



Get to know the Uniting Church in Australia

The **Uniting Church Studies** programme provides a fantastic opportunity for people who would like to learn more about the Uniting Church, its foundations and its priorities. It offers an introduction to the theology, history and life of the Uniting Church.

The course is open to anyone involved in leadership in the Uniting Church. If you are a local church leader, a lay preacher or worship leader, training for ministry, or new to the Uniting Church, this is an indispensable course to take; it will equip you for your ongoing ministry.

The 2018 course runs over an **initial 5 days**, *Monday 25 June to Friday 29 June*. In addition, you are asked to be available for the morning of *Sunday July 1st* for worship and reflection on the multi-cultural identity of the UCA, and for a further day of worship, reflection and project presentation on *Sunday July 29th*.

You will learn about:

- the creation of the Uniting Church in Australia and its roots in Congregationalism, Methodism and Presbyterianism
- The *Basis of Union* as a continuing guide and compass for the life of the UCA
- UCA perspectives on Jesus, Bible, Church and Mission
- The structure, governance and ethics of the UCA
- The UCA's ecumenical vision
- Understandings of ministry and mission in the Uniting Church
- Issues facing the Uniting Church in the future.

In this course, you will engage in assessment tasks, work on a group project with others, and write your own short papers.

The course is run within the new Synod eLM unit in partnership with Pilgrim Theological College. The program will be led by Rev Dr Randall Prior; a highlight will be the opportunity to learn from a rich collection of women and men who have provided, or are now engaged in, key leadership in the Uniting Church.

Where: Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Crescent, Parkville, 3052

Dates & Times: Mon 25 June: 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Tues – Fri 26-29 June: 9.15 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Sunday July 1st: 9.15 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Sun 29 July: 9.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Cost: \$140. (No charge for ordination candidates.)

Register online now: <https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/ucastudies2018>

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