



Cert IV Semester 1 Subjects

SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
CORE SUBJECTS	
Introduction to Old Testament <i>Disponible en Español</i>	The books, themes and events of the Old Testament in their cultural and historical context are introduced along with their application and relevance today. <i>(MINBIB401A Complete and apply a study based on the Biblical material to own life 48 hours)</i>
Personal Leadership <i>Disponible en Español</i>	This subject introduces principles of spiritual leadership and is designed to assist the student in building godly character into their life as a Christian leader, both spiritually and practically. It covers critical issues including, integrity, core values, healthy living, relationships, and finance. <i>(MINLED401 Demonstrate Christian disciplines and spirituality with MINLED402 Manage personal and ministry priorities holistically 48 hours)</i>
Communication in Ministry	This subject trains the student with the necessary skills and knowledge to be able to successfully communicate in ministry settings. It will mainly be outworked in the practicum component of the course. <i>(BSBCMM201 Communicate in the workplace 32 hours)</i>
Church and Ministry	A wide range of aspects of church ministry and culture are introduced from a biblical basis including how we make church relevant today. It will mainly be outworked in the practicum component of the course. <i>(MINLED405 Describe and contribute to effective local church ministry 16 hours)</i>
Practicum 1	Giving you plenty of opportunities to practice your ministry skills and develop real practical ministry experience is a critical part of our course. In Practicum, you will be involved every week in one of the cutting-edge ministries of Hillsong Church or your local church, learning from leaders with a track record of success in ministry.
PASTORAL SUBJECTS	
Public Speaking and Presentations	This subject focuses on developing communication skills and the skills necessary to implement business, leadership, and preaching presentations. <i>(BSBCMM401 Make a presentation 40 hours)</i>
Bible Study Methods	This subject identifies and explores a range of specific in-depth study methods and how to apply them to the Bible, with the goal of increasing understanding of the biblical narrative and the skills required to draw relevant applications for life and ministry. <i>(MINBIB402AA Identify and apply in-depth Bible study methods to biblical material 48 hours)</i>

The Worship Team

This subject brings our new Worship Music students into the heart and ethos that has built the Hillsong Creative team and its creative expression. We do this by teaching and training students the leadership excellence necessary to thrive in a contemporary band-based worship environment. *(MINWMU406 Describe and contribute to effective worship ministry | 32 hours)*

Band Techniques

Musician students learn the principles of working successfully in a music ensemble environment to produce effective communication, musical cohesion, and inspirational performances. *(CUAMPF303 Contribute to backup accompaniment | 40 hours)*

Vocal Techniques

Vocal students learn the basic anatomy of the singing voice and techniques for improving vocal health, production, and performance. *(CUAMPF407 Develop vocal techniques | 40 hours)*

Songwriting Techniques

Songwriting students learn and apply tools and techniques for building functional songs from scratch from idea generation, refinement, and polishing, to strategies for writing blocks and trouble spots. *(CUAMCP301 Compose simple songs or musical pieces | 40 hours)*

Music Theory

In this subject we examine the language and notation of music, and its application in various worship music settings. Delivery is catered toward musicians, vocalists, or songwriters with a beginner or intermediate level of theoretical knowledge. *(CUAMLT301 Develop and apply aural perception skills | 32 hours)*



Cert IV Semester 2 Subjects

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CORE SUBJECTS	
New Testament Introduction <i>Disponible en Español</i>	The books, themes, and events of the New Testament in their cultural and historical context are introduced along with their application and relevance today. <i>(MINBIB401A Complete and apply a study based on the Biblical material to own life 48 hours)</i>
Christian Doctrine	This subject identifies and explores a number of the major doctrines of the Bible, with the goal of building a solid foundation of truth for Christian life and ministry. <i>(MINTHY401 Identify and apply foundational theological concepts of Christianity 40 hours)</i>
Spirit-Filled Living <i>Disponible en Español</i>	The person and work of the Holy Spirit is introduced including an investigation of the baptism in the Spirit, spiritual gifts and ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit. <i>(MINLED401 Demonstrate Christian disciplines and spirituality 16 hours)</i>
Personal Evangelism	This subject is customised to equip students with the skills and understanding to effectively share the Gospel in a wide range of settings, from personal relationship to the public sphere. <i>(MINLED401 Demonstrate Christian disciplines and spirituality 16 hours)</i>
Teamwork <i>Disponible en Español</i>	This subject trains the student with the necessary skills and knowledge to work successfully in a team setting. It also will be outworked in the practicum component of the course. <i>(MINLED402 Manage personal and ministry priorities holistically with BSBWOR203 Work effectively with others 32 hours)</i>
PASTORAL SUBJECTS	
Introduction to Pastoral Leadership	This subject introduces the student to their chosen pathway. These different pathways include: Church Ministry, Youth, Young Adults, Kids, Social Justice, Pastoral Care, Events. In this subject, students will identify the essential features of each form of ministry, develop an understanding of their key social, ministry and leadership issues, and cultivate the specialised skills required for ministry effectiveness. <i>(MINPST406 Describe and contribute to effective pastoral ministry 16 hours)</i>
Church History	A refreshing overview of our Christian heritage from the early church to modern day. Attention is given to lessons relevant to contemporary ministry. <i>(MINPST402 Investigate Church history and apply findings to a ministry setting 40 hours)</i>

Discipleship

This subject presents the biblical and socio-cultural foundations of Christian discipleship and will equip students to cultivate Christian growth and maturity in others by developing their understanding of Christian development. (*MINPST407 Disciple others in a Christian context | 40 hours*)

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WORSHIP SUBJECTS

Worship Ensemble

This subject is a practical extension of "The Worship Team" and "Principles of Worship" subjects to develop musicianship and leadership abilities. In this workshop students will actively participate alongside their fellow worship stream students to practically prepare, perform, and evaluate their worship practice within a contemporary worship music ensemble. (*CUAMPF404 Perform music as part of a group | 56 hours*)

Prerequisites: Music Theory (*CUAMLT301 Develop and apply aural perception skills | 32 hours*), and technique subject relevant to your focus.

Principles of Worship

This subject will train students in biblical and practical foundations for Christian worship. We aim to enrich their understanding and practice of worship by giving students a theological insight to spiritually prepare for, engage with, and evaluate their worship practice in both private and corporate worship environments. (*MINWMU401 Describe and apply a theology of Christian worship | 40 hours*)

Prerequisites: The Worship Team (*MINWMU406 Describe and contribute to effective worship ministry | 32 hours*)



Diploma Semester 1 Subjects

SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
CORE SUBJECTS	
Old Testament Studies	An in-depth look at key texts in the Old Testament, focusing on Exodus and Psalms, analysing and interpreting major themes and applying them to a contemporary ministry. This subject builds upon the bible study skills developed in Certificate IV by developing some basic exegetical skills appropriate for reading Old Testament texts accurately. <i>(MINBIB501A Interpret and apply the Bible. 40 hours)</i>
Pastoral Care	This subject equips the student with the skills necessary to identify and effectively deal with pastoral care issues that arise in a ministry setting. These topics include identifying issues, effective consultation and referral, an overview of key pastoral issues, such as grief and loss, relational issues, and crisis care. Students are encouraged to think through the biblical and theological dimensions of caring for people so that they can grapple with many of the difficult issues that come up in pastoral ministry. <i>(MINPST501 Interpret and apply pastoral theology in a ministry setting 32 hours)</i>
Team Leadership	The level of leadership responsibility and influence students are trained to carry increases significantly. In this subject, students will be equipped with a deeper understanding of leadership dynamics and diverse skills needed to lead and build teams in a ministry environment. It will help students build their capacity to recruit people into teams, build a great team atmosphere, manage teams to meet challenging ministry goals, and develop the people in their teams to fulfil their God-given potential. This subject will also be outworked in the practicum component of the course. <i>(BSBMGT401 Show leadership in the workplace with MINLED505 Develop self and others as Christian leaders in an integrated fashion 30 hours)</i>
Practicum	In our Diploma program, you will feel opportunities and responsibilities increase, as you take on more key roles in the ministries you are involved in. Within the Diploma of Ministry program practicum, you will tailor your practical ministry involvement by choosing the ministry area you want to focus on more specifically with an emphasis providing leadership through your growing ministry expertise.
PASTORAL SUBJECTS	
Preaching	Preaching is one of the most effective tools for communicating the gospel, teaching biblical truth and impacting lives. In this subject students are introduced to the theology, communication theory, and skills needed to construct and deliver powerful, life-changing sermons. Students will also have the opportunity to practice and be coached in new preaching skills. <i>(MINPST503 Deliver a sermon 48 hours)</i>
The Prison Epistles	This subject will take students deeper in the field of biblical studies as they develop additional skills to study the Prison Epistles. Students will be equipped to select the appropriate resources, tools and hermeneutical approaches most relevant to each book as well as draw contemporary and devotional applications that remain faithful to the biblical texts. <i>(MINBIB503AA Study and apply a book of the Bible 40 hours)</i>

World Perspectives

As Christian leaders, we will often be required to speak and respond to the key issues facing global society today. This subject will equip students to research and think through current issues from a biblical perspective, especially those that have implications for justice and the kingdom of God. Topics include climate change, gender issues, current world conflicts, poverty, and globalisation. *(MINPST505 Evaluate contemporary world affairs from a Christian perspective | 32 hours)*

WORSHIP SUBJECTS

Music Arranging and Producing*

This subject is designed to grow the student's understanding of music arrangement, engage in researching ideas for arrangement, and workshop and arrange original pieces. Students will also receive technical training for the recording and editing of live instruments and vocals, as well as MIDI based arranging and producing. *(CUAMCP401 Develop techniques for arranging music | 48 hours)*

Special note: Students taking this subject are strongly encouraged to provide their own computers, recording programs (Garage Band minimum), audio interface, and instruments.

Worship Leadership*

This subject will train students in biblical and practical foundations for leading a worship team. Through lectures, tutorials and workshops, we aim to deepen understanding of the following practical skills; running efficient rehearsals, how to prepare a worship set, how to spiritually lead a worship team and congregation, and how to respond and lead in the unexpected. We will build on the principles delivered in Certificate IV to develop more advanced concepts of congregational worship, the role of leadership, spirituality and worship, and the skills and knowledge needed to build a rich, Christ-centred worship culture across a range of contemporary church service settings. *(MINWMU502 Lead worship in a Christian ministry setting | 40 hours)*

Church and Music*

In this subject, students can expect to learn about the influences and impact of doctrine, socio-politics, social relevance, leadership structures, and cultural forces on the development of music in the church from ancient to modern times, including a historical study of Hillsong Church music. By understanding these influences both within and outside the church, they can more effectively pre-empt, navigate, and respond to the impact of these influences with higher leadership capacity. *(CUAMLT502 Apply concepts of music and society to professional practice | 40 hours)*

Please note: If you would like private or individual music lessons in addition to your course at Hillsong College there are options available.

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Diploma Semester 2 Subjects

SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
CORE SUBJECTS	
<p>New Testament Studies</p>	<p>An in-depth look at key books and genres in the New Testament, focusing on Paul’s letter to the Romans and The Gospel of Luke. It will delve more deeply into the cultural and historical settings of both books and help students cultivate some early exegetical skills that can be applied to the close study of other books of the New Testament. It will also help students analyse how one might apply these texts to contemporary Christian life and ministry. <i>(MINBIB501A Interpret and apply the Bible 40 hours)</i></p>
<p>Leading a Discipleship Ministry</p>	<p>Focusing on one of the essential foundations for church growth, this subject equips students to cultivate discipleship growth through a community made of one or several small groups. Specific skills covered include growing your own discipleship group, facilitating Bible study discussions, developing Bible study materials, and developing new leaders who can then start their own discipleship groups. <i>(MINPST404 Lead and multiply a Christian small group 40 hours)</i></p>
<p>Theology</p>	<p>This subject builds on the concepts and skills developed in Christian Doctrine in Certificate IV. It discusses and develops major theological concepts, seeing how they developed through church history, and explores the diversity of theological viewpoints across a range of Christian traditions. The strengths and weaknesses of different positions will be assessed, along with their implications for life and ministry in a modern-day church setting. <i>(MINTHY501 Interpret and apply theological concepts 40 hours)</i></p>
<p>Practicum 4</p>	<p>In our Diploma program, you will feel opportunities and responsibilities increase, as you take on more key roles in the ministries you are involved in. Within the Diploma of Ministry program practicum, you will tailor your practical ministry involvement by choosing the ministry area you want to focus on more specifically with an emphasis providing leadership through your growing ministry expertise.</p>
PASTORAL SUBJECTS	
<p>Christian Ethics</p>	<p>This subject develops the skills needed to identify and address key ethical issues within contemporary society and to evaluate those issues within a Christian context. Topics include Christian and non-Christian world-views and ethical systems, and an overview of key ethical issues likely to arise in Christian ministry today including: abortion, IVF, wealth and poverty and workplace ethics. <i>(MINTHY502 Analyse ethical issues in Christian context 48 hours)</i></p>
<p>Marriage and Family</p>	<p>This subject helps students develops a biblical basis for marriage and family, identifying relevant current issues encountered in various forms of relationships. Students will be equipped with the theology and ministry skills needed to help people in a Christian community build their marriages and families. It will also equip students personally, to build their own life-giving and exemplary marriage and family, while navigating the challenges of life and ministry. <i>(MINPST502 Interpret and apply the theology of marriage and family 40 hours)</i></p>
<p>Coaching Skills</p>	<p>Helping people reach their God-given potential and to perform in ministry at a high level is one of a Christian leader’s most important tasks. In this subject, students will be introduced to the ideas and skills involved in life and executive coaching, learning and practising how to apply them to help others flourish in life and grow in ministry. <i>(PSPGEN036 Provide workplace coaching 32 hours)</i></p>

Songwriting for Church*

As songwriters, students you will engage in a workshop experience that will train them in the writing style and process of Hillsong Church and its various songwriting expressions. Studies include congregational writing, theology and poetry within lyrics, collaborative writing, coordinating song culture with senior leadership, and building a songwriting culture in your local church. *(CUAMCP402 Develop techniques for composing music | 40 hours)*

Theology of Christian Worship*

Building on Principles of Worship, students will continue to build their understanding and conviction of worship as it intersects with a number of key themes:

- **Worship: Its Theology and Practice** – A deeper look into the understanding of Biblical worship outworked through a life of worship, including worship music expression in the 21st century.
- **Worship and Creation** – A brief excursion into the created world around us and how it joins with us in God-glorifying worship.
- **Worship and Spiritual Growth** – Worship is integral to the Christian life and for the Church. We will explore worship and its role in the development of spiritual formation of the individual and for the faith community.

(MINWMU501 Develop an informed Christian worship practice | 40 hours)

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