

## GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF GOVERNANCE AND CANON LAW

### AWARD SUMMARY

**AQF Level 8 Graduate Diploma**

**CRICOS: None**

**Nomenclature: GDGCL**

**Entry Requirements** Satisfactory completion of an AQF Level 7 undergraduate degree in any discipline; AND  
Some experience of governance within a Church organization, either through employment or volunteering;  
OR  
the capacity to engage with such an organization to undertake case studies throughout the course; AND  
Satisfactory completion of a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.

Students with no tertiary background in theology will be required to complete T8016 as a pre or co-requisite to their Governance units.

**Duration:** 1 year full-time or 2 years (maximum) part-time.

**Attendance Type:** Full-time, part-time.

**Delivery Mode:** Online

**Structure:** 72 credit points (8 units).

### **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) score of at least 7.0 with no subtest below 6.5.

### **Exit Points**

Students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Governance and Canon Law, provided they have met the requirements of the award.

### **Enrolment**

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

## **Graduate Profile and Rationale**

The Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law qualifies individuals who apply a body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake professional or highly skilled work and as a pathway for further learning.

### **Knowledge**

Graduates will have:

- advanced knowledge within a systematic and coherent body of knowledge that may include the acquisition and application of knowledge and skills in Governance and Canon Law.

### **Skills**

Graduates will have:

- cognitive skills to review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge in the field of Governance and Canon Law and identify and provide solutions to complex problems in this field;
- cognitive skills to think critically and to generate and evaluate complex ideas;
- specialised technical and creative skills in the field of Governance and Canon Law;
- communication skills to demonstrate an understanding of theoretical concepts;
- communication skills to transfer complex knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences.

### **Applications of Knowledge and Skills**

Graduates will have the ability to:

- make high-level, independent judgements in a range of technical or management functions in varied specialised contexts;
- initiate, plan, implement and evaluate broad functions within varied specialised technical and/or creative contexts;
- with responsibility and accountability for personal outputs and all aspects of the work or function of others within broad parameters.

## **Academic regulations for the Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law**

### **1 Admission to Candidature**

- 1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law requires:
  - 1.1.1 Satisfactory completion of an AQF Level 7 undergraduate degree in any discipline; AND
  - 1.1.2 Some experience of governance within a Church organisation, either through employment or volunteering OR the capacity to engage with such an organisation to undertake case studies throughout the course.
  
- 1.2 A candidate for the Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law shall be designated as full-time or part-time.
  
- 1.3 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law 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.
  
- 1.4 Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally require a minimum IELTS (or equivalent) score of at least 7.0 with no subtest below 6.5.
  
- 1.5 Application for enrolment in the Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law program is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Teaching Body offering the program.

## **2 Course Structure**

2.1 The Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law requires the completion of 72 credit points (8 units) which shall include:

### **Compulsory Units (54 credit points)**

T8106 Foundations for Theological Studies

P8160 Introduction to Governance for Mission, Ministry and  
Work in the Church

P8164 Stewardship of Resources in Church Organisations

P8169 Introduction to Canon Law and General Norms

P8170 Structures in the Church: Canonical Perspectives

P9293 Minor Independent Guided Study (Leadership)

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### **2 x Core Units (18 credit points), chosen from:**

B8101 Introduction to Biblical Studies

E8100 Principles of Christian Ethics

L8101 Introduction to Christian Worship

M8161 Leadership: Mission, Identity and Community

M9228 Living as Christians on Indigenous Land

T8194 Immersion Experience Critical Reflection

T9210 Christology and Soteriology

T9218 Church: The Living Community of Faith

T9231 Theology of the Sacraments

P8155 Foundations of Christian Leadership

P9264 Advanced Studies in Leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:  
Models of Leadership

M9265 Pluralism and Cultural Leadership

P9263 Leading Self, Leading Others

P9236 Theology and Practice of Social Justice

## **3 Period of Candidature**

3.1 The period of candidature for the Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law shall normally be 1 year (2 Semesters) full-time and up to 2 years (4 Semesters) part-time.

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

## **4 Leave of Absence**

4.1 The Student Support and Administration Committee may grant leave of absence from the Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law.

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.

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 36 credit points in the Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law in accordance with the University College Credit Policy.

6.2 No credit points will be awarded for Recognition of Prior Learning within the Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law.

## **7 Progress to Further Awards**

7.1 The Graduate Diploma of Governance and Canon Law articulates to 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.

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