

Bachelor of Theology (Honours) (BTh(Hons))

Flexible Study Options

This programme allows for a range of flexible learning options, including a combination of on campus (Henderson) and Distance Learning courses, as well as part-time study. (Check the timetable at www.laidlaw.ac.nz/student-info/timetables).

The BTh(Hons) caters for

Graduates who have successfully completed three years of undergraduate study in theology with a GPA of at least 7.5 (B+) in courses at NZQF levels 6 and 7 who are looking for a pathway into research and further study.

Programme Requirements

The Bachelor of Theology (Honours) year is a one-year 120 credit bachelor's honours degree at level 8.

2026 Fees

Domestic: \$2,193 per 30-credit course. **\$4,386** per 60-credit course. **\$8,772** for programme (3 courses, 120 credits).

International: \$6,390 per 30-credit course. **\$12,780** per 60-credit course. **\$25,560** for programme (3 courses, 120 credits).

NOTE: Annual fee may vary. A Student Services fee of \$4.20 per credit is charged for on-campus courses or \$63 per semester for distance learning. Please refer to Fee Schedule for more details (www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees)

Courses

R351.830 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING (30 CREDITS)

This course centres on the methodology and practical aspects of advanced research. Students reflect on the theological, ethical, and missiological implications of research whilst developing advanced skills and methods which will support a research project. A range of scholars relate their own research experience and students engage with a number of contemporary approaches to critical research and writing. Students develop and hone the skills of research and writing by designing and implementing a small research project in the field of their interest.

R352.839 SPECIAL TOPIC (30 CREDITS)

This course explores a directed course of study of a chosen discipline of theology. Through a selection of tutoring, class time, guided, and self-directed study, the student will demonstrate a mastery of a specific area of theological study and will communicate effectively relevant theories, principles, and applications over a series of essays.

R362.860 RESEARCH PROJECT (60 CREDITS)

This course enables students to develop and deepen, in more specialized areas of study, the skills and knowledge acquired through successful completion of the BTh (or equivalent). Students, in discussion with a supervisor, decide on a research project and conduct their research under supervision. The project must reflect the methodologies and skills appropriate to the subject area in which they are working. This course allows students to develop their theological thinking in a systematic capacity, subject to the constraints and rigours of research methods appropriate to the respective disciplines. As part of the supervision process the student will present regular summaries of their progress to the lecturer and receive feedback on the progress of their proposal.

On completion of the Bachelor of Theology (Honours) Laidlaw College graduates will:

- 1. Have developed skills in advanced research and writing.**
- 2. Be able to disseminate the results of advanced research to wider networks.**
- 3. Engage in self-directed learning and advanced study.**
- 4. Demonstrate intellectual independence, analytic rigour, and the ability to understand and evaluate new knowledge and ideas.**
- 5. Demonstrate the ability to identify topics for original research, plan and conduct research, analyse results, and communicate the findings to the satisfaction of subject experts.**
- 6. Be prepared for higher levels of academic research.**

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READY TO APPLY? ANY QUESTIONS?

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