



ACT Awards

Unit List



- The following is a brief description of units offered at Vose from within ACT awards.
 - Full descriptions of the units, including representative bibliographies, are in the *ACT Handbooks* (also available online at www.acttheology.edu.au).
 - Not all units in the *ACT Handbook* are offered by Vose. The list is those commonly offered, some annually, others on a 2 or 3 year cycle. [Students with a special interest in a unit not commonly offered, or not offered in given semester, may apply to undertake a "Directed Study Contract".]
 - All units are 4 credit points (except ++6go, which is 8 cps).
 - 300-level units are foundation level within undergraduate awards (AssocDegTh, BCS, BMin, BTh)
 - 400-level units are advanced level units within undergraduate awards, generally with prerequisites
 - 500-level units are foundation level units within graduate awards (MDiv, GradDipDiv, GradDipCS)
 - 600-level units are advanced level units within graduate awards, generally with prerequisites.
- Several units are offered at more than one level.
For biblical exegesis, units coded +2+ are based on English text, and +3+ on the relevant biblical language

BIBLE AND LANGUAGES	
LANGUAGE	
LA002	Introduction to New Testament Greek Introduction to fundamental structures of New Testament Greek and use of tools. [Students cannot take this unit with or after LA004]
LA003A	Biblical Hebrew A Introduction to Biblical Hebrew through completion of at least half of a standard grammar.
LA003B	Biblical Hebrew B Completion of a standard grammar and translation of selected chapters of the Hebrew Bible.
LA004A	New Testament Greek A Introduction to New Testament Greek through completion of at least half of a standard grammar.
LA004A	New Testament Greek A Completion of a standard grammar and translation of selected passages of the New Testament.
LA410	Intermediate Greek Further study of grammatical forms and their exegetical significance, with wider exposure to koine Greek, including LXX.
OLD TESTAMENT	
OT301/501	Formative OT Traditions An introduction to the Old Testament, providing an overall historical framework, with appreciation of Ancient Near Eastern background and major theological themes, covering the biblical material from Genesis to the time of Elijah.
OT302/502	From Israel to Judea Similar to OT301/501, with focus on the period and literature from the time of the eighth century prophets into the post-exilic period.
OT420/430/620/630	Pentateuch Theology of the Pentateuch with special reference to Deuteronomy and exegesis of selected passages from Genesis and Deuteronomy.
OT421/431/621/631	Former Prophets Theology of the Former Prophets (Joshua-Kings), with special reference to 1-2 Samuel, and exegesis of selected passages from 1 and 2 Samuel.
OT424/434/624/634	Wisdom Literature Wisdom literature in the OT and Ancient Near East; wisdom in OT theology, and exegesis of selected passages from Job and Ecclesiastes.
OT426/436/626/636	Psalter The use of the Psalter in ancient Israel, exegesis and theological motifs, with exegesis

OT427/437/627/637	of selected psalms. Isaiah An exegetical and thematic study of the book of Isaiah, with exegesis of selected passages.
OT428/438/628/638	Jeremiah The theology of the book of Jeremiah, with exegesis of selected passages.
OT68g	Old Testament Seminar Study in depth of a text or theme, with application to personal and pastoral needs. Commonly associated with an MA unit.

NEW TESTAMENT	
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NT301/501	Content & Setting of the Gospel Tradition Jesus' life and ministry, including the historical, religious and political setting and distinctive features of the Gospels.
NT302/502	Early New Testament Church The beginning and expansion of the church as reflected in NT documents, especially Acts, and issues confronted in and teaching of at least seven major NT letters.
NT420/430/620/630	Synoptic Gospels Theology and critical issues in the study of one of Matthew, Mark or Luke.
NT421/431/621/631	Paul and Corinthian Christianity The Church at Corinth and issues reflected in Pauline letters, with exegesis of selected passages from 1 and 2 Corinthians.
NT422/432/622/632	Hebrews An introduction to Hebrews, its theology and exegesis of selected passages.
NT424/434/624/634	Fourth Gospel Theology of the Gospel of John, including critical issues and exegesis of selected passages.
NT426/436/626/636	General Epistles Introduction to and theology of any two of James, 1 Peter, and 1-3 John, with exegesis of the letters selected.
NT429/439/629/639	Romans Themes and issues in the letter to the Romans, with exegesis of selected passages.
NT68g	New Testament Seminar Study in depth of a text or theme, with application to personal and pastoral needs. Commonly associated with an MA unit.

CHRISTIAN THOUGHT	
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THEOLOGY	
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WAT31/51	Foundations of Theology The foundations, scope and methodology of Systematic Theology with attention to major movements and patterns of thought, and study of selected ideas in the history of the church.
TH402/602	The Doctrine of God and the Work of Christ The being and attributes of God as Trinity and the person and work of Christ.
TH403/603	The Doctrines of Grace and Eschatology The Gospel of God and the work of the Spirit, and the Christian hope.
TH404/604	Church, Sacraments and Ministry Understanding the people of God, its nature and mission, forms of ministry; prayer, worship and Christian initiation and the Lord's Supper.
TH420/620	Reformation Issues Examination of the rich theological heritage of the Reformation, in light of contemporary approaches and reflection in areas of direct relevance to ministry.
TH68g	Theology Seminar Study in depth of a topic or theme, with application to personal and pastoral needs. Commonly associated with an MA unit.

CHURCH HISTORY	
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CH302/502	The Church from 1550 to Modern Times Reformation, revolution and renewal in the life of the church and its universal expansion. Various topics will be studied.
CH305/505	Early Church History (30-451) The life and thought of the early church (to 451), interaction between church and society and key theological debates, with consideration of application to today; Includes training in use of primary texts.
CH421/621	The Continental Reformation Detailed examination of causes and nature of the reformation in Europe, including

CH689	development of Christian life, thought and worship, with consideration of application to today; Includes use of primary texts. Church History Seminar Study in depth of a topic or theme, with application to personal and pastoral needs. Commonly associated with an MA unit
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PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

PE401/601	Introduction to Christian Ethics Use of the Bible in ethics, considering both OT and NT ethics; types of ethical theories and focus on selected contemporary issues.
PE418/618	Christian Faith in Society Biblical and theological perspectives on the relationships between church and society, with attention to the nature of contemporary Western societies and ways to present the Christian faith intelligently to address contemporary concerns.
PE420/620	Christian Apologetics Examination of issues raised by critics of Christian thought and consideration of intelligent defences of the truth claims of Christian faith, with a Christian worldview in response to currents in Western thought.

MINISTRY AND PRACTICE

EVANGELISM AND MISSIOLOGY

EM301/501	Mission Perspectives Biblical, historical, cultural and strategic perspectives on mission in the contemporary world.
EM324/524	Principles of Evangelism Examination of theological issues relating to evangelism and development of skill in the practice and evaluation of evangelism.
EM411/611	Mission in the Urban Context Biblical and historical perspectives on urbanisation, and evaluation of past and present forms of mission in the urban context.
EM421/621	Living Faiths The opportunity to study non-Christian living faiths in detail, developing appreciation of insights and sensitivity to their worldviews. Commonly two faiths will be considered.
EM426/626	Church Planting Understanding of biblical perspectives on church planting and of methodologies by which church planting can be undertaken in a given cultural context.
EM427/627	Church Dynamics & Growth The theology, principles and procedures of church growth and significance for ministry theory and practice, together with processes of evaluation, strategy development and effective methodologies in a congregational situation.
EM689	Evangelism and Missiology Seminar Study in depth of a topic or theme, with application to personal and pastoral needs. Commonly associated with an MA unit

PASTORAL & CHURCH FOCUSED MINISTRY

PC301/501	Ministry Formation Various aspects of ministry formation including understanding of oneself and ministry roles, with biblical, historical and contemporary resources.
PC402/602	Foundations of Pastoral Care Basic issues in pastoral theology, leading to an integrated biblical and theological understanding of pastoral care, with introduction to ministry to families and people in various life stages and transitions.
PC403/603	Pastoral Skills & Methods General skills in pastoral care, including relational and equipping aspects; exploration of pastoral care in particular situations, e.g., special needs and crises.
PC435/635	Principles of Leadership & Management Theology and dynamics of leadership, and consideration of ways to structure, reform and manage congregations and other Christian organisations.
PC442/642	Congregational Field Education An opportunity to undertake field work in a congregational setting, with supervised reflection that facilitates growth in understanding and skills.
PC443/643	Pastoral Care Field Education An opportunity to undertake field work in a pastoral care setting, with supervised reflection that facilitates growth in understanding and skills

PC447/647	Introductory Preaching An introduction to preaching and various models; basic techniques in exposition, sermon construction and delivery.
PC616	Denominational Distinctives Historical, theological and spiritual roots of the Baptist tradition, with critical assessment of contemporary trends, along with relationships with other traditions.
PC689	Pastoral & Church Focused Ministry Seminar Study in depth of a topic or theme, with application to personal and pastoral needs. Commonly associated with an MA unit

DEVELOPMENTAL MINISTRIES

DM302/502	Ministry Formation for Chaplaincy Professional formation for chaplaincy in an educational setting, including understanding of oneself and chaplaincy roles, with biblical, historical and contemporary resources
DM310/510	Foundations for Youth Ministry Biblical, theological, historical and strategic foundations for youth ministry with an introduction to youth in society, including sub-cultures.
DM320/520	Introduction to Church-based Children's Ministry Children and faith development and an introduction to a variety of aspects of children's ministry within the wider context of a worshipping community.
DM414/614	Chaplaincy in Education Settings The practice and theology of chaplaincy in a range of educational settings: primary, secondary and tertiary, state and private systems, including issues for different age groups.
DM421/621	Issues in Children's Ministry Contemporary issues and the development of children's ministry skills.
DM441/641	Youth Ministry Field Education An opportunity to undertake field work in a youth ministry setting, with supervised reflection that facilitates growth in understanding and skills.

GENERIC (++) = offered in every field)

++095	Research Methods An opportunity to undertake field work in a pastoral care setting, with supervised reflection that facilitates growth in understanding and skills..
++490	Research Project (4 cps; undergraduate) An elective opportunity to pursue in depth a topic not studied elsewhere in the degree, developing research and reporting skills (6,000 words)
++650	Research Project (4 cps; GradDipDiv) An elective opportunity
IN650	Research Project (4 cps; GradDipCS) A required unit in the GradDipCS, pursuing in depth a topic integrating the professional and life interests of the candidate with particular aspects of the Christian tradition represented in units previously taken (5,000 words)
++690	Research Project (8 cps; MDiv) A required unit in the MDiv (enables articulation to MTh), pursuing in depth a topic not studied elsewhere in the degree, developing research and reporting skills (8,000 words)