial context, how can you engage in ecumenical dialogue locally and globally, and relate pneumatology to ecumenism? Within this unit you will explore the historical developments of pneumatology, including the filioque controversy. You will learn how to explain the development of Pentecostal pneumatology and appraise key distinctives, including the theology of baptism in the Spirit, as well as analyse contemporary theologies of the spirit. You will develop an ability to demonstrate implications drawn from the relationship between pneumatology and ecclesiology, and discriminate between alternate conceptions of church. Beyond this, you will build understanding and skill to be able to relate pneumatology to ecumenism and engage in ecumenical dialogue.</p> <p>Course code: THE503   Credit points: 10</p> <p>Prerequisites: THE401 — Christian Worldview</p>
<b>THE504</b> Christian Ethics	<p>In an era of moral relativism, Christians should stand out as moral beacons. However, it is increasingly the case that the Church is seen not as a community of love but, rather, as a legalistic, dogmatic, mean-spirited and hypocritical institution. This unit helps students to think through how they go about making ethical decisions. It argues against legalism, and sets up a theological method of approaching ethics that prioritises grace and the power of the Spirit. It also facilitates guided reflection on personal morality and societal ethical issues.</p> <p>Course code: THE504   Credit points: 10</p> <p>Prerequisites: THE401 — Christian Worldview</p>
<b>THE512</b> Apologetics	<p>Is it possible to make sense of Christian faith in the 21st century? This course explores traditional “proofs” of the existence of God and analyses their contemporary relevance. It considers the relationship between theology and science, and provides students with tools to defend central elements of the Gospel. Students are also challenged to put theory into practice by engaging in discussions about faith with non-Christians.</p> <p>Course code: THE512   Credit points: 10</p> <p>Prerequisites: THE401 — Christian Worldview</p>
<b>THE520</b> The Church and Social Justice	<p>This unit provides a biblical theology of holistic mission and Gospel proclamation that takes seriously the responsibility of the church to address issues of justice and poverty. It argues scripturally and theologically that the good news of the Kingdom of God has vital implications for social and cultural values and practice. Too often in our western society we see political ideology claiming these values. As Christians we need to reclaim them as expressions of our faith, and as reflections of God’s Kingdom on earth.</p> <p>Course code: THE520   Credit points: 10</p> <p>Prerequisites: THE401 — Christian Worldview</p>



## POSTGRADUATE

# Master of Theology

The Master of Theology (MTh) provides a unique opportunity to train in research skills relevant to a wide range of careers, suitable for scholarship, leadership and management. You will engage in cutting edge research in the area of your discipline specialisation. The course includes critical exploration of contemporary issues, recent developments in the literature, and methodological approaches. You will build advanced knowledge by developing skills in your specialised field of study; either Theology or Biblical Studies. You will be equipped to communicate complex ideas and propose solutions to a wide audience, as well as design and implement a 20,000 word research project with the guidance of expert supervisors. Our postgraduate courses will equip you in critical thinking and spiritual formation with a view to leading and influencing not only in the 21st Century church context, but in every sphere of life.

# Master of Theology (MTh)

## Duration

**Full-Time:** 1.5 years

**Part-Time:** 3-7 years

## Entry Requirements

For entry into our Master of Theology, completion of a ministry or theology undergraduate or postgraduate degree, or equivalent.

Please see [hillsong.com/college/entry-requirements](https://hillsong.com/college/entry-requirements) for details on admission into this award.

## Course Structure

Our Master of Theology consists of 120 credit points, comprising core research methods units, units taken within your area of specialisation, elective subjects, and a research project in your area of discipline.

The MTh can be completed in 1.5 years of full-time study or 3 years of part-time study (maximum candidacy 7 years).

## Length of Program

### Full Time:

1.5 years (2 subjects = 40 credit points per semester)

### Part Time:

Up to 3-7 years (1 subject = 20 credit points per semester)

## Campuses

Hills Campus – Face to Face delivery

## Delivery Modes

- **Intensive** – Face to Face delivery – between 4-6 days of lectures over 1-2 weeks, plus a weekly 1 hour tutorial
- **Extensive** – Face to Face delivery – typically 4 days of lectures across the semester, plus a weekly 1 hour tutorial
- **Guided Research** – work under direction of expert supervisor in the field, typically 10 hours a week across the semester

## FEE-HELP Loan

The Master of Theology qualifies for FEE-HELP Loan Funding. Please consult [studyassist.gov.au](https://studyassist.gov.au) for eligibility details.

## AUSTUDY / ABSTUDY / Youth Allowance

Austudy, Abstudy, and Youth Allowance are available for this course. To check your eligibility and to find out more information, please visit the Study Assist website.



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### Core Units

RES601 Research Methods – 20 credit points

### Biblical Studies

BIB601 Methods in Biblical Studies – 20 credit points

BIB602 Seminar Presentation of Research in Biblical Studies – 20 credit points

### Theology

THE601 Theologians: Method and Meaning – 20 credit points

THE602 Seminar Presentation of Theological Research – 20 credit points

### Elective Units

20 credit points, at 500 level or above, to be taken from a discipline outside your specialisation

### Research Project

Core research project (20,000 words) in your area of discipline

RES602 Research Project – 40 credit points



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# Units of Study

The following list includes all subjects (units) of study currently available across our postgraduate awards.

UNIT OF STUDY	OVERVIEW
<b>ANL502</b> New Testament Greek 2	New Testament Greek 2 builds on from Greek 1 to give you a solid foundation for your knowledge of Biblical Greek. This unit rounds out a full year of Greek study and will equip you with a good working knowledge of Greek grammar, and it is from this basis that you can launch into more advanced syntactical and exegetical study of the New Testament texts. Greek 2, in a way, puts ‘wheels’ on your study of Greek, as we come to see more fully the beauty of the Greek verbal system and its significance for understanding the original texts. Course code: ANL502   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: ANL402 — New Greek Testament 1
<b>BIB502</b> Interpreting Scripture today	Many people think that the way they understand the Bible is the way anyone would: its meaning is always unambiguous to us all, isn’t it? But in reality we cannot avoid interpreting the bible as we read it. So how can we effectively read and interpret the Bible? This is the key question of this unit. To explore this question we will consider a whole range of interpretive issues, including the different genres of biblical literature and the process(es) by which we come to apply the biblical message to our current context. This subject will therefore provide you with the necessary foundation and tools with which to interpret and apply the message of the Bible more thoughtfully. Course code: BIB502   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible
<b>BIB520</b> The Pentateuch	At the beginning of the Bible, we find the Pentateuch or Torah. Genesis to Deuteronomy are essential for understanding our faith today. For ancient Israel it described their origins, creation stories, ancestors, exodus from Egypt, covenant with Yahweh, the journey to the Promised Land and their worship of Yahweh. Similarly for us as Christians, our salvation story is framed by the people, images and stories found in the Pentateuch. In this unit we will explore these foundational themes of creation, faith, salvation, covenant, worship, land and journeying present in the Pentateuch. We will particularly discover the wonder of the Pentateuch’s literary structure and techniques as well as the world it constructs. It will also survey how the Pentateuch sets the stage for what follows in the rest of the biblical canon. Course code: BIB520   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible
<b>BIB522</b> Minor Prophets	Towards the end of the Old Testament are a collection of twelve usually overlooked prophetic books, known as the Minor Prophets. This unit will blow the dust from the Minor Prophets, to get a glimpse into the ancient history of Israel, the prophets and their God-given message. We will specifically study the Minor Prophets as a collage, to highlight the collections’ literary nature, themes, settings and rhetoric, as well as its portrayal of Yahweh. Further, you will be encouraged to harness your own ‘prophetic imagination’ so that you can be a messenger of God to your own generation. Course code: BIB522   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible
<b>BIB550</b> Reading the Synoptic Gospels	The unit examines the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and their (inter)relationship. Whilst their portrayal of Jesus is an obvious outcome, this subject will also explore some unique facets of each of the synoptics, such as the Messianic ‘secret’ of Mark, Matthew’s particular theology, as well as key Lukan passages. A key outcome will be the significance of the synoptics for Christian discipleship and ministry. Course code: BIB550   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible
<b>BIB553</b> Johannines	The Gospel and Letters of John are dearly loved by many Christians today. Rich in theology and symbolism, these texts draw heavily on the Jewish tradition fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah. This unit will equip you to interpret and apply these extraordinary texts, as well as help you to see the ways in which the story of Jesus fulfils the testimony of Israel. Course code: BIB553   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible

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<b>BIB554</b> The World of the New Testament	Why would Paul, A Hebrew speaking Jew, writing to Latin speaking Romans, use Greek? Why was the liberating message of the crucified Messiah considered “foolish?” What did the first Christians look like to outsiders? Did Paul really endorse slavery and male headship? So many aspects and difficult issues of the NT are overlooked or misunderstood in the 21st century for the very simple reason that we don’t understand the world of the original text. This course takes a look at the culture, customs, and values of the first century, especially as they relate to the NT. It asks the question “What was that world like?” and “How does the NT challenge it?” It shows how radical this minority group – the Christians – were in the face of the Roman Empire and invites the student to be challenged in their own convictions and values as 21st century Christians. Course code: BIB553   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible OR 40 credit points
<b>BIB561</b> Luke-Acts	Luke-Acts is a two-volume work which tracks the movement from the ministry of Jesus through to the early church (and beyond!). Obviously this text is therefore of great significance in the New Testament, and has been used by Pentecostals for over a century in our quest to recover a truly biblical faith. This unit examines the narrative of Luke-Acts in a way that holds together the historical and theological foci, and seeks to equip you with a solid reading strategy for approaching these remarkable texts. Course code: BIB561   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible
<b>BIB562</b> Romans and Galatians	Have you ever wondered why Christians don’t follow the full Mosaic Law? Have you ever asked what sets Christianity apart from Judaism? Paul’s letters to the Romans and Galatians answer these questions and more, whilst in many ways these letters reveal most fully the heart of his theology. This unit will also synthesise Paul’s thought into a storyline of history that informs his pastoral and theological reflections. If you are interested in understanding the core Gospel message and its relevance in our contemporary culture then this unit will scratch where you itch! Course code: BIB562   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible OR 40 credit points
<b>BIB565</b> The Book of Revelation	The Revelation (or the Apocalypse as it is often called, from its opening word in Greek) is by common consent one of the most difficult of all the books of the Christian Bible. Nevertheless, attention to its historical context, social and religious milieu, and literary genre will bring considerable light to bear on its form, content, and function, as well as its relevance for us today and in light of contemporary theological perspectives. Course code: BIB565   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible
<b>BIB590</b> New Testament Field Study	<p>This unit provides students with a first-hand introduction to the relevant cultural, geographical, historical, and archaeological issues for the New Testament. This unit features an on-site field study program in the location of modern day Turkey and Greece – formative for the biblical text – including hikes, Biblical walks, visits to archaeological sites and traditional churches and museums that cast light on Paul’s missionary journeys and epistles, assisting us in exegetical tasks.</p> <p><b>This course may be offered in the following formats:</b> Requires a Field Study component of approximately 10 days (75 hours), which includes orientation and preparation meetings. This is in addition to the approx. 50 hours out of class time for reading, research, writing, and ancillary activities associated with completion of assigned tasks.</p> <p>Course code: BIB590   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: BIB401 — Introduction to the Bible</p>
<b>BIB601</b> Methods in Biblical Studies	This unit is taken as part of your development of an area of specialisation in Biblical Studies. You will build a detailed understanding of the historical development of the theory and practice of methods in biblical studies, including historical-critical methods, literary approaches, ideological criticisms, and social-scientific theories. You will critically evaluate the validity, usefulness and consequences of different approaches to biblical studies, demonstrate advanced proficiency in using methods of biblical studies and advanced skills in biblical exegesis. Course code: BIB601   Credit points: 20 Prerequisites: RES601 — Research Methods

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<b>BIB602</b> Seminar Presentation of Research in Biblical Studies	This unit is taken as part of your development of an area of specialisation in Biblical Studies. In this unit, you will propose a topic of research within biblical studies and formulate a research proposal. You will demonstrate advanced research skills, critical engagement with alternate perspectives and the ability to make a solid argument; utilise an appropriate method to develop a coherent argument on selected issues or passage; and present the results of research to peers and respond critically and generously to the research of others. Course code: BIB602   Credit points: 20 Prerequisites: BIB601 — Methods in Biblical Studies
<b>COM504</b> Preaching and Public Communication	Have you ever wished that you could bottle the persuasiveness and power of your favourite preacher in order to supercharge your own sermons and see your congregation transformed? When it comes to sermons, the bridge between the first century text and twenty-first century context can often seem longer than 2000-plus years. If you want to discover what turns effective preaching into life-changing preaching, and bring revelation to postmodern people who struggle with the Christian story, then look no further. Get ready to be equipped with the rhetorical tools in this unit to craft a message so powerful that it will be impossible for your audience to leave unchanged. Course code: COM504   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: At least 40 credit points PLUS RES401 — Postgraduate Research and Writing or equivalent
<b>EXP501</b> Professional Practice	Itching to connect the realm of the classroom with some real-life experience? Professional Practice is designed with just this aim in mind. Students will have the have the chance to engage academically with issues pertaining to their major specialisation plus experience a hands-on workplace placement.  Working with an experienced supervisory mentor (no family members or close friends!), students will complete a 100 hour placement over the course of semester, with a variety of formats to choose from. For instance, do you have a heart for local church ministry? You could complete 8 hours a week in a ministry of Hillsong Church, working with a key leader or oversight. Or perhaps a block placement involved in one of the Hillsong Church’s annual Conferences would be the kick start needed... The sky is the limit! Course code: EXP501   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: At least 40 credit points
<b>HIS502</b> Early and Medieval History	This subject examines the context, origins and development of early Christianity and its impact on the surrounding communities from the Apostolic Age to the Continental Reformation. It explores how the rapid expansion of the church brought various social, cultural and theological challenges and examines how these were addressed. The contextualisation of medieval Christian thoughts and actions are discussed, as well as their formative influences in contemporary contexts. An analysis of major reform movements will also reveal how they have shaped the history of Christianity. Course code: HIS502   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: 40 credit points OR HIS401 — History of Christianity
<b>MIN510</b> Communicating the Christian Faith	The ‘E’ word: Evangelism – is a concept that can equally incite ‘excitement’ and ‘excruciation’. In this unit, extroverts and introverts alike will find themselves engaging with the historical, biblical and theological roots for communicating the Gospel and gaining the skills (along with the empowering of the Spirit) to communicate effectively. In doing so, students will explore ways to engage with a world where the acceptance of the Christian story is counter-cultural, as well as ways to connect the good news of the kingdom to contemporary social concerns. Course code: MIN510   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: At least 40 credit points OR MIN401 — Foundations of Pastoral Ministry
<b>RES500</b> Independent Guided Research	This research unit is undertaken with a supervisor and provides you with an opportunity to pursue a research question in your area of interest. You will demonstrate knowledge of methodology relevant to your research question, enabling you to identify the appropriate research method to address your question. You will develop your ability to identify and develop a research question in a chosen area of interest, and to execute research method to complete your research, including a significant literature review.  To secure your supervisor for this unit, we recommend beginning discussions with the Masters Program Coordinator to assist you in allocation of a supervisor before enrolling in this unit. The earlier you begin this process, the better you will be set up for a great research project! Course code: RES500   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: RES401 or equivalent and completion of at least 3 subjects in major area and at least 1 elective.

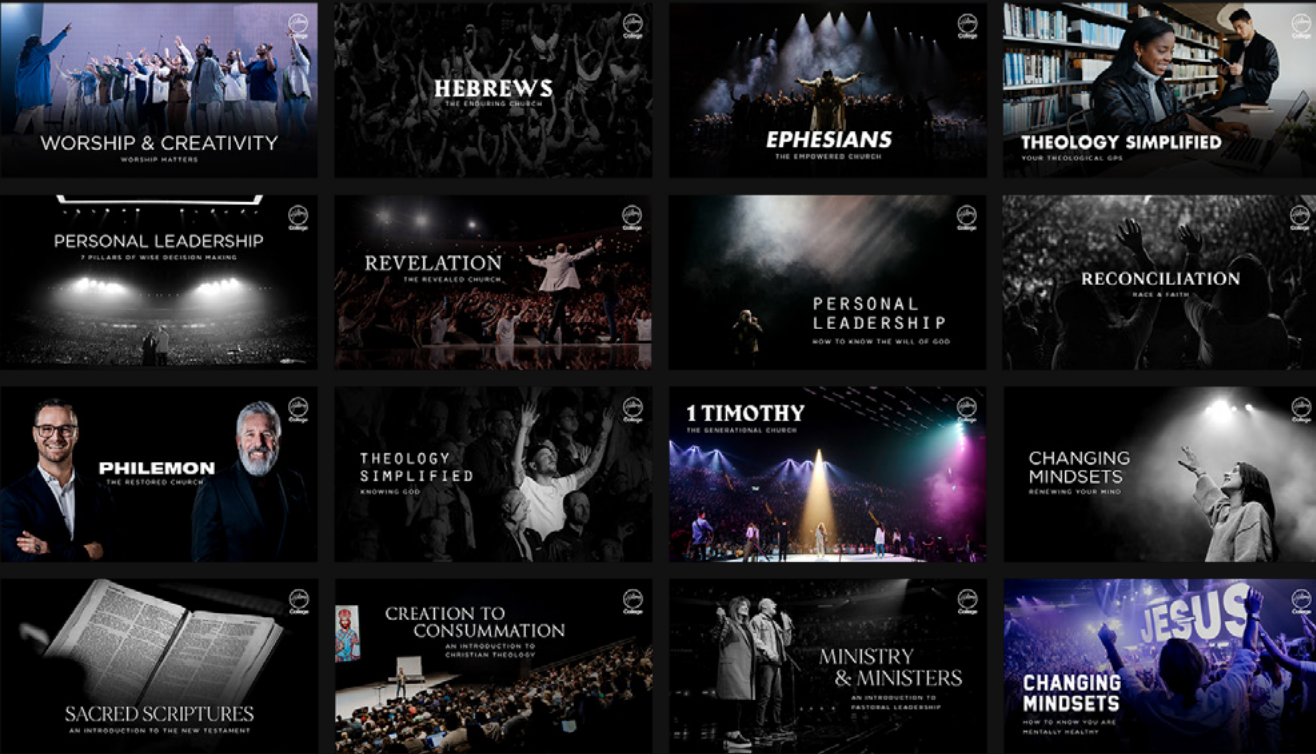


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<b>RES601</b> Research Methods	<p>This core research methods unit is taken at the commencement of your Master of Theology. Within this unit you will demonstrate an in-depth understanding of quantitative, qualitative and mixed methodologies approaches to research and demonstrate a broad understanding of basic statistical techniques in data interpretation. You will demonstrate the ability to formulate a research question and outline an appropriate research plan for data collection; articulate a research question and apply the knowledge and skills developed within the selected research field to develop appropriate solutions. Further, you will also effectively construct and communicate a research project which will inform and enhance the selected research field.</p> <p>Course code: RES601   Credit points: 20</p>
<b>RES602</b> Research Project	<p>This core unit is the capstone of your development of an area of specialisation and advanced research skills within your Master of Theology. It provides an opportunity for you to pursue an in-depth independent research project, in consultation with an approved supervisor. The research project should be in the area of specialisation (either Theology or Biblical Studies).</p> <p>You will identify and develop an approved research question to be investigated in a subject area of suitable complexity and represented by a major stream in the relevant degree. You will describe a suitably sophisticated method for resolving the research question, construct a critical literature review for the area of research in interaction with described methodology and high level, peer-reviewed scholarship, then show an advanced competence in descriptive, critical and analytic skills with respect to the topic of your research. This culminates in you producing a piece of work of the defined length of 20,000 words which is clearly expressed, well-structured and well-argued relative to the appropriate topic, and which appropriately engages the peer-reviewed literature in the area.</p> <p>Course code: RES602   Credit points: 40 Prerequisites: RES601 — Research Methods</p>
<b>THE501</b> Christology	<p>Is it an oxymoron (contradiction) to claim that Jesus is both human and divine? How do we make sense of Jesus’ death on the cross? Is the resurrection something that can be believed in this modern scientific era? These are the sort of questions addressed in this unit, which provides students with the opportunity to explore central elements of Christian faith at a deeper level of theological reflection. It explores what has traditionally been labelled the “person” and “work” of Jesus, i.e. “who is he?” and “what did he do for us?”. In answering these questions, students are encouraged to reflect on both the ancient traditions of the bible and early church and, further, to discuss the significance of Jesus Christ for contemporary Christian life and thought especially in view of modern Christological reflections.</p> <p>Course code: THE501   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: THE401 — Christian Worldview</p>
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<b>THE510</b> Theology and Popular Culture	<p>Conservative Christian communities have long been suspicious of popular culture. It is increasingly apparent, however, that if the church is going to be relevant in the modern world, it needs to find ways to engage with the mediums of popular culture; film, television, music and the internet. Building on Christian Worldview studies, this unit teaches students tools for interpreting pop culture texts, and encourages critical analysis. It focuses particularly on film, but provides students the option of exploring other mediums. Teaching strategies include listening to podcast lectures and gathering together to watch and discuss films. The unit will feel a little like a series of “nights-out” although beneath all the fun is some serious reflection on the culture within which we live and minister.</p> <p>Course code: THE510   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: THE401 — Christian Worldview</p>
<b>THE512</b> Apologetics	<p>Is it possible to make sense of Christian faith in the 21st century? This course explores traditional “proofs” of the existence of God and analyses their contemporary relevance. It considers the relationship between theology and science, and provides students with tools to defend central elements of the Gospel. Students are also challenged to put theory into practice by engaging in discussions about faith with non-Christians.</p> <p>Course code: THE512   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: THE401 — Christian Worldview</p>
<b>THE520</b> The Church and Social Justice	<p>This unit provides a biblical theology of holistic mission and Gospel proclamation that takes seriously the responsibility of the church to address issues of justice and poverty. It argues scripturally and theologically that the good news of the Kingdom of God has vital implications for social and cultural values and practice. Too often in our western society we see political ideology claiming these values. As Christians we need to reclaim them as expressions of our faith, and as reflections of God’s Kingdom on earth.</p> <p>Course code: THE520   Credit points: 10 Prerequisites: THE401 — Christian Worldview</p>
<b>THE601</b> Theologians: Method and Meaning	<p>This unit is taken as part of your development of an area of specialisation in Theology. You will develop an advanced ability to explain the contribution of selected theologians central to Christian tradition (pre-20th Century) to contemporary thought and practice; compare, contrast and evaluate the theological insights of selected authors; and summarise the theological method of key 20th/21st Century theologians and explain the way this frames their theology; and present research conclusions to peers and engage in constructive and critical dialogue.</p> <p>Course code: THE601   Credit points: 20 Prerequisites: RES601 — Research Methods</p>
<b>THE602</b> Seminar Presentation of Theological Research	<p>This unit is taken as part of your development of an area of specialisation in Theology. In this unit, you will explain the epistemological perspectives of contemporary western culture and discriminate between alternate theological responses. You will propose a topic of research on a contemporary theological issue and formulate a research proposal; demonstrate advanced research skills, critical engagement with alternate perspectives and the ability to make a solid argument; utilise an appropriate theological method to develop a coherent argument on selected theological issues; and present the results of research to peers and respond critically and generously to the research of others.</p> <p>Course code: THE602   Credit points: 20 Prerequisites: THE601 — Theologians: Method and Meaning</p>

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# FAQ

### How diverse is the student body?

One of the greatest benefits of studying at Hillsong College is our international student body, helping students to form friendships and lasting connections with students from across the globe. Even while studying at our USA Campus, students will be connected with our global staff and student body. Together, our alumni represent more than 70 nations.

### Does Hillsong College offer scholarships or financial aid to students?

At this time, Hillsong College does not provide scholarships or financial aid. Students provide for their fees in various ways – including saving before their course commences, working while they study, being sponsored by their home church or fundraising support within their community.

If you are unable to pay full-time semester fees, we encourage you to consider our flexible part-time options.

### How much will my course cost and do I need to pay it all upfront?

Course fees vary between programs and awards. To find more information about fees specific to your preferred program, visit [hillsong.com/college/tuition](https://hillsong.com/college/tuition).

Tuition is due before each semester. Some courses are eligible for a Deferred Payment Plan, available from a student's second semester onwards. This allows students to pay their tuition in instalments.

### Are Hillsong College courses accredited?

Our vocational courses are accredited with Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), the Australian Government agency charged with quality and regulation of the vocational education and training sector in Australia.

Our online or on-campus undergraduate and postgraduate degrees are obtained and accredited through our partnership with Alphacrucis College located in Sydney Australia.

Our online Masterclasses are not accredited; rather, they function as short classes to equip and empower you wherever you are.

### Are Hillsong College credits transferrable to other universities?

Our accredited vocational courses are designed to flow seamlessly into undergraduate and graduate programs at Hillsong College, and with the universities that we partner with globally. You can learn more through here: [hillsong.com/college/partnerships](https://hillsong.com/college/partnerships)

### Does Hillsong College provide student housing?

Yes! If you apply for student housing through Hillsong College, we will source local accommodation on your behalf, near the campus of your choice. HC accommodation is shared

living, in which you're able to interact and live with other students. Generally, these properties are houses or apartments within the local area surrounding our campuses. Please note that these properties are not guaranteed to be furnished. Depending on the size of the property, you may live with 4 – 7 other students. Alternatively, you are welcome to source your own local accommodation.

To learn more about our accommodation and cost estimates, visit: [hillsong.com/college/accommodation](https://hillsong.com/college/accommodation).

### How many hours per week will I spend studying?

If you are a Vocational student, please allow at least 3-4 hours per subject.  
If you are a Higher Ed student, please allow at least 6-8 hours per subject.

### What student support is available for Hillsong College students?

Hillsong College is dedicated to the care and wellbeing of our student body. Right at the start of their journey, we welcome them into our community through orientations, information sessions and opportunities to get to know our HC team.

Throughout their studies, students have access to emotional and practical support through our Pastoral Care Team and can access academic advice and assistance through our learning support system.

### What are the benefits of hiring Hillsong College graduates?

Our alumni can be found influencing nations, churches, families and industries across the globe. Hillsong College exists to raise students to their fullest potential, equip them with industry skills and knowledge, empower them to outwork their studies and release them to lead lives of impact and influence. The hands-on experience that is embedded in our curriculum prepares students for a life of ministry within the church or any career pathway they choose to pursue. Through practical training, students learn leadership, key decision making, team management, problem solving, communication, pastoral leadership and creative skills that have proven to be integral across a number of industries.

### Who can I talk to if I have more questions?

Our Future Students team are happy to help and answer any questions you might have.

Please contact [future.students@hillsong.com](mailto:future.students@hillsong.com)

You can also call us:

**Sydney:** +61 (02) 8846 4790  
(MON - FRI | 9am - 5pm AEST)

**Phoenix:** +1 480 464 3922  
(MON - FRI | 9am - 5pm MST)



# Academic Agreements

The College is committed to providing great pathways for our students toward further education. To achieve this we have developed a number of strategic partnerships with various local and international universities and colleges. Our Diploma and Advanced Diploma graduates can receive generous credit transfers for their Hillsong studies into a range of impressive Bachelor Degree programs in Theology, Ministry and other disciplines. These programs can be completed on the partner campus or online from anywhere in the world.

**Our partners include:**

- Alphacrucis College (Sydney)
- Dallas Baptist University (Dallas, Texas)
- Northwest University (Seattle, Washington)
- Southeastern University (Lakeland, Florida)
- Life Pacific College (Los Angeles, California)
- Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion, Indiana)
- IGW (Zürich, Switzerland)
- ISTL (Switzerland)

**Accreditation and Recognition**

The College and its courses are accredited with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), the Federal Government agency charged with the quality and regulation of the vocational education and training sector in Australia. Inspect ASQA's

website for full details about Australia's vocational education training sector, the Authority's jurisdiction and the standards by which it regulates Colleges and accredits courses.

The College is also approved by ASQA as a provider of education to international students and is listed on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students.

Registered Training Organisation (RTO) Code: 1340  
CRICOS Provider Code: 01532G

**Credit Transfers**

- If you have completed previous study in Australia, USA, or internationally, you may be able to transfer credit into our courses, allowing you to invest more time in the practical dimensions of your course. To qualify for credit transfer your studies will need to be:
- With an accredited or recognised institution providing high quality training and education that is recognised by regulators and/or other colleges.
  - In a field equivalent or related to Hillsong College's courses, streams or subjects.
  - Delivered at an appropriate post-high school level.
  - Completed within the last 10 years.



# Admissions Process



**STEP 1**  
Complete and submit  
your application  
*[hillsong.com/college/apply](https://hillsong.com/college/apply)*



**STEP 2**  
Provide official  
documents



**STEP 3**  
Receive and sign  
Offer of Place



**STEP 4**  
Pay initial  
fees



**STEP 5**  
Receive CoE and  
apply for visa  
*(International students only)*



**STEP 6**  
Arrange accommodation  
and flights  
*(On-campus students)*



**STEP 7**  
Stay connected on  
social media



**STEP 8**  
Arrive  
on campus  
*(On-campus students)*



**STEP 9**  
Attend  
enrolment week

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