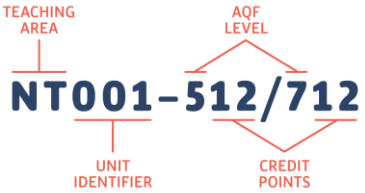
Master of Theological Studies (Theology stream)

Unit Selection Guide

SMBC
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16 units = 192 credit points (12cps each)
All units at AQF level 8 and above, including a minimum of 60cps at level 9 and a project (**200-9**) or capstone (**205-912) unit.
Graduates of BMin or BTh granted 48cps block credit
Graduates of AQF level 8 or 9 award granted up to 96cps block credit
Allowed time for completion: 2 years F/T, up to 8 years P/T

The Master of Theological Studies (Theology stream) has a focus on bible and theology units.

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 5 x level 9 units (60cps) 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.
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 unit			
PC162-812: Interpreting and Preaching Scripture	1		Optional for pre-2025 student	
Choose 1 CH unit	**1 unit (12cps) of Church History**			
CH002-812: Christianity in History from 1550	1		These can be done in any order, at any point in your	
CH001-812: Christianity in History to 1550	2			
Or any CH unit for which you meet the pre & co-requisites.				
	1 unit (12cps) of Foundational Christian Beliefs			
TH005-812: Foundational Christian Beliefs	2	Before attempting this unit, ideally complete 24 cps of any of the following NT001, NT002, OT001 or OT002		
Choose 1 TH Unit	**1 unit (12cps) of Theology**			
TH001-812 w TH206-912: Knowledge of God	1	24cps OT/NT	Complete TH005 above first, then one of these	
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 one of these units at level 9 after completing one 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 OT008 and 1 additional OT Set Book	**2 units (24cps) of OT Set Books**			
OT008-812 w OT206-912: The Pentateuch (English)	1	OT001 or OT003	Strongly recommended as first OT Set Book unit	
OT016-812 w OT205-912 & OT206-912: Wisdom Literature (English)		OT002 or OT003		
OT014-812 w OT206-912: Exilic Prophecy (English)	2			
OT020-812 w OT205-912 & OT206-912: The Psalter (English)				
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 units	**2 units (24cps) of NT Set Books**			
NT016-812 w NT205 & NT206-912: The Fourth Gospel (English)	1	NT001		
NT024-812 w 205-912 & NT206-91: Other Writings (English)	2	NT002		
NT008-812 w NT205 & NT206-912: The Synoptic Gospels (English)		NT001		
NT018-812 w NT206-912: Pauline Theology & Romans (English)	Variable	NT002		
Or any NT Unit with a unit code NT004 or higher.				
Recommended to take one of these units at level 9 after completing one at level 8.				
Choose 1 LA/BB/ NT/ OT/ CH/ TH/ PE unit	**1 unit (12cps) of Primary Course Discipline**			
Any of the NT set books not already completed	1 & 2	Per above		
Any of the OT set books not already completed				
TH/CH/PE units not already completed				
PE001-812: Christian Ethics				
Or any unit in these teaching areas for which you meet the pre & co-requisites.				
Choose any 3 elective units	**3 unit (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			
EM017-812 w EM205-912 & EM206-912: Spiritual Formation for Cross- Cultural Settings				
EM025-812 w EM206: Applied Evangelism				
PC076-812 w PC205-912 & PC206-912: Personal and Spiritual Formation for Christian Ministry				
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				
PC003-812 w PC206-912: Pastoral Skills and Methods				
PC163-812 w PC206-912: Principles and Practice of Church Ministry				
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 two of these units (or 24cps) at level 9 after completing one other unit from the same subject area at level 8.				