



GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF LEADERSHIP

AWARD SUMMARY

AQF Level 8 Graduate Diploma

CRICOS: 107377M

Nomenclature: GradDipLead

Entry Requirements Satisfactory completion of an AQF Level 7 Bachelor in the field of philosophy and religious studies (Australian Standard Classification of Education field 0917 – Philosophy and Religious Studies) from an institution recognised by Academic Board; OR
Satisfactory completion of an award from a university or other tertiary institution, qualifications approved by the Student Support and Administration Committee as equivalent to such an award; AND
Satisfactorily completes a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.

Desirable but not mandatory - at least two years' experience in a leadership role in an area aligned with the course's focus, for example: church leadership, educational leadership within a religious school, ministry, and social services provided by a religious organisation.

Duration: 1 year full-time or 3 years (maximum) part-time.

Attendance Type: Full-time, part-time.

Delivery Mode: Online

Structure: 72 credit points (8 units) including two compulsory units (18 credit points), two core units (18 credit points) taken from the list of approved Master of Leadership core units, and four elective units (36 credit points).

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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 Leadership may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Leadership, provided they have met the requirements of the award.

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 Diploma of Leadership is designed for those possessing a three-year undergraduate degree in the field of philosophy and religious studies who wish to pursue a further qualification in an area of leadership focus as part of their continuing education for ministry.

The Graduate Diploma of Leadership focusses on building leadership capacity for people involved in a wide scope of religious, non-profit, community-focused enterprises. Students may be working for denominationally based organisations in education, welfare, aged care, local church or other ministries requiring specific leadership training for ministry or mission.

Graduates will have added particular knowledge and skills in leadership to their theological education to enhance their work in the religious sector.

Knowledge

Graduates will have:

- an advanced level of theoretical and technical knowledge related to the practice of leadership particular to the management and governance of a complex religious, non-profit, ministry enterprise;
- an advanced understanding of the principles of inquiry and methods applicable to leadership theory and their application to real-world ministry practice.

Skills

Graduates will demonstrate advanced specialised cognitive and technical skills in leadership within a ministry-related body of knowledge, so that they are able independently to:

- analyse critically, evaluate, and apply information to complete a range of activities associated with leadership in a ministry related context;
- analyse, generate and provide solutions to complex problems to guide the effective governance, management and operations of a religious, non-profit, community organisation;
- transmit transferable knowledge, skills and ideas through coherent and sustained leadership to specialist and non-specialist audiences.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- apply transferable knowledge and skills in a way that demonstrates autonomy, well-developed judgment, adaptability, and responsibility as leaders in religious, not-for-profit, community-focused enterprises;
- plan and execute an advanced research or field-based project in an area of work-based leadership.

Academic regulations for the Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Theology

1 Admission to Candidature

- 1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Graduate Diploma of Leadership will:
 - 1.1.1 hold an AQF Level 7 Bachelor in the field of philosophy and religious studies (Australian Standard Classification of Education field 0917 – Philosophy and Religious Studies) from an institution recognised by Academic Board; 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 Diploma of Leadership, 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 Diploma of Leadership 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 Diploma of Leadership 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 require:
 - 1.6.1 a minimum IELTS (or equivalent) score of at least 7.0 with no subtest below 6.5.
- 1.7 Application for enrolment in the Graduate Diploma of Leadership program is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the program.

2 Course Structure

2.1 The Graduate Diploma Leadership and Theology requires the completion of 72 credit points (8 units) from 8100 and 9200 series units of the University College Schedule of Units.

2.2 The eight units shall include:

2.2.1 two compulsory units (18 credit points) P8155 Foundations of Christian Leadership and P8107 Non-Profit Governance for Ministry;

2.2.2 two core units (18 credit points) taken from the list of approved Master of Leadership core units;

2.2.3 four elective units (36 credit points) from the 8100 and 9200 series in the University College Schedule of Units.

2.3 A specialisation comprises 4 units (36 credit points) from a list of units approved by the Academic Board.

2.4 Units coded "A" are not counted towards a specialisation in any discipline or subdiscipline.

3 Period of Candidature

3.1 The period of candidature for the Graduate Diploma of Leadership shall normally be 1 year (2 semesters) full-time or 3 years (6 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 Leadership. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the Graduate Diploma of Leadership.

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 Leadership.
- 6.2 Credit can only be granted for units that are from an equivalent award or institution and have outcomes, content, demand hours, and assessment equivalent to that of units in the University College award.
- 6.3 No credit points will be awarded for Recognition of Prior Learning within the Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Theology.

7 Progress to Further Awards

- 7.1 The Graduate Diploma of Leadership articulates with the Master of Leadership. Students are eligible to articulate to the Master of Leadership on completion of which students are required to surrender their Graduate Diploma of Leadership. Credit will be given within the higher award for all units completed within the lower award.

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.

Version	Date and Governance	Changes
1.0	7/5/2017 Academic Board	Approved
2.0	4/3/2024 Academic Board	IELTS admission requirements updated