



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

AWARD SUMMARY

CRICOS: 107374C

Nomenclature: GradCertThSt

AQF Level 8 Graduate Certificate

Entry Requirements	Qualification for admission to a three-year AQF Level 7 award from an institution recognized by Academic Board; OR Holding, from a university or other tertiary institution, qualifications approved by the Student Support and Administration Committee as equivalent to such an award; AND Satisfactory completion of a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.
Duration:	0.5 years full-time or 1.5 years (maximum) part-time.
Attendance Type:	Full-time, part-time.
Delivery Mode:	Online, face-to-face, or multi-modal
Structure:	36 credit points (4 units). The course will be taken with at least 9 credit points (one unit) from the discipline of Biblical Studies and 9 credit points from the subdiscipline of Systematic Theology The course may be taken with a concentration. This comprises 18 credit points from either the discipline of Biblical Studies or the subdiscipline of Systematic Theology.

English Proficiency

Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally require a minimum IELTS (or equivalent) result of 7.0 with no score less than 6.5 in all bands of the test.

Enrolment

Contact the Registrar of the Member Institution with whom you intend to study for enrolment and fee details.

Graduate Profile and Rationale

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies is designed for those who hold a three-year undergraduate tertiary qualification in a non-theological discipline and who wish to pursue a graduate qualification in theology. Students will be able to critically engage Christian thought and traditions, enhance their professional work and give expression to insights for Christian living.

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies focuses on introducing students to the discipline of Biblical Studies and the subdiscipline of Systematic Theology equipping them with foundational knowledge for further study in these two areas.

Course Outcomes

Knowledge

Graduates will have:

- an understanding, within a coherent body of knowledge in Systematic Theology and Biblical Studies serving both as an introduction to the study of theology and its related disciplines and as the basis for independent lifelong learning;

Skills

Graduates will have cognitive and technical skills specifically in Theology and Biblical Studies, so as to be able independently to:

- review and synthesize theological information and reflect on complex problems;
- think critically and evaluate complex ideas;
- research, analyse and communicate theologically-related ideas.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- make high level, independent and theologically informed judgements related to a range of issues pertaining to Christian living and / or ministry.

Academic regulations for the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

1 Admission to Candidature

1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies shall:

- 1.1.1 have qualified for admission to a three-year AQF Level 7 award from an accredited Australian tertiary institution; OR
- 1.1.2 hold, from a university or other tertiary institution, qualifications approved by the Student Support and Administration Committee as equivalent to such an award; AND
- 1.1.3 satisfactorily complete a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.

1.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of this regulation the Student Support and Administration Committee may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission as a candidate for this degree by carrying out such work and/or sitting for such examinations as the Student Support and Administration Committee may determine.

1.3 In exceptional cases an applicant may be admitted as a candidate for a Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies, if the applicant submits evidence of other academic and professional attainments to the Student Support and Administration Committee.

1.4 A candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies shall be designated as full-time or part-time. A candidate is designated as a full-time if enrolled in three units (27 credit points) or more in a semester or part-time if enrolled in less than three units (27 credit points) per semester.

1.5 No candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies may be concurrently enrolled in any other undergraduate or postgraduate course within the University College or any other tertiary institution unless approval has been granted by the Academic Board.

1.6 Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally will be required to demonstrate competency in English by:

- 1.6.1 achieving an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 7.0 with no score below 6.5 in all bands of the test.

1.7 Application for enrolment in the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the course.

2 Course Structure

2.1 The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies requires the completion of 36 credit points (4 units).

2.2 All course units will be taken from the University College Schedule of Units of Study coded within the 8100 and 9200 series.

2.3 The four units (36 credit points) include:

2.3.1 One foundational unit (9 credit points) in Systematic Theology;

2.3.2 One foundational unit (9 credit points) in Biblical Studies;

2.3.3 18 credit points of elective units (2 units).

2.4 The course may be taken with or without a concentration. A concentration in the Graduate Certificate comprises 18 credit points in the discipline of Biblical Studies or the subdiscipline of Systematic Theology.

2.5 Units coded "A" are not counted towards a concentration in any discipline or subdiscipline.

3 Period of Candidature

3.1 The period of candidature for the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies will normally be 0.5 year (1 Semester) full-time or 1.5 years (3 Semesters) parttime.

3.2 In certain circumstances the Student Support and Administration Committee may grant course extensions.

4 Leave of Absence

4.1 The Student Support and Administration Committee may grant leave of absence from the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the award.

4.2 The period of leave shall normally be one semester after which a candidate may apply for a further period of one semester or will be required to complete candidature.

5 Assessment

5.1 The assessment of units shall be in the manner approved by the Academic Board in line with the University College's established guidelines for assessment packages at the undergraduate/postgraduate level.

5.2 Students may be required by the Academic Board to present themselves for oral examination.

5.3 Academic and non-academic misconduct will be penalised in

accordance with the Policies and Regulations of the University College, whose stipulations are severe.

6 Credit

- 6.1 A candidate may seek credit up to a maximum of 18 credit points in the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies.
- 6.2 Credit can only be granted for Bible and Theology units at graduate level, that are from an equivalent award or institution and have outcomes, content, demand hours, and assessment equivalent to that of units in a University College award.

7 Progress to Further Awards

- 7.1 Students are eligible to articulate to the Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies (a further 36 credit points), on completion of which students are required to surrender their University College Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies. Students are also eligible to enter the Master of Theological Studies.

8 Saving Clause

- 8.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Academic Board of the University College may, in any case in which it may deem it appropriate to do so, vary, dispense with, or suspend any requirement or prescription by these regulations, and report forthwith to the Council of the University College.

SCHEDULE

Compulsory Units to attain the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

One foundational unit (9 credit points) in Systematic Theology

AND

One foundational unit (9 credit points) in Biblical Studies

Further Units

A choice of another 18 credit points (two units) from the suite of SCD 8100 or 9200 level units.

Students who may wish to complete the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies with a concentration need to take a further 9 credit points (one unit) from the discipline of Biblical Studies or the subdiscipline of Systematic Theology.

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