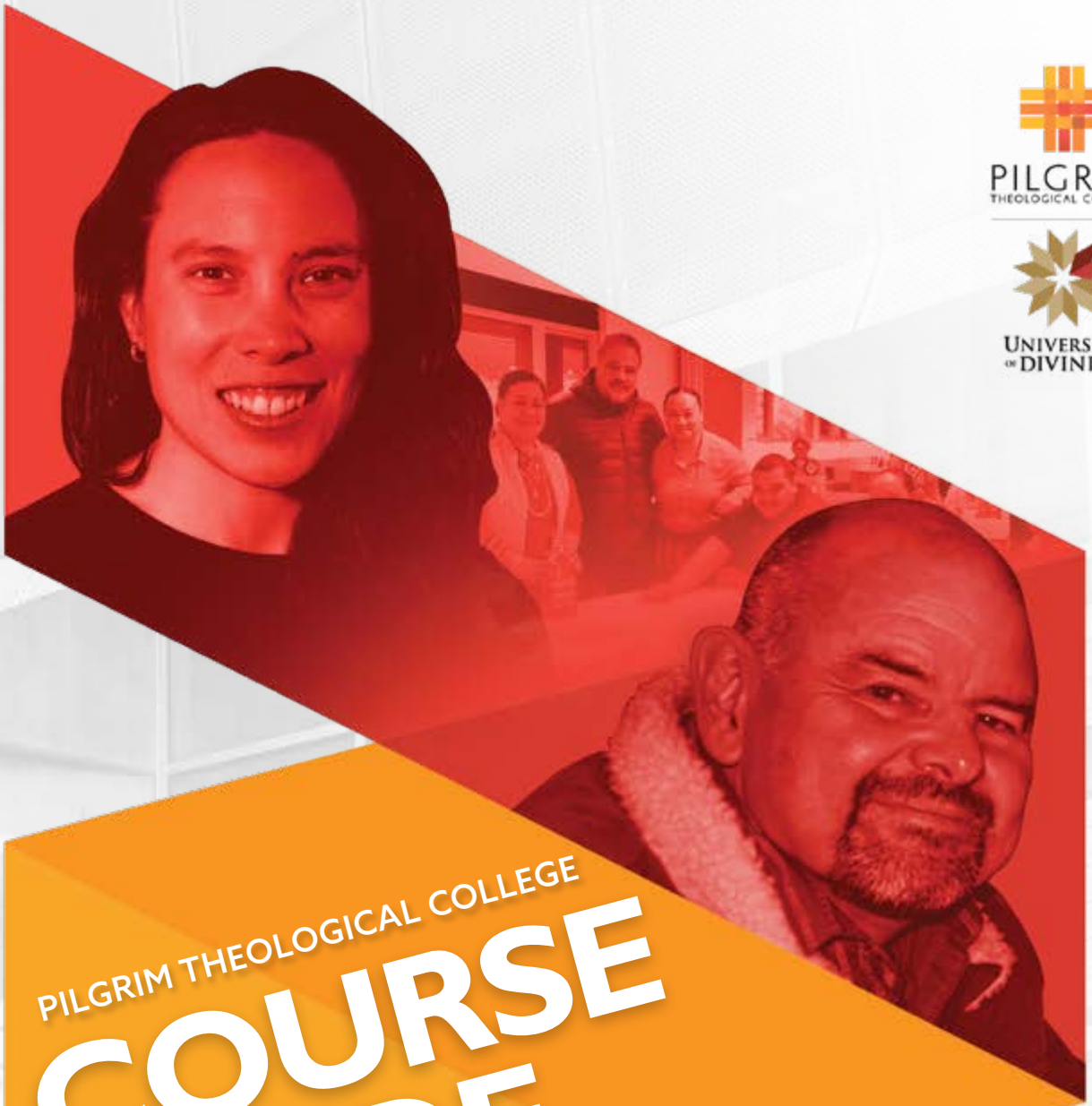

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COURSE GUIDE

2025

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which we meet and pay our respects to their elders past and present. We acknowledge that the Church throughout this Synod meets on land for which First Peoples have ongoing spiritual sovereignty and custodianship, and we commit ourselves to respecting Country and to working for a more just future together.

Artwork

Interwoven Relationships, 2021 by Grace Williams.

Description: This artwork symbolises our interconnectedness—through relationships, land, and storytelling, rooted in faith. The circles represent our shared responsibility to pursue justice and walk together as First and Second Peoples, guiding future generations in their journeys of faith and cultural healing.

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Welcome to the Pilgrim Theological College

COURSE GUIDE 2025

This Pilgrim course guide is for you, and for people in your network, no matter what walk of life you come from.

Lifelong learning starts young and continues through our life, in personal and professional experience. It is much more than formal learning. We learn best by taking on new challenges, connecting with mentors and peers, finding ways to connect our practice with what we learn in workshops, courses, viewing and reading.

This year's course guide has some added features that flow from the recently revised Pilgrim Theological College strategic plan. In particular, you'll notice that we've included a range of courses and opportunities that sit alongside our university accredited offerings.

Through this year Pilgrim staff and others have been revisiting our purpose as a college, recognising our responsibilities to resource the wider church, connect with our education providers across the Uniting Church in Australia, and contribute to the Australia-wide learning network provided by the University of Divinity.

The Pilgrim Theological College strategic plan for 2025 to 2030 begins with a purpose statement:

> To educate, form, and equip people to foster a just and compassionate world through creative and critical theological inquiry, practice and research.

The 2025-2030 strategic plan has four focus points that build on the work we're already doing.

1. **Learning and teaching for intercultural church** – excelling in learning and teaching in line with our commitments to intercultural, inclusive and accessible education.

We're growing our capacity to provide accessible approaches to education, so that people interested in learning are able to study at a level and pace that works for them, from home or at the Centre for Theology and Ministry in Parkville, Melbourne. Our staff are taking seriously what it means to be inclusive in relation to gender and ethnicity.

2. **Liberative and contextual theologies** – providing leadership in prioritising and learning from liberative and contextual theologies, as we acknowledge our location on stolen land. Creating space for generous dialogue and amplifying diverse perspectives, taking seriously the breadth of human experience and the need to pursue justice.

We're continuing to bring learning from grass-roots experience and research into our courses and events.

3. **Equipping the whole people of God** – expanding the scope of the College's work to equip the whole people of God for changing contexts for ministry, mission and discipleship.

This course guide is now reflecting the scope of educational and formation opportunities being offered or promoted by Pilgrim, including the online Lay Education courses, and professional development for people serving in ministry, lay or ordained. We've included here the opportunities for clinical pastoral education, training in professional supervision, and leadership development, many offered in collaboration

4. **Life-giving community** – fostering an exemplary, flourishing, collaborative college community in which students and staff feel valued and empowered, supported by a healthy governance and management environment.

The quality of education is shaped by our experience in the classroom, in online tutorials, in the library, in the café, and in the one-on-one conversations with lecturers and supervisors. The same applies to what our experience of working alongside colleagues. We are exploring ways to grow our capacity for clarity, support and encouragement.

I encourage you to look through the course guide and contact Pilgrim Theological College by phone or email to explore your next step in your lifelong learning path.

You can connect with us through the **Pilgrim Theological College website**, where you can sign up to our monthly Pilgrim eNews email, and find the link to the **Pilgrim Facebook page**.

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About Our Courses

What would you like to study?

As a College of the University of Divinity, Pilgrim offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate awards. Take a look below and see which programme of study might be suitable for you.

Go to the University of Divinity website at **www.divinity.edu.au** for more information about course outcomes, structure, duration, admission criteria and pathways to future study.

Undergraduate Awards

These awards are suitable for those who do not already have a degree, are keen to study theology at an undergraduate level, or have not studied at University level for some time.

Diploma in Theology

The Diploma in Theology is a good course to take if you want to study the Bible and Christian history and theology. It is an excellent entry point into further undergraduate studies.

Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry

The Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry builds on the Diploma of Theology by developing your knowledge and skills in Bible, history, and theology. The award also includes studies in Missiology, Liturgy and Ministry.

Bachelor of Ministry

This undergraduate degree focusses especially on skills relating to ministry practice.

Bachelor of Theology

This undergraduate degree provides an excellent introduction to theology across a range of areas of study. It is a good award to enrol in if you are committed to serving in the church, or deepening your understanding of Christian faith, discipleship, and mission.

Postgraduate Awards

These awards are suitable for those who already have a degree in theology or in another discipline.

Graduate Certificate in Divinity

This award is ideal if you have studied theology before but want to update your knowledge, deepen your understanding, or develop expertise in one or more areas of theology. It provides significant flexibility in choice of units.

Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology

This award is for those who are exploring the possibility of taking a Higher Degree by Research at the University. It equips students with cutting edge research skills applicable to identifying a research topic, developing and writing a research proposal, collecting and evaluating research material and writing a dissertation.

Graduate Certificate in Theology

The Graduate Certificate in Theology is a good course to take if you already have a degree but want to study the Bible and Christian history and theology. It is an excellent way to begin your theological studies and you can use the credit you gain to enrol in a Diploma or Masters award.

Graduate Diploma in Divinity

This award is ideal if you have studied theology before but want to update your knowledge, deepen your understanding, or develop expertise areas of theology. It provides significant flexibility in choice of units.

Graduate Diploma in Theology

The Graduate Diploma in Theology is a good course to take if you already have a degree but want to study the Bible and Christian history and theology. It is an excellent entry point into further postgraduate studies.

Master of Divinity

This postgraduate degree provides an excellent introduction to theology across a range of areas of study. It is a good award to take if you already have a degree and are committed to serving in the church, or deepening your understanding of Christian faith, discipleship, and mission.

Master of Theological Studies

This postgraduate award gives you a chance to develop a range of skills and depth of understanding in theological studies. It is for those who already have a degree in another subject but want a longer programme of theological study other than a Certificate or Diploma.

Master of Theology

This postgraduate degree is for those who have a degree in theology. It is aimed at those seeking to expand their knowledge in theological studies.

Higher Degree by Research Awards

These awards are for anyone who has completed theological studies and who meets the admissions criteria for a research degree. They are ideal for anyone who wants to undertake a substantial research project, under the supervision of Pilgrim's excellent Faculty.

Master of Philosophy

This research degree is suitable for those working in any theological field that can be completed in no more than 40,000 words.

Doctor of Philosophy

This research degree is suitable for those working on major research projects in any theological field that can be completed in no more than 100,000 words.

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3 Feb – 28 Feb, 2025

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24 Feb – 30 May, 2025

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9 – 16 Jul, 2025

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FIELD A: HUMANITIES

Humanities (AH) I Languages (AL) I Philosophy (AP)

AL3000P/9000P and BN3000P/9000P Advanced Greek Reading

Field A – Languages (AL)
Also offered in Field B – New Testament (BN)

Lecturer:	S Chen
Semester:	Semester 1, Weekly
Schedule:	Thursday, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Online Synchronous

Unit Description

There is no better way of improving your Greek skills than reading and translating texts. Aimed at those who have completed some Greek study already, this unit will help you develop skills for translation and interpretation, using a range of texts from the New Testament, the Septuagint, and non-biblical Koiné Greek literature. Come and deepen your understanding by reading the texts in their original language.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend online in real time at 9.30 am – 12.30 pm on Thursdays. Resources will be provided online.

Students should usually have completed at least 2 prior units in Greek Language.

AP1000P/8000P Philosophy for Understanding Theology

Field A – Philosophy (AP)

Lecturer:	J Martis
Semester:	Semester 1, Weekly
Schedule:	Thursday, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

Can philosophical questions and answers enlighten theological truth? Behind or alongside every famous theologian there stands a famous philosopher or philosophical system. Platonism is part of the New Testament context that inspires Augustine, and, later, Luther; Aristotle sets the scene for Thomas Aquinas; Kant for Schleiermacher; Hegel, in different ways, for Kierkegaard and Barth; Heidegger for Bultmann and Rahner. Join us as we learn to think philosophically on the meaning and implications of key theological ideas, and deepen our understanding of the intellectual worlds that shaped the work of some important theologians.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person or online in real time at 9.30 am – 12.30 pm on Thursdays. Resources will be provided online.

AP2600P/3600P/9600P
Hermeneutics

Field A – Philosophy (AP)

Lecturer:	J Martis
Semester:	Semester 2, Weekly
Schedule:	Thursday, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

Anything that is heard or read requires interpretation. But what do we mean by "interpretation", and what emphases make for valid, as opposed to doubtful, interpretation? Hermeneutics, the study of interpretation, looks to answer those vital questions. This unit undertakes a journey through the philosophical history of hermeneutic theories. From its origin, as a tool directing scriptural interpretation, to its widened application to secular texts in renaissance, modern and postmodern times, hermeneutics has greatly evolved. For the student engaged regularly in explaining texts, this eye-opening tour spotlights the prior significance, amidst intriguing challenges, of an interpretation of explanation itself.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person or online in real time at 9.30 am – 12.30 pm on Thursdays. Resources will be provided online.

FIELD B: BIBLICAL STUDIES

Old Testament (BA) I New Testament (BN)

BA1010P/2010P/8010P
Introducing the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

Field B – Old Testament (BA)

Lecturer:	M Melanchthon
Semester:	Semester 1, Weekly
Schedule:	Tuesday, 2 pm – 5 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

Come and interrogate your knowledge and understanding of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible), and consider new and alternative insights into the life, history, and faith of God's people in ancient Israel, and among their neighbours.

In this introductory unit, we will survey the Old Testament through the study of its historical contexts, literary structures, and theological agendas. As well as understanding the texts in their socio-historical and literary contexts, we will explore their relation to life- and ideological-situations of the contemporary times.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person or online in real time at 2 pm – 5 pm on Tuesdays.

Resources will be provided online.

BA3070P/9070P
Ruth, Esther, Song of Songs, Judith, Susannah: Allusive, Unconventional, Subversive, Resistant

Field B – Old Testament (BA)

Lecturer:	M Melanchthon
Semester:	Semester 2, Winter Intensive
Schedule:	9, 10, 11 and 14, 15, 16 July
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

These books with women protagonists written within a rigid patriarchal culture are subversive, unconventional, and exciting. Are these women, heroes or idealised stooges of patriarchy? What do they reveal about the times in which they were written? What issues are they addressing? You are invited to explore these books and reflect on these questions, and consider issues of identity, gender, sexuality, beauty, power, solidarity, partnership and theology derived from women's experience and what these books might be saying to us today.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person or online from 9.30 am – 5 pm on 9 – 11 and 14 – 16 July. Resources will be provided online. Students should usually have completed at least 1 prior unit in Old Testament studies.

BN3000P/9000P and AL3000P/9000P
Advanced Greek Reading

Field B – New Testament (BN)
Also offered in Field A – Languages (AL)

Lecturer:	S Chen
Semester:	Semester 1, Weekly
Schedule:	Thursday, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Online Synchronous

Unit Description

Please refer to page 9 for full details of this course.

BN1010P/8010P
Introduction to New Testament: Stories, Texts, Beliefs

Field B – New Testament (BN)

Lecturer:	S Douglas
Semester:	Semester 2, Weekly
Tutorial Options:	**Face-to-face:** Tuesday, 11.30 am – 1 pm **Online:** Tuesday, 7.30 pm – 9 pm

Unit Description

Are you curious about why we have four Gospels? Would you like to explore some of the contradictions within the New Testament, and learn more about Paul's letters? In this course we study a range of New Testament texts, attending to the political and historical settings from which they emerge. We will investigate questions of context, literary style, gender, and audience and along the way we will engage with ancient and contemporary questions of interpretation. Whether you are a person of faith or an agnostic person, you are welcome to join us as we examine this astonishing collection of texts.

Unit Delivery Notes

Content will be delivered online for students to work through at their own pace, then students will attend a tutorial in-person at 11.30 am – 1 pm Tuesdays or online 7.30 pm – 9 pm Tuesdays.

Resources will be provided online.

BN3130P/9130P
The Book of Revelation: Evil, Empire and Eschatology

Field B – New Testament (BN)

Lecturer:	R Whitaker
Semester:	Semester 1, Weekly
Schedule:	Monday, 6 pm – 9pm
Mode of Delivery:	Online Synchronous

Unit Description

The Book of Revelation is a highly political and justice-oriented text that speaks to a range of ancient and contemporary issues. This unit offers a close exegetical study of the Revelation in its historical and political setting. Particular attention will be given to the visual context of Revelation, noting how the author of Revelation utilises and critiques ancient statuary, visual rhetoric and imperial iconography to expose evil and offer an alternate vision of God's reign.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend online in real time at 6 pm – 9 pm Mondays (AEST). Resources will be provided online.

Students should usually have completed at least 2 prior units in Biblical Studies.

FIELD C: CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND HISTORY

Church History (CH) I Systematic Theology (CT)

CH1020P/8020P

Christianity's Dangerous Memory: Early Church to Middle Ages

Field C – Church History (CH)

Lecturer:	K Handasyde
Semester:	Semester 1, Weekly
Schedule:	Tuesday, 6 pm – 9 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Online Synchronous

Unit Description

Begin a journey that explores dangerous and life-changing memories within the Christian community from the second century until the 1400s. See how and why some assumptions about the church and people of faith proved popular, while other Christian histories have been forgotten, neglected or distorted. You will ask new historical questions that enrich, enliven and challenge understandings of the past. Within a timeline that covers the Early Church and Middle Ages, you will meet the people and explore events and ideas that shape and re-shape the church's memory and identity.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend online at 6 pm – 9 pm Tuesdays. Resources will be provided online.

CH2100Z/3100Z/9100Z and CT2100Z/3100Z/9100Z

The Cracking of Christendom: Reformation History and Theology

Field C – Church History (CH)
Also offered as CT – Systematic Theology

Lecturer:	K Handasyde, D Sihombing & colleagues
Semester:	Semester 2, Weekly
Schedule:	Wednesday, 6 pm – 9 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

Travel to sixteenth-century Europe to explore the seismic shifts in matters of faith. Explore grace, salvation, sacrament, and scripture and discover the ongoing impact of Reformation debates. We will journey through theological, historical and geographical contexts that shaped new forms of Christian identity and practice. This exciting unit is taught collaboratively across several colleges of the UD, with specialists who highlight the diversity, complexity and commonality of perspectives across the Christian tradition.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person or online in real time at 6 pm – 9 pm Wednesdays. Resources will be provided online. Students should usually have completed at least 1 prior unit in History *and* 1 prior unit in Theology.

CT1000P/8000P
Christianity's Big Ideas

Field C – Systematic Theology (CT)

Lecturer:	D Sihombing
Semester:	Semester 2, Weekly
Schedule:	Tuesday, 2 pm – 5 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

In this unit you will discover Christian belief and doctrine is a lively and imaginative aspect of Christian faith. A great introduction to theology, you will encounter theologians from across many eras and contexts exploring how the different ideas generated by the gospel are articulated, developed and lived. Christianity's Big Ideas will help you to develop your understanding of pivotal doctrines of God, Christology, Pneumatology, Creation, humanity, salvation, church and hope.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person or online in real time at 2 pm – 5 pm Tuesdays. Resources will be provided online.

CT1983P/8983P
Introduction to Feminist Theologies

Field C – Systematic Theology (CT)

Lecturer:	R Pryor & colleagues
Semester:	Semester 2, Weekly
Schedule:	Thursday, 6 pm – 9 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Online Synchronous

Unit Description

For anyone interested in feminist theologies, this unit provides a foundation for study through a feminist lens. You will be introduced to core theological concepts such as christology, trinity, hope, Scripture and sexuality, the human person, and leadership in the Christian community through reading original texts by influential feminist theologians. There's an emphasis on context and the work of feminist theologians working in the global South and various geo-political realities.

The unit is taught collaboratively with a team of practitioners and scholars, reflecting feminist practice as well as content.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend online at 6 pm – 9 pm on Thursdays. Resources will be provided online.

CT2222P/8222P
Uniting Church Theology and History

Field C – Systematic Theology (CT)

Lecturer:	K Handasyde, D Sihombing, and D Palmer
Semester:	Semester 1, Intensive
Schedule:	3 – 7 & 28 February
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

In this unit you will deepen your understanding of the Uniting Church and its theological and historical roots. Engage with the Basis of Union and the church's post-union life. Explore emerging theological trajectories. Reflect on women's ordination, cultural diversity, commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and the UCA's profile in matters of social justice.

A great unit for anyone who wants to know more about the UCA or who has been called to leadership in the church, you will hear from a range of lecturers with expertise in the life and work of the Uniting Church.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person or online in real time at 9.30 am – 5 pm on Monday 3 – Friday 7 February, and on 28 February. Resources will be provided online. This is a joint venture of Pilgrim Theological College (VIC/TAS) and United Theological College (NSW/ACT) with real-time cohorts in both Parkville and Parramatta.

CT2025P/3025P/9025P

Jesus, Discipleship and Justice

Field C – Systematic Theology (CT)

Lecturer:	D Sihombing
Semester:	Semester 1, Weekly
Schedule:	Thursday, 2 pm – 5 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

Who is Jesus, and what does it mean to be a disciple? How important is justice in Christ-centred belief? In this unit, you will explore questions about Jesus, beginning with the biblical witnesses to his life, death and resurrection. You will gain insight into the creeds and theological controversies and explore connections between the Church's proclamation of Christ, patterns of discipleship, resistance to oppression, and practices of reconciliation and justice in the world today.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person or online in real time at 2 pm – 5 pm Thursdays.

Resources will be provided online.

CT2100Z/3100Z/9100Z and CH2100Z/3100Z/9100Z

The Cracking of Christendom: Reformation History and Theology

Field C – Systematic Theology (CT)

Also offered as CH – Church History

Lecturer:	K Handasyde, D Sihombing & colleagues
Semester:	Semester 2, Weekly
Schedule:	Wednesday, 6 pm – 9 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

Please refer to page 13 for full details of this course.

FIELD D: THEOLOGY: MISSION AND MINISTRY

Missiology (DM) I Pastoral Care (DP) I Spirituality (DS)

DM1000P/8000P
Intercultural Theology and Missiology: An introduction

Field D – Missiology (DM)

Lecturer:	J Flett
Semester:	Semester 2, Weekly
Schedule:	Thursday, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

Christianity is the world's largest faith with an estimated 2.3 billion adherents and much growth in the global South. Mission is central to who Jesus Christ is, and it is expressed in many and varied practices. In this unit you will consider the visibility and local embodiment of the gospel in radically different contexts, and against the background of both colonial violence and theological claims concerning the essential nature of the faith. You will also explore the changing shape of religious adherence within western Christianity and practical directions in inviting a new generation into the body of Christ. Importantly, you will develop your own theology of mission in conversation with your own theological and cultural contexts.

Unit Delivery Notes

Content will be delivered online for students to work through at their own pace, then students will attend a tutorial in-person or online in real time at 11 am – 12 pm on Thursdays. Resources will be provided online.

DM2158P/9158P
Theologies of Oceania

Field D – Missiology (DM)

Lecturer:	J Flett & S Burns
Semester:	Semester 2, Weekly
Schedule:	Tuesday, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

This unit focuses on the questions, theologies, and their embodiments in communities and liturgies (actions) developed through Oceania. Many rich theologies exist, as developed by Katalina Tahaafe-Williams, Jione Havea, Te Aroha Rowntree, Keiti Ann Kanongata'a, Winston Halapua, Näsili Vaka'uta, the Rainbow Spirit Elders, Lee Miena Skye, to name a very select few. In this unit, you will explore theological insights arising in the region through the work of a representative range of theologians and within a wider reflection on the dynamics of reading inter-culturally, all with the intent of developing a theological 'imaginary' grounded in this land and its histories.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person or online in real-time from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm on Tuesdays. Resources will be provided online.

DP1011P/8011P
Spiritual Care: Independent Practitioner

Field D – Pastoral Care (DP)

Lecturer:	L Mosso & colleagues
Semester:	Semester 2, Semi-Intensive
Schedule:	8 Aug, 12 Sept, and 24 Oct.
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

Especially for chaplains and spiritual care workers, this unit contributes to equipping you as an Independent Practitioner in the provision of spiritual care. You will explore recent trends in the theology of spiritual care and be encouraged to reflect on practice in a range of settings. With an awareness of professional and ethical requirements, this unit will help equip you to serve in diverse organisational workplaces. Taking a practical approach with expert input from a range of practitioners in the field, this unit will help you develop practical and reflective skills in a complex ministry.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person or online from 9.30 am – 5 pm on Friday 8 August, 12 September, and 24 October. Resources will be provided online.

DP1020P/8020P
Ordination Studies

Field D – Pastoral Care (DP)

Lecturer:	S Burns
Semester:	Semester 2, Weekly
Schedule:	Wednesday, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face

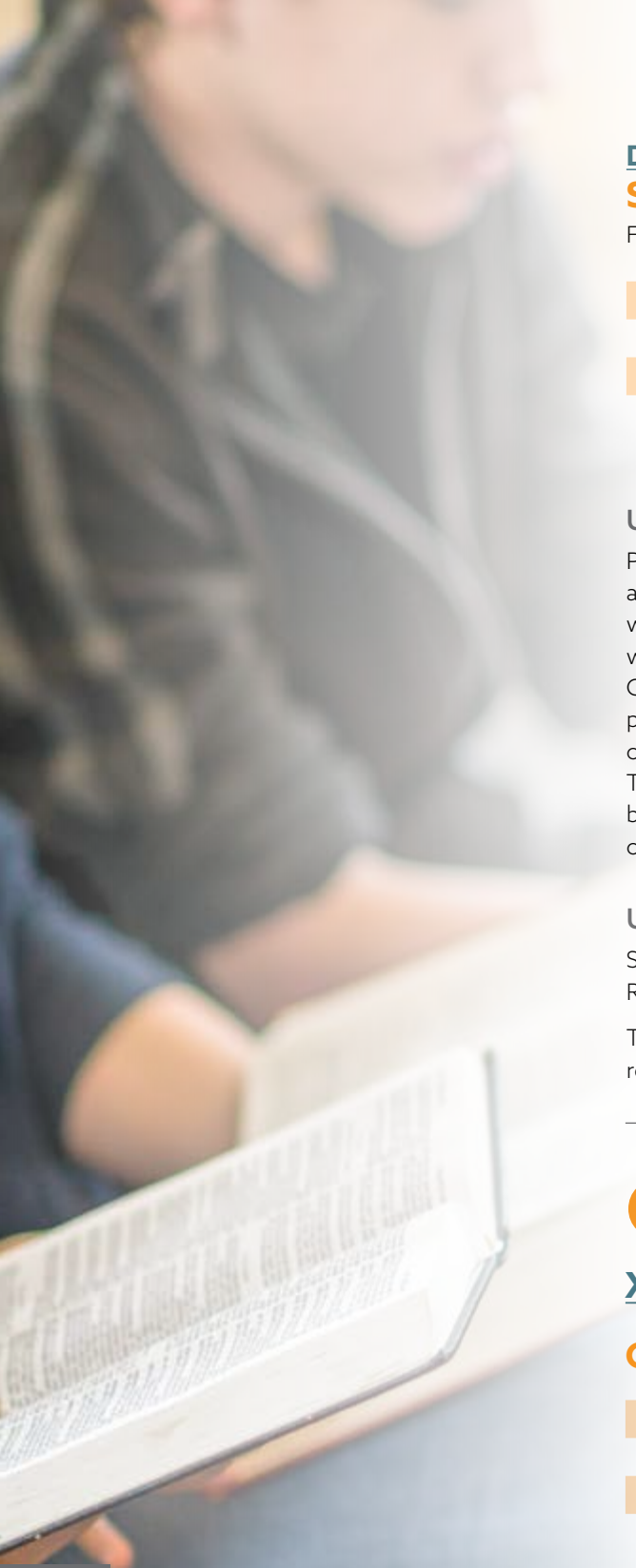
Unit Description

This unit explores theologies of ministry and ordination in the Uniting Church in Australia, setting these in ecumenical and historical contexts, and relating them to tasks and practices enjoined on those ordained. Firmly contextualizing ordained ministries—deacon and minister of the word—within in the worship, witness and service that the UCA envisions for all its members, it emphasises the representative and collaborative nature of all ministry. The unit encourages skills in reading and interpreting the confessional foundational documents of the church and the debates they represent, encouraging and embodying their concerns in Christian assembly, and grasping the particular responsibilities of ordained ministries within Christian assembly in UCA contexts and the collective, varied, dispersed witness of all the church's members, formed by the vision and shaped by the values of the UCA. To this end, the unit involves elements of practicum.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm on Wednesdays. Resources will be provided online.

This unit is open to ministry candidates, chaplains, and those in recognised lay and ordained ministries within the Uniting Church.



DS1222P/8222P

Spiritual Formation in the Christian Tradition

Field D – Spirituality (DS)

Semester:	Semester 1, Weekly
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face

Unit Description

Prayer is foundational to Christian discipleship, however, often people are unaware of the rich diversity of practices across time and place within Christian tradition. In this unit, beginning with the earliest church, we will investigate a range of prayer practices from key writers and from Christian communities through the centuries. The relationship between prayer, the bible, community, and action will be examined. The purposes of prayer, and the reality that at times prayer is difficult, will be explored. Throughout, classes will provide space for personal reflection and will be grounded in practical exercises drawn from the contemplative, and other, traditions.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm on Wednesdays. Resources will be provided online.

This unit is open to ministry candidates, chaplains, and those in recognised lay and ordained ministries within the Uniting Church.

CAPSTONE

XX3330P/9900P

Capstone Integrative Project

Lecturer:	Faculty team
Semester:	Semester 2, four workshops
Schedule:	Thursdays, 2 pm – 5 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Unit Description

This unit enables you to take a deep dive into a project close to your heart in the final year of study. You will research and present on a topic of your choice that integrates learning across theological disciplines. You will be encouraged to improve your writing through constructive collegial feedback and supportive seminars. The Capstone Integrative Project helps you to hone your skills in communicating theological ideas creatively and effectively as you conclude your degree.

Unit Delivery Notes

Students will attend in-person or online from 2 pm – 5 pm on Thursday 31 July, 21 August, 18 September and 23 October. Resources will be provided online.

SPECIALISATIONS

Specialise in Spiritual Care, Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy

Study with professional, skilled and experienced practitioners to develop your expertise in Spiritual Care, Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy. Our units encompass many aspects of Spiritual Care, helping you work toward professional accreditation or deepen your understanding of Uniting Church perspectives on spirituality.

Whether you are a professional seeking to upgrade your qualifications for continuing practice or someone looking to develop capacity and expertise, we encourage you to explore the Spiritual and Pastoral Care units offered at Pilgrim for 2025.

Spiritual Formation in the Christian Tradition*

Please refer to **page 18** for full details of this course.

Spiritual Care: Independent Practitioner

Please refer to **page 17** for full details of this course.

Ordination Studies*

Please refer to **page 17** for full details of this course.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is a program of education and formation for the professional work of pastoral and spiritual care practitioners. You can take CPE units for credit towards a University of Divinity award. The units are aimed at those studying for ministry accreditation or ordination, pastoral and spiritual carers working in hospitals, aged-care agencies, schools, the justice system, prisons, and more.

Through Pilgrim, you can access the CPE units offered with colleagues through the University of Divinity in partnership with **ASACPEV Inc.** (the Association for Supervised Clinical Pastoral Education in Victoria Incorporated) and **ANZACPE** (Australia and New Zealand Association for Clinical Pastoral Education Ltd).

CPE can be taken at the **Uniting Church's John Paver Centre**, or other providers.

Specialise in Feminist Theology

Focus your study on feminist theologies. Pilgrim is a leading advocate for feminist theological scholarship within the University of Divinity and many of our units have a feminist component or core. Develop a Diploma or Certificate centred on feminist theology units. In 2025, you can choose feminist biblical studies, theology or history.

Introduction to Feminist Theologies

Please refer to **page 14** for full details of this course.

Ruth, Esther, Song of Songs, Judith, Susannah: Allusive, Unconventional, Subversive, Resistant

Please refer to **page 11** for full details of this course.

Christianity's Dangerous Memory: Early Church to Middle Ages

Please refer to **page 13** for full details of this course.

* Enrolment open to ministry candidates, chaplains and those in recognised ministries within the Uniting Church.

PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION

Empowering Supervisors in Ministry, Health, Education, and Leadership

Graduate studies in Professional Supervision equip you to practice as a professional supervisor of individuals and groups who work in caring professions such as ministry, health, education and leadership.

Through experiential learning, you develop skills in professional supervision to create a relationship of trust and transparency in which those being supervised can review their work practices. Using a range of knowledge and techniques, professional supervision can enable the supervisee to develop self-awareness, resilience, ethical understanding, accountability, and effectiveness.

"The Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision is taught in intensives to make it accessible to working people and those in stipended ministry. Supervisory skills include creating a safe space for deep reflection on professional practice in the service of the recipients of the person's care, ethical professional supervision, intercultural supervision, and supervising groups and teams.

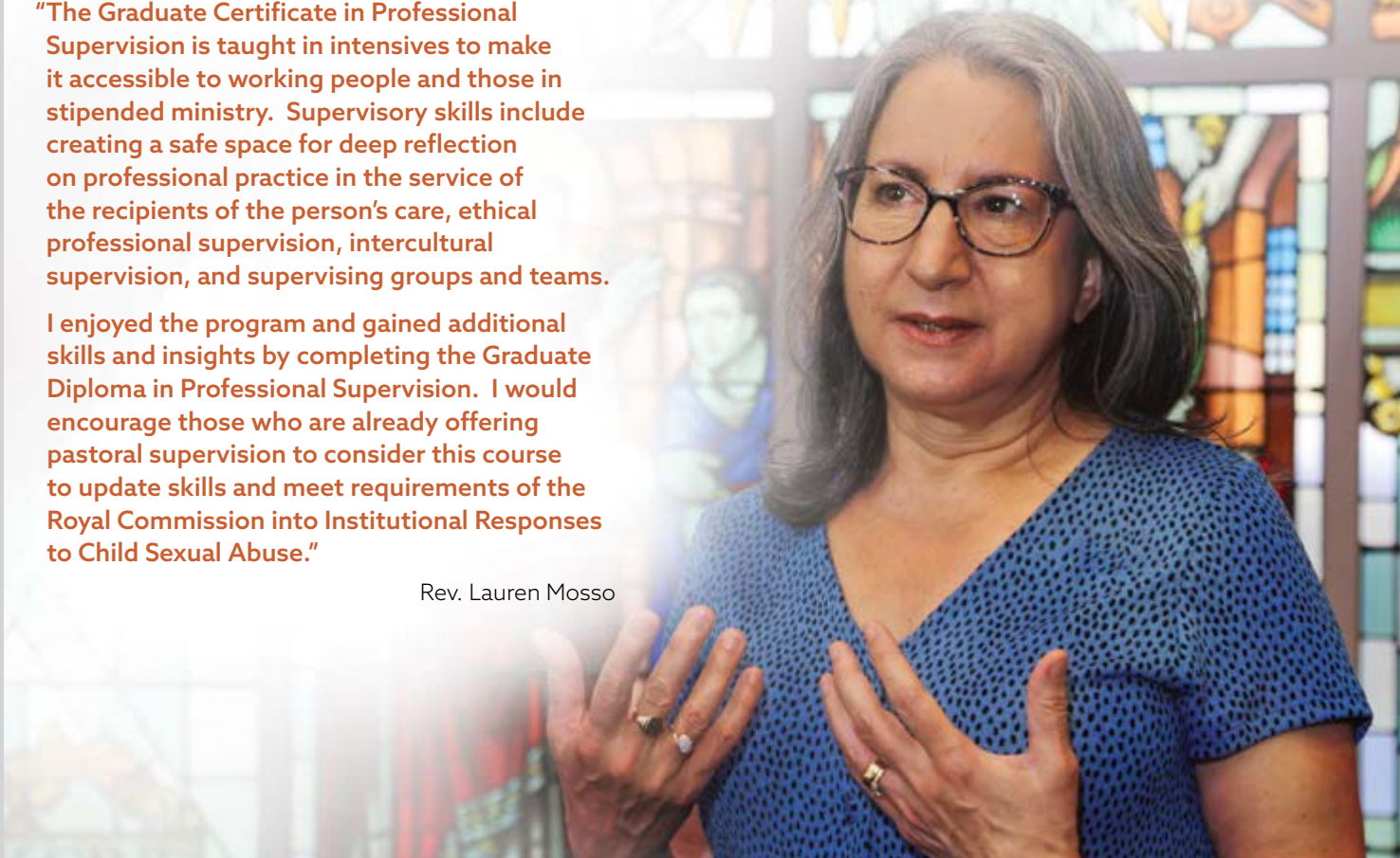
I enjoyed the program and gained additional skills and insights by completing the Graduate Diploma in Professional Supervision. I would encourage those who are already offering pastoral supervision to consider this course to update skills and meet requirements of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse."

Rev. Lauren Mosso

Through Pilgrim, you can study for the Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision offered in an innovative and emerging collaboration between Colleges of the University of Divinity.

Delivered in-person or online via Zoom, the Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision is a 12-month program of study and is a Registered Supervisor Training Program by the Australasian Association of Supervision (AAOS).

For more information, contact our Registrar, Ms Erlinda Loverseed, **study@pilgrim.edu.au**, **03 9340 8892**.



PERIOD OF DISCERNMENT

In the Uniting Church in Australia, people discerning God's call in their lives are referred by their congregations and presbyteries into a Period of Discernment (POD). During this time that sense of call is explored and clarified. A POD can lead in a variety of directions, and typically includes some form of theological study. Talk to your POD Mentor or your Minister about choosing one of these units and find out what it's like to study theology for ministry.

Christianity's Dangerous Memory: Early Church to Middle Ages

Semester:	Semester 1
Schedule:	Tuesday, 6 pm to 9 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Online Synchronous

Introducing the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

Semester:	Semester 1
Schedule:	Tuesday, 2 pm to 5 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Christianity's Big Ideas

Semester:	Semester 2
Schedule:	Tuesday, 2 pm to 5 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

Introduction to New Testament: Stories, Texts, Beliefs

Semester:	Semester 2
Tutorial Options:	**Face-to-face:** Tuesday, 11.30 am – 1 pm **Online:** Tuesday, 7.30 pm – 9 pm

Intercultural Theology and Missiology: An Introduction

Semester:	Semester 2
Schedule:	Thursday, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
Mode of Delivery:	Face-to-face and Online Synchronous

To learn more about the Period of Discernment and the process of heeding your call, reach out to the Minister of your congregation or contact your Presbytery directly and please explore the information on this **webpage**.

LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT UNITS 2025

Courses Designed for Leadership Development

We recognise the need for all our leaders – ordained and lay – to practise healthy, responsible, and ethical leadership.

Courses and programs encourage our lay leaders to grow, develop and explore life-giving ways to lead. These opportunities are Gospel-centred, recognising where individual leaders are in their personal development and building on that experience.

We work collaboratively and consultatively with Presbyteries and Congregations across the Synod, as well as working closely with the Synod's Lay Preacher Association.

We welcome your curiosity and thirst for further knowledge and the opportunity for further equipping leadership in the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

Mel Perkins

Mel Perkins
Lay Leadership Development Co-ordinator,
Equipping Leadership for Mission (eLM).

For more information about Lay Leadership, please **email Mel Perkins**.

VTTS001
Exploring Theology from a UCA Perspective

Lay Preacher • Deepening your Faith • General Interest • Worship Leaders • Period of Discernment

An introductory online unit for anyone who wants to know more about how we 'do' Theology in the UCA.

Exploring Theology in the UCA has been created around the Worship and Preaching Competencies for Biblical studies from the 'Assembly Standards and Competencies for the Formation and Education for the Specified Ministry of Lay Preacher'.

Exploring Theology in the UCA covers:

- What is Theology and how is it used by individuals and in the church, particularly the Uniting Church in Australia
- The meaning of revelation and the authority of Scripture
- The Trinity
- The Holy Spirit
- Creation and Eco-Theology
- God's Providence and Evil
- Humanity and Sin
- Salvation
- The Church
- Mission
- Christian Hope.

Dates:	Monday 24 February to Monday 26 May (Monday 14 & 21 April, non-teaching weeks)
Time:	7 pm – 9 pm via Zoom, with access to learning materials on Uniting Learning (Assembly Learning Management System)
Cost:	$50

VTTS002
Exploring Christology

Lay Preacher • Ministry of Pastor • Continuing Education • Worship Leaders • Period of Discernment

Exploring Christology has been created around the Worship and Preaching Competencies for Biblical studies from the 'Assembly Standards and Competencies for the Formation and Education for the Specified Ministry of Lay Preacher'.

Exploring Christology covers:

- Christological questions and historical development
- The ministry and mission of Jesus
- Images of the Christ
- Christ and the church
- Why did Jesus die?
- The work of salvation and atonement
- The resurrection and its meaning
- Christology in context
- Christ in the Uniting Church in Australia
- Jesus Christ and Religious Pluralism.

Dates:	Monday 7 July to Monday 22 September (Monday 11 & 18 August, non-teaching weeks)
Time:	7 pm – 9 pm via Zoom, with access to learning materials on Uniting Learning (Assembly LMS)
Cost:	$50

VTWP002
Exploring Preaching in the UCA

Lay Preacher • Ministry of Pastor • Continuing Education • Worship Leaders • Period of Discernment

An online course for anyone who wants to learn how to Preach in the UCA.

Exploring Preaching in the UCA has been created around the Preaching Competencies from the 'Assembly Standards and Competencies for the Formation and Education for the Specified Ministry of Lay Preacher'.

Exploring Preaching in the UCA covers:

- Where preaching 'fits' in Worship
- Ethical preaching
- Practical preaching skills
- Exegesis
- Planning to preach.

Dates:	Monday 13 October to Monday 24 November (Monday 3 November, non-teaching week)
Time:	7 – 9 pm via Zoom, with access to learning materials on Uniting Learning (Assembly LMS)
Cost:	$30

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VTUCA2

Understanding the UCA

Lay Preacher • Ministry of Pastor • General Interest • Synod staff • Period of Discernment

Understanding the UCA has been created around the Core Competency "Work within the doctrine, ethos and polity of the Uniting Church" from the 'Assembly Standards and Competencies for the Formation and Education for the Specified Ministry of Lay Preacher'.

Understanding the UCA covers:

- History of the formation of UCA
- Theological foundations of the Basis of Union
- The place and role of key aspects of the Church's life and witness
- Understanding the Councils and Ministries of the UCA
- Understanding the UCA's commitment to First Nations People and Intercultural Ministry
- Act2.

Dates:	Semester 1 – 25 February to 30 June Tutorial 1 – 25 February Tutorial 2 – 18 March Tutorial 3 – 29 April Tutorial 4 – 27 May Semester 2 – 15 July to 14 October Tutorial 1 – 15 July Tutorial 2 – 5 August Tutorial 3 – 9 September Tutorial 4 – 14 October
Time:	7 – 9 pm via Zoom, with access to learning materials on Uniting Learning (Assembly LMS)
Cost:	$40

VTCOELP

Understanding the Code of Ethics and Ministry Practice for Lay Preachers in the UCA

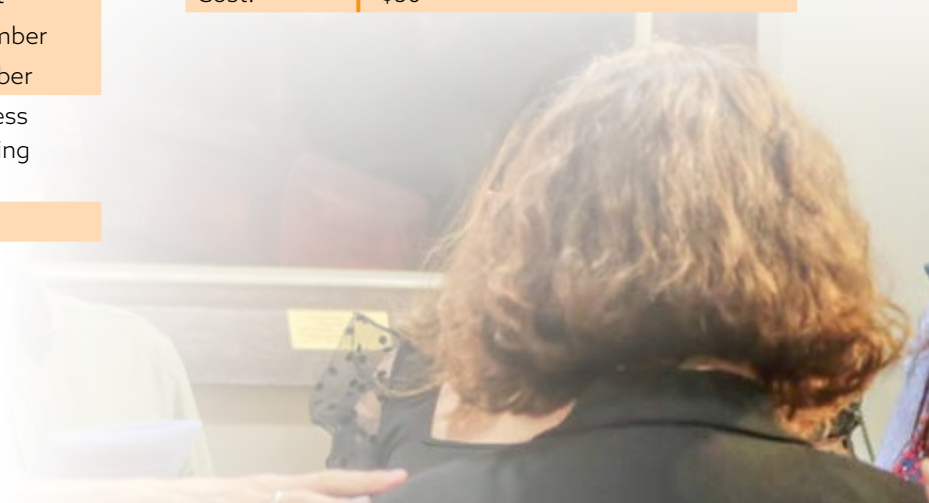
Lay Preacher • Worship Leaders • Period of Discernment

Understanding the Code of Ethics has been created around the Core Competency "Work within the Code of Ethics and Ministry Practice for Lay Preachers" from the *'Assembly Standards and Competencies for the Formation and Education for the Specified Ministry of Lay Preacher'.*

Understanding the Code of Ethics and Ministry Practice for Lay Preachers in the UCA covers:

- The scope and implications of the Code of Ethics and Ministry Practice for Lay Preachers
- The key elements of the UCA understanding of gifts, ministry and service
- The behavioural and boundary issues involved in ministry conduct and accountability in both personal discipleship and professional ministry
- Appropriate standards of professional conduct at a level appropriate to the ministry in which the Lay Preacher is engaged.

Dates:	Tuesday 10 June to Tuesday 24 June
Time:	7 – 9 pm via Zoom, with access to learning materials on Uniting Learning (Assembly LMS)
Cost:	$30



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Seeking a Heart of Wisdom: Continuing Education at Pilgrim

The Uniting Church is committed to life-long continuing education for all members and, in particular, for all those called into leadership ministries. UCA leaders are encouraged to develop the ability to engage the tasks of ministry with critical imagination, courage, emotional maturity, theological judgement and self-reflection. Continuing education helps people grow in articulating Christian faith in contextually appropriate ways. Pilgrim Theological College is committed to equipping people as they help the Church be faithful to its identity and mission in a rapidly changing and diverse cultural and social context.

Pilgrim offers a wide array of courses suitable for ongoing professional development and continuing education, including postgraduate programs. It is also possible to audit a unit, at a reduced cost, which means you attend the lectures/seminars and participate fully, except for completing assessment tasks. Invite a colleague or two to join you, and commit to meeting in a peer learning group afterwards for 3-6 months to reflect on your learning in the context of your ministry practice (details in the next column).

We offer a range of programs, many online, most in-person, and some in your region. We can help you tailor a course or program for your Presbytery or region. We can also help you learn more about your learning styles, or help you plan your own continuing education.

We encourage people in ministry, ordained and lay, to join peer learning groups where they can encourage each other in their learning and ministry.

We offer a wide range of grants and scholarships. Some are focused on people enrolling in University of Divinity courses at Pilgrim Theological College, both undergraduate and postgraduate. The Uniting Church also has a range of grants and scholarships for members, ministers and pastors undertaking continuing education, whether that be informal or formal study.

See more scholarships on the **Pilgrim Theological College website** and the **Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania website**.

Visit the Pilgrim Theological College Lifelong Learning page for more information on courses and peer learning groups. **pilgrim.edu.au/life-long-learning/**

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry – Leader is a 3-day program designed to introduce participants to concepts and tools from systems theory for use in congregations and agencies in times of transition. Some people go on to a further Transitional Ministry course, The Work of the Congregation, designed to prepare people for intentional interim ministry. These courses are valuable for people in Presbytery leadership roles, people taking on significant supply ministry, people preparing for their next ministry placement, people working in places experiencing significant transitions such as new mission directions, contemplating closing or merging, or moving to a new model of ministry.

FTM L: Online Tues 6, 13, 20 May; Tues 7, 14, 21 August

FTM C: Two online days a week apart week beginning 24 February and 3 March; then two-day residential week starting 10 March

"Continuing education has been vital in sustaining me in ministry, especially as I navigate the complexities of serving both the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa and the Uniting Church in Australia. Post-graduate study at Pilgrim has been a rewarding experience, building on my theological training from Samoa and allowing me to engage deeply with the diverse needs of my congregations. The joy of learning is something I cherish—whether it's gaining new insights or connecting with others on the same journey and finding fresh ways to serve the congregations.

There are times when I am challenged, particularly when finding the balance between study and pastoral responsibilities. Yet, these experiences have enriched my ministry, equipping me to serve with greater understanding and compassion."

Junior Manase

"Continuing education is not only an investment in yourself, enabling you to stay curious and remain relevant in a rapidly changing world, but also about connecting with like-minded individuals. "

Rev Duncan Turuva

"I really appreciated having leave available to undertake some serious Continuing Education. Even knowing you have the possibility of a day here and a couple of days there is a great incentive to learn new things, to fill holes in your knowledge base, or simply find answers to questions."

Rev Ross Pearce

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Clinical pastoral education at Uniting CPE – The John Paver Centre

Uniting CPE – The John Paver Centre offers Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) programs for pastoral/spiritual care formation. The programme's methodology uses the action-reflection-action model of peer group experiential learning. The action component is the actual provision of pastoral/spiritual care in a supervised placement setting. The reflection component includes exploring the pastoral/spiritual experience, its dynamics, and the theological and spiritual dimensions. Pastoral/spiritual care formation happens as students develop their identity in the role while integrating their spirituality/theology with their experiences of offering care to vulnerable people. In the process students learn about their own gifts and vulnerabilities and experience personal and professional growth. The group supervision process helps expand students' world view as they engage with a diverse group of peers. As educators, CPE supervisors create a safe space for students to encounter, explore and learn from the challenges they face.

We plan to offer CPE courses at Pilgrim during 2025. For further information about Uniting CPE programs and application closing dates please contact Rev Lauren Mosso, CPE Centre Director via email **Lauren.mosso@victas.uca.org.au** or phone **0400 569 330**.

Students may choose from a variety of CPE programs to meet their educational and logistical needs. Some programs are offered on-line and others in-person. Each program has its own application process and deadlines, so students need to apply to each program directly. Once accepted into a program, students who wish to complete CPE as part of an academic degree need to contact the Registrar and they need to let the CPE Centre Director know of their plans for billing purposes.

Please see the **ASACPEV Inc. website** for a list of current CPE programs in Victoria. For CPE programs in Tasmania please see **TASPE Website**

"CPE has been a transforming experience which helped me draw connections and integrate ministry in the world around me. This unit began by thinking of others and what pastoral care could I offer for the diverse range of human experiences. What I discovered was that in journeying with the vulnerable, it is I that benefited greatly from listening and being present with the other. The action reflection model of CPE has such great benefits in helping me discover who I am and who I am in community and discernment with others. People are not their problems, nor do they need fixing. People are People! We all seek to be seen and heard."

Sione Hehepoto

"With the experiences and raised awareness of the past months (during this CPE Unit), I am feeling more empowered than ever to continue following my own path, trusting to be in God's hands."

Yasmina Buhre

For more information visit the **CPE information page on the Victas website** or contact **Lauren Mosso**. Applications for semester 1 close on 22 November 2024.

Pilgrim Theological College students are granted membership to The Dalton McCaughey Library (DML) as part of their studies with the College.

The DML is co-owned by the Uniting Church in Australia Synod of Victoria and Tasmania and the Australian Jesuits; Trinity College is a partner in the library as well. The DML provides access to one of the larger theological library collections (both print and electronic) in the Southern Hemisphere. Materials are purchased in support of units that are taught at Pilgrim College and Trinity College Theological School and that are of subject interest to the Jesuits. Our professional librarians are available to assist you with your information needs, in-person and at-a-distance. For the catalogue, opening hours, and further information, please visit **https://dml.vic.edu.au**.

Graduates of Pilgrim and Trinity may purchase a lifetime membership to The Dalton McCaughey Library (DML) for a one-time fee of $95.

DALTON McCAUGHEY LIBRARY

The Dalton McCaughey Library is located at the **Centre For Theology & Ministry.**

P. +61 3 9340 8888 | **E.** library@dml.vic.edu.au

Facebook: /DaltonMcCaugheyLibrary

DISCOVER THE NORTHEY LECTURES

A Pilgrim Tradition of Engaging Theological Conversations!

Come along to the Northey Lectures and take part in theological conversations that enrich and inform. These free, public events enable you to hear from leading theologians who visit Pilgrim from around Australia and the world.

For details of the 2025 Northey Lectures, see **Pilgrim's events page**

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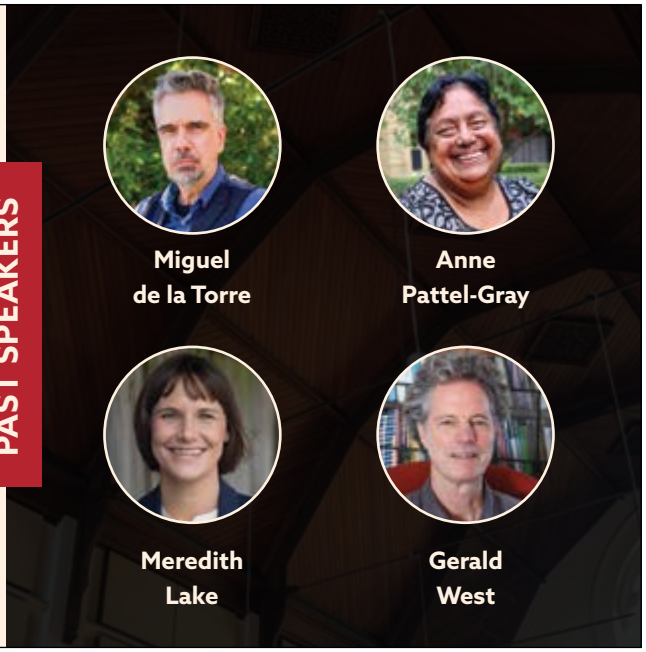

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Common questions about programs, support, and enrollment at Pilgrim!

What can I study at Pilgrim?

At Pilgrim Theological College you can study for either a University of Divinity award or a Pilgrim Certificate.

Studies in Lay Education Development or in Uniting CPE via the John Paver Centre will lead to a Pilgrim Certificate. Studies in Pilgrim's University of Divinity units will enable you to complete a University of Divinity certificate, diploma, or degree including a Masters or PhD. The subjects include Biblical Studies, Ministry, History, Theology, Philosophy, Liturgy, Missiology, Spirituality, Pastoral Care and more.

There are three ways to engage with these offerings. You can enrol in a full award (a certificate, diploma or degree), choose a single subject for academic credit, or "audit" for full participation without formal assessment requirements.

Please visit our **course information page** to explore the full range of accredited undergraduate and postgraduate programs offered by Pilgrim.

Who will teach me?

Pilgrim's academic faculty is a dynamic, multidisciplinary, ecumenical team. Their expertise is well-respected both locally and internationally. Passionate about teaching, they stay up-to-date in their field and participate in professional development around innovation in teaching adult learners.

They have an ongoing commitment to serving the church and are esteemed members of their respective fields with numerous publications and a strong presence at conferences, professional workshops, community events, and online.

Please refer to **our team webpage** for a detailed list of their areas of expertise and interests.

What are classes at Pilgrim like?

We educate, form and equip people through challenging and inspiring classroom experiences. We aim to ignite your critical thinking skills, stir your imagination, and foster deeper understanding. We help you connect your learning to contemporary issues to make a just and compassionate world.

You will learn alongside colleagues with a wide range of religious and ideological viewpoints and diverse cultural heritages. Some may be delving into a subject to expand their faith or professional interest, while others are driven by intellectual curiosity. You will find yourself in a secure and friendly environment that values independent thought and encourages the exploration of different perspectives. Whether you're participating in classes online or on campus, the focus is on fostering meaningful interactions that lead to successful learning experiences for every student.

You can look forward to weekly classes scheduled in the morning, afternoon, or evening throughout the semesters or as intensives that are scheduled over a shorter period. Most classes are designed for in-person or online interaction, and all are supported by online resourcing and our fantastic library facilities.

Units of study are available in-person or online.

In-person:	Students attend the campus at the scheduled time.
Online:	Students attend the class remotely via Zoom at the scheduled time.

Some classes are offered as both online and in-person, so students will engage with one another using the large screens in our well-equipped classrooms.

The timetable shows the method of delivery for each unit and sometimes offers multiple options, allowing you to choose the mode that is most convenient for you. If you need more information or guidance, the Registrar's Office is more than happy to provide assistance.

What is a Pilgrim Learning Hub?

The Pilgrim Learning Hubs are vibrant, collaborative learning communities that provide invaluable face-to-face support for online students residing in the same geographical area. These hubs were initiated by UCA congregations in suburban Heidelberg. Envisioning a broader reach, Pilgrim hopes to establish similar hubs across the Synod.

If you are eager to connect with a local hub or are interested in establishing a hub in your vicinity, please reach out to the Registrar for more information and assistance.

What support will I receive if I enrol in University of Divinity units?

As a student, your learning will be supported by the Dalton McCaughey Library (DML) and the University of Divinity Library Hub.

Additionally, through a partnership with the University of Melbourne, you can access printed resources at the University of Melbourne libraries.

Pilgrim also offers a wide range of online resources to support student's specific study skills and provide guidance on assessments. If you need assistance with essay writing, you can reach out to the Academic Dean, who can connect you with a skilled mentor within the Pilgrim community.

To enhance the learning experience, Pilgrim, through the University of Divinity, utilises a web-based Learning Management System called ARK. This platform is tailored to efficiently organise and oversee unit resources, promote student interactions, foster active participation, and simplify the process of submitting assessments. For assistance, contact the Registrar's office, email: **study@pilgrim.edu.au**, direct line: **03 9340 8892**.

For financial assistance, see below.

How much will it cost?

The cost of studies in Lay Education Development are outlined for each subject.

As a college of the University of Divinity, the Pilgrim course fee for University units follows the university's fee schedule and all associated provisions on fees, as outlined in the university's **Fees Policy**.

In 2025, the cost of an 18-point undergraduate unit is A$2,109, and a 24-point postgraduate unit is A$3,268. Both international and domestic fees are the same, however, an additional application fee of A$300 applies to international students.For detailed information about the **2025 Schedule of Student Tuition Fees**, please visit the university website by following the provided link.

Australian citizens can use the Higher Education Loan Program or Fee-Help to cover the tuition fees. To check the criteria and your eligibility to use **Fee-Help**, please visit the website by following the link.

Full-time domestic students may qualify for *Austudy* through Centrelink. For **Austudy** eligibility and conditions, please visit the Department of Human Services by following the link provided.

Pilgrim's units of study are open for professional development or personal enrichment through audit enrolment. Auditing a unit means undertaking the study program without completing formal assessment. In 2025, the audit fee is $400 for individuals or a flat fee of $1000 to cover audit enrolments at a hub.

A number of bursaries and scholarships are available through the University of Divinity and the Uniting Church in Australia. For details:

University of Divinity: **https://vox.divinity.edu.au/grants-scholarships/**

Uniting Church in Australia: **https://victas.uca.org.au/resources/grants/educational-grants-scholarships/**.

Please get in touch with the Registrar's Office for more information.

Where can I find more information?

We would be delighted to meet you either in-person or via video call to help you get acquainted with us and find the right starting point for your theological studies at Pilgrim. Come and visit us at the Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent, Parkville. If an in-person visit is not possible, please feel free to contact the Registrar's Office by phone or email to discuss your study options. The Registrar can also connect you with the appropriate Course Coordinators or the Academic Dean for personalised guidance.

The Registrar's Office is open every weekday from 9am to 5pm. You can contact us by phone at 03 9340 8892 or via email at **study@pilgrim.edu.au**.

How do I enrol?

To become a Pilgrim student, the first step is to get in touch with us.

If you're interested in Lay Education Development, get in touch with the Coordinator directly via email **Mel.Perkins@victas.uca.org.au**

For Continuing Education, please contact Pilgrim's Registrar Erlinda Loverseed who will help you connect with the Continuing Education Coordinator via email **study@pilgrim.edu.au**

For further information about Uniting CPE programs and application closing dates contact Rev Lauren Mosso, CPE Centre Director via email **Lauren.Mosso@victas.uca.org.au** or phone **0400 569 330.**

To enrol in University of Divinity units, contact our Registrar Erlinda Loverseed. She will talk you through the options. If you are interested in coursework studies, she will advise you or put you in touch with the Academic Dean. For those pursuing a Higher Degree by Research, the Registrar will connect you with the Research Coordinator or a potential supervisor in your field of study.

In the next phase of the enrolment process, you will have an opportunity to participate in a personalised interview. This interview is designed to assist you in discerning your options and to help you determine your fit with the programs available, as well as to clarify and refine your educational and career objectives. The interview can be conducted over the phone or via video call, or in-person.

We'll ensure that you select a course that aligns with your individual needs and interests, while also meeting the requirements of your selected program of study.

Finally, the third step includes completing and submitting the application form, along with the required supporting documents. Throughout this stage, the Registrar will offer guidance and support. After your application has been thoroughly reviewed and approved, you can expect to receive a confirmation email and a comprehensive information about studying at Pilgrim to aid you in your theological studies.

Enrolment opens on **1 November 2024** with most classes running between February and November 2025. To view the 2025 timetable, visit **https://pilgrim.edu.au/timetable/**

Please feel free to reach out to us to explore the ways in which we can assist you in your journey:

03 9340 8892 | **study@pilgrim.edu.au.**

KEY DATES

ENROLMENTS OPEN

1 November 2024

SUMMER INTENSIVE

3 – 7 February & 28 February 2025

SEMESTER 1

24 February – 30 May 2025

WINTER INTENSIVE

9 July – 16 July 2025

SEMESTER 2

28 July – 31 October 2025

SEMESTER 2 INTENSIVE

8 August – 24 October 2025

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