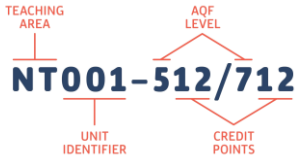
Master of Divinity

Unit Selection Guide

288 credit points = 24 standard units (12cps each)
All units at AQF level 8 and above, including a minimum of 96cps at level 9 and a project (**200-9**) or capstone (**205-912) unit.
Minimum 24cps OT or NT exegesis in Hebrew or NT Greek
Allowed time for completion: 3 years F/T, up to 9 years P/T



Key Resources:
- Available Units: https://www.smbc.edu.au/study/units/
- College Calendar & Timetables: https://www.smbc.edu.au/college-life/calendar-timetable/

How to use this guide
1. The guide is divided into course requirements and the units that meet those requirements.
2. Some requirements have more unit options than what we have listed; be sure to note where this is an option
3. When choosing units be sure to use our page on our website. Visit https://www.smbc.edu.au/study/units/. Use the filters to see when the units mentioned below are offered and other unit options.

Note about Level 9 Units
It is important to ensure you leave room for your 8 x level 9 units (96cps) whilst meeting other course requirements. In particular, note that the following core units can only be done at level 8 and are necessary to meet other course requirements: NT001 & 002, OT001 & 002, CH001 & 002, PC162, LA004 & 005, LA002 & 003 (Hebrew, where applicable).
Note that below we have made recommendations where to take units at level 9 in each requirement section.

				Plan when you intend to complete each requirement e.g. S1 2027, S2 2027 etc
Units that meet requirement	**Typically in Semester**	**Pre & Co-requisites**	**Progression Advice**	**Plan**
	4 units (48cps) of Bible Introduction			
NT001-812 : Jesus and the Gospels	1		☆ These are the best units to start your studies with, in any order	
OT001-812 : Old Testament Foundations				
NT002-812 : The Early New Testament Church	2			
OT002-812 : Old Testament Prophets and Writings				
	1 unit (12cps) of Interpreting and Preaching Scripture			
PC162-812: Interpreting and Preaching Scripture	1		Optional for pre-2025 student	
Choose 2 LA units	**2 units (24cps) of Original Language**			
LA005-812: New Testament Greek A	1		Make sure that you have completed the companion NT/OT Bible Intro units (e.g. NT001/2 for Greek) before finishing these, to have met all the pre-requisites for starting Set Books	
LA003-812: Biblical Hebrew A				
LA006-812: New Testament Greek B	2	LA005		
LA004-812: Biblical Hebrew B		LA003		
An MDiv requires 24cps of original language units as well as 24cps of Set Books in the original language. Note that students wanting to do both Greek and Hebrew will complete Hebrew in one of the requirements further down this table.				
Choose 2 CH units	**2 units (24cps) of Church History**			
CH002-812: Christianity in History from 1550	1		These can be done in any order, at any point in your course	
CH001-812: Christianity in History to 1550	2			
Or any CH unit for which you meet the pre & co-requisites.				

Units that meet requirement	Typically in Semester	Pre & Co-requisites	Progression Advice	Plan when you intend to complete each requirement e.g. S1 2027, S2 2027 etc Plan
	4 units (48cps) of Theology			
TH001-812 w TH206-912: Knowledge of God	1	24cps OT/NT	Ideally, complete 001 first. For 002, 103 and 104, the order doesn't matter.	
TH104-812 w TH205-912 & TH206-912: The Church and its Ministry				
TH002-812 w TH206-912: Doctrine of God, Work of Christ	2			
TH103-812 w TH205-912 &TH206-912: Doctrines of Grace and Eschatology				
Recommended to take two of these units at level 9 after completing two at level 8.				
Choose OT008 and 1 additional OT Set Book	2 units (24cps) of OT Set Books			
OT008, 009-812 w OT206-912: The Pentateuch (English, Hebrew)	1	OT001 or OT003, LA004 (Hebrew)	Strongly recommended as first OT Set Book unit	
OT016, 017-812 w OT205-912 & OT206-912: Wisdom Literature (English, Hebrew)		OT002 or OT003, LA004 (Hebrew)	If not studying Hebrew, pick the English version. If doing Hebrew, make sure you have done OT001/2 first and LA003/4.	
OT014,015-812 w OT206-912: Exilic Prophecy (English, Hebrew)	2			
OT020, 021-812 w OT205-912 & OT206-912: The Psalter (English)				
An MDiv requires 24cps of Set Books in the original language.				
Other than Pentatuch, OT set book units vary from year to year. See the website for availability and more OT unit options. (unit codes OT004 and higher)				
Recommended to take one of these units at level 9 after completing one at level 8.				
Choose 2 NT Set Books	2 units (24cps) of NT Set Books			
NT016, 017-812 w NT205, 207-912 &NT206-912: The Fourth Gospel (English, Greek)	1	NT001, LA006 (Greek)		
NT024-812 w NT205-912 & NT206-91: Other Writings (English)	2	NT002, LA006 (Greek)		
NT008, 009-812 w NT205, 207-912 & NT206-912: The Synoptic Gospels (English, Greek)		NT001, LA006 (Greek)		
NT018-812 w NT206-912: Pauline Theology & Romans (English, Greek)	Variable	NT002, LA006 (Greek)		
Or any NT unit with a unit code NT004 or higher.				
An MDiv requires 24cps of Set Books in the original language.				
Recommended to take one of these units at level 9 after completing one at level 8.				
Choose 2 LA/BB/ NT/ OT/ CH/ TH/ PE units	2 units (24cps) of Primary Course Discipline			
Any of the NT set books not already completed	1 & 2	Per above		
Any of the OT set book....				
LA003-812: Biblical Hebrew A	1		For students wanting to take both Greek and Hebrew	
LA004-812: Biblical Hebrew B	2	LA003		
PE001-812: Christian Ethics	1			
Or any unit in these teaching areas for which you meet the pre & co-requisites. Note that students wanting to do both Greek and Hebrew complete Hebrew in one of the requirements further down this table.				
Recommended to take one of these units at level 9 after completing one LA/BB/ NT/ OT/ CH/ TH/ PE units at level 8.				

Units that meet requirement	Typically in Semester	Pre & Co-requisites	Progression Advice	Plan when you intend to complete each requirement e.g. S1 2027, S2 2027 etc Plan
Choose 1 Spiritual Formation unit	**1 unit (12cps) of Spiritual Formation**			
EM017-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912: Spiritual Formation for Cross- Cultural Settings	1			
PC076-812 w PC205-912 & PC206-912: Personal and Spiritual Formation for Christian Ministry				
Recommended to take one of these units at level 9 after completing two other units from the same subject area at level 8.				
Choose 1 EM	**1 unit (12cps) of Missions**			
EM008-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912: Cross-Cultural Communication	1			
EM060-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912: God's Mission and the Local Church	2			
Or any EM unit for which you meet the pre & co-requisites (other than EM017 above)				
Choose any 3 elective units	**3 units (36cps) of electives**			
An NT Set Book (unit codes NT004 or higher) not already done	1&2	See Set Book sections above		
An OT Set Book (unit codes OT004 or higher) not already done				
LA/BB/ CH/ TH/ PE units not already completed				
EM008-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912: Cross-Cultural Communication	1			
EM025-812 w EM206-912: Applied Evangelism				
EM014-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912: Teaching in an Intercultural Setting	2			
EM021-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912: Living Faiths				
EM026-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912: Church Planting				
EM060-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912: God's Mission and the Local Church				
PC163-812 w PC206-912: Principles and Practice of Church Ministry				
PC165-812 w PC206-912: Advanced Preaching				
PC003-812 w PC206-912: Pastoral Skills and Methods				
AS001-912: Research Methods	1			
**200-924: 12,000 word project		AS001 & 24cps in subject area		
Or any unit which you meet the pre/co-requisites (including any units listed above not yet taken or other units listed on our website).				
Recommended to take three of these units (or 24cps) at level 9 after completing two other units from the same subject area at level 8.				
Recommended SMBC certificate units				
CL04i: NT Greek 2	Summer intensive		For all students who have completed LA006 the previous semester and will commence their first NT set book in Greek	
CL03i: Biblical Hebrew 2 (Summer intensive, additional cost)			For all students who have completed LA004 the previous semester and will commence their first OT set book in Hebrew	