

11239NAT ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

1. TRAINING CENTRE

This course is delivered at LoveWorld Leadership College Pty Ltd, 11/1-11 Bryants Road, Dandenong VIC 3175 under the auspices of Unity College Australia RTO 6330. Training delivery will be either face to face or online delivery via video link. At the training centre, video conferencing facilities are available and extensively used.

2. AIMS

The 11239NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course is designed to provide students with the ability to live an effective Christian life, communicate the Gospel and serve their community and work. This course will train potential leaders in a range of Christian ministry activities relevant to the local church, Christian organisation, and workplace.

3. OUTCOMES

This course will give students:

- A deepened understanding of the Bible and its application
- High level skills in theological reasoning and ethical decision-making
- Highly developed communication (especially in communicating biblical concepts) and people management skills
- Pastoral care, advanced leadership and ministry skills with a heart for God and people
- Practical opportunity for further development of specialised ministry skills

4. OVERVIEW

Qualifications are fully competency based and while knowledge and some aspects of competency are assessed within the realms of each subject, diverse ministry tasks demonstrating all areas of competency will need to be completed to graduate.

The student will obtain practical experience by undertaking various field activities and work experience at their local church, with a Christian ministry or community service organisation. This practical experience is to be gained in an area that complements the assessment tasks and the immediate goals of the student.

A full-time student would normally undertake a study load of 5 subjects at any one time. Individual subjects may be delivered on a week-by-week basis or by intensives.

5. DURATION

This course would typically be completed full-time over a one-year period involving a scheduled mix of formal studies and field experience. Part-time study options are available for domestic students.

6. COSTS 2024

APPLICATION FEE

For students wishing to study at credit level there is a one off non-refundable enrolment application fee.

Domestic students	\$150
International students	\$300

ACADEMIC FEES

Fees for full-time students of the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course are:

Domestic Students	\$6,000
International Students	\$8,000

- Fees cover some costs associated with Australian field trip expenses including mission trips. The balance of field trip costs are covered through personal and college-organised fundraising activities as part of course training.
- Individual subject costs are available on enquiry (domestic students only).

Note: LoveWorld Leadership College Pty Ltd reserves the right to alter fees prior to the start of each academic year.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Government study assistance such as Austudy, Abstudy and Youth Allowance is NOT available to domestic students for this course. Visit www.studyassist.gov.au for more details about courses that are eligible for the offer of assistance.

7. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURE

A student applying for entry to the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology would usually have completed a Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology or be able to demonstrate equivalent prior knowledge and experience.

For entry into this course, it is expected that the student is a committed Christian and actively involved in a local church or Christian community.

General requirements for entry are:

- A completed student application form & payment of the application fee
- Two references (i) from local church pastor or leader (if not already provided) and (ii) from another Christian leader unrelated to the applicant
- A successful interview with the College Director or representative (where physically possible)
- Satisfactory completion of Year 12 is recommended but students without this formal educational level will be considered. Minimum entry age is 17 years (18 years for international students).
- Satisfactory English language skills. International students must have English language skills to at least the level of IELTS 6.0 or equivalent across each aspect of testing. If students do not have satisfactory English language skills, they may be required to take additional English tutoring. Unity College Australia offers English language courses in Canberra to enable the student to reach the required entry level.
- Students should have basic computing skills including the ability to use a word processing package at an elementary level and be able to access the internet.

Students should in good conscience be able to subscribe to the college's statement of beliefs that are found in the tenets of mainstream Christianity (refer to the college website and/or handbook).

Students evidencing concerns around Language, Literacy and Numeracy will be provided with assistance

8. TRAINING PROCESS

The course entails an average of 4-6 hours per week of class contact for each subject plus private study time. Overseas Students must attend a minimum of 20 hours/week.

Co-Curricular activities are integral to the Course and require extra hours of field related activities, such as a retreat each semester, local Christian community work, various projects with local churches, and short-term missions possibly of about 10 days.

The course is usually implemented face to face; however, the college uses a wide variety of training methods appropriate to the course context.

Online delivery could be available to domestic students on request. In this case, students will connect to classes via video link and will be required to participate and complete course assessments like the face-to-face mode of delivery.

The college adopts adult-learning principles, and all students are treated as adult learners.

Therefore participants in this program are expected to take charge of their own learning process. It is expected

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that each selected participant will be committed to meeting the requirements of the course and will attend all relevant classes and activities including co-curricular activities, and complete all work required for assessment on time.

An orientation session is held for all students at course commencement. This covers both academic and environmental aspects.

It is expected that all program participants will have access to a computer. This is mandatory for successful course completion.

Adjustments in the event of unforeseen circumstances: Temporary modifications to mode and timing of content delivery and assessment for this course may be implemented due to unforeseen circumstances, such as to be compliant with current government legislation (for example the COVID-19 pandemic). Alternative delivery modes may need to be implemented such as online, virtual classroom and self-paced study. Assessments and field experience may need to be rescheduled to be undertaken in a safe and appropriate context.

9. COURSE COMPETENCIES

Australia has a system of national standardisation of training for many industry areas. This system is implemented using training packages (groups of courses) and individual units of competency within a course. Students can get automatic recognition across all registered government and private training organisations for relevant studies undertaken at any one of them.



This course is an accredited course which is different from a national training package. Accredited courses are approved by and registered with the Australian government. This course is common to many Christian Colleges in Australia. As such relevant units would, in most cases, receive automatic recognition. In addition, any individual units of competency included in the course from other training package courses will receive national recognition.

This course requires a total of 12 Units of Competency to be successfully completed: 3 Core Units plus 9 Elective Units.

The following Christian Ministry Core competencies are achieved through successful completion of the 11239NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology:

National Code	Competency
NAT11239001	Apply advanced knowledge of the Bible in Christian Ministry
NAT11239002	Analyse a theological topic and apply it to a contemporary context
NAT11239003	Communicate complex theological ideas to diverse audiences

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The following Christian Ministry Elective competencies are achieved through successful completion of the 11238NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology:

National Code	Competency
NAT11239004	Analyse the theology of a biblical author
NAT11239006	Articulate, present and debate the nature and person of Jesus
NAT11239007	Provide guidance on ethical issues in a Christian ministry context
NAT11239008	Analyse the theology of an influential theologian and their impact on theology and church practice
NAT11239009	Develop ministry skills through supervision
NAT11239010	Build and maintain community relationships
PSPGEN123	Provide workplace mentoring
BSBLDR602	Provide leadership across the organisation
CHCMGT003	Lead the work team

A student may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for any or all the above competencies. To enquire please contact the National Office of Unity College Australia at info@unity.edu.au.

10. COURSE STRUCTURE

The above competencies for the 11239NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course are achieved through the study of the following subjects. Full time students will study these at the rate of 5 per term.

The following is a breakdown of the subjects studied.

Electives Units are embedded with Core Units in a range of subjects and are subject to change.

Subject Code	Name	Subject Length	Competency Code
BOT102	Old Testament – Advanced Insight	Semester 1	NAT11239001(pt) - Core
BNT102	New Testament – Advanced Insight	Semester 2	NAT11239006(pt) - Core
ETH101	Christian Ethics	Semester 1	NAT11239002(pt) - Core NAT11239007(pt) - Elective
CSF106	The New Creation – Advanced Insight	Semester 2	NAT11239001(pt) - Core NAT11239002(pt) - Core NAT11239004(pt) - Elective NAT11239008(pt) - Elective
CMO101	Church Organisation	Semester 1	NAT11239007(pt) - Elective NAT11239008(pt) - Elective NAT11239009(pt) - Elective NAT11239010(pt) - Elective PSPGEN123(pt) - Elective
CMO102	Church Issues	Semester 2	NAT11239002(pt) - Core NAT11239003(pt) - Core NAT11239007(pt) - Elective

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			NAT11239008(pt) - Elective NAT11239010(pt) - Elective
COM104	Communicating Theology in Today's World	Semester 2	NAT11239002(pt) - Core NAT11239003(pt) - Core NAT11239004(pt) - Elective NAT11239009(pt) - Elective
LDR103	Leading Effectively – Advanced Insight	Semester 1	NAT11239001(pt) - Core NAT11239002(pt) - Core NAT11239007(pt) - Elective NAT11239010(pt) - Elective PSPGEN123(pt) - Elective BSBLDR602(pt) - Elective CHCMGT003(pt) - Elective
MIN163	Ministry Work A	Semester 1	NAT11239001(pt) - Core NAT11239003(pt) - Core
MIN164	Ministry Work B	Semester 2	NAT11239006(pt) - Core NAT11239007(pt) - Elective NAT11239009(pt) - Elective NAT11239010(pt) - Elective PSPGEN123(pt) - Elective BSBLDR602(pt) - Elective CHCMGT003(pt) - Elective

11. ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

Assessment in each subject involves one or more of the following:

- attendance and participation
- written assignments, exercises, tutorial/seminar presentations, tests as applicable
- practical tasks / activities
- journal/process diary completion as applicable
- submission of audio-visual evidence (particularly for online domestic students)

Competency-based assessment criteria apply to grading. Final assessment for each subject/unit studied will be shown as:

- C Competent
- NYC Not Yet Competent

Final Academic Transcripts/Statement of Results will show results only for subjects/units assessed as Competent.

Students who successfully complete the following requirements will be recommended for graduation:

- Satisfactory completion of all relevant academic requirements
- Payment of all outstanding fees owing to the college
- Return of all college resources including library books
- Maintained a satisfactory level of Christian conduct during his/her time at college

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- Completion of co-curricular requirements including student/community participation

12. PATHWAYS

This course lends itself to being preparatory training for a range of other courses at the Diploma and higher levels. Examples of pathways are as follows:

Christian Ministry:

- Bachelor of Theology
- 11231NAT Graduate Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology
- 11232NAT Graduate Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

Non-particular pathways are as follows:

- Further study for a qualification for the context of applying Christian values and leadership skills into wider industry and workplace contexts and/or specialist skills for implementation in Christian and community organisations, e.g. leadership and management positions, information technology.

Please contact the college to enquire about any of the above pathways. Note: some of the above courses may not be available through Unity College Australia's Canberra campus or partner campuses. Unity College Australia (UCA) has articulation agreements with Alphacrucis University College and Southern Cross University. These agreements recognise studies undertaken in a range of UCA courses, granting credit towards courses studied at these institutions. Please contact UCA for more information.

13. COURSE DATES:

These dates include orientation.

2024 Semester 1

Term 1 Monday 29 January - Friday 29 March

Term 2 Monday 15 April - Friday 28 June

2024 Semester 2

Term 3 Monday 15 July - Friday 20 September

Term 4 Monday 7 October - Friday 20 December

Graduation Friday 20 December

COURSE OUTLINE



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2025 Semester 1

Term 1 Tuesday 28 January - Friday 4 April

Term 2 Tuesday 22 April - Friday 4 July

2025 Semester 2

Term 3 Monday 21 July - Friday 26 September

Term 4 Monday 13 October - Friday 19 December

Graduation Friday 19 December