



GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF LEADERSHIP AND THEOLOGY

AWARD SUMMARY

CRICOS: None

Nomenclature: GradDipLeadTheol

AQF Level 8 Graduate Diploma

Entry Requirements Satisfactory completion of an AQF Level 7 undergraduate degree in any discipline.
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 4 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 Leadership and Theology may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Theology, provided they have met the requirements of the award.

Enrolment

Contact the Registrar of the relevant Member Institution for enrolment and fee details.

Graduate Profile and Rationale

The Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Theology 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 leadership, theological studies, religious organisations and / or professional practice in the field.

Skills

Graduates will have:

- cognitive skills to review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge in the field of Leadership and Theology and identify and provide solutions to complex problems in this field;
- cognitive skills to think critically and theologically so as to generate and evaluate complex ideas;
- specialised technical and creative skills in the field of Leadership and Theology;
- communication skills to demonstrate an understanding of theoretical concepts and theological principles;
- 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 inclusive of religious contexts;
- initiate, plan, implement and evaluate broad functions within varied specialised religious, 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 Leadership and Theology

1 Admission to Candidature

- 1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Theology requires:
 - 1.1.1 Satisfactory completion of an AQF Level 7 undergraduate degree in any discipline.
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.
- 1.2 A candidate for the Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Theology shall be designated as full-time or part-time.
- 1.3 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Theology 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 Leadership and Theology program is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Teaching Body offering the program.

2 Course Structure

- 2.1 The Graduate Diploma in Leadership and Theology requires the completion of 72 credit points (8 units) which shall include:

3 Compulsory Units (27 credit points)

M8161 Leadership: Mission, Identity and Community
P8155 Foundations of Christian Leadership
T8106 Foundations for Theological Studies

5 Core Units (45 credit points)

Five Core Units, chosen from the following list, of which at least two units (18 cps) must be 'P', 'M', or 'S' units

B8101 Introduction to Biblical Studies
B9200 Great Narratives of the Bible
B9249 Kings, Priests and Prophets: Leadership in the Hebrew Bible
B9253 Interpreting the Four Gospels
B9293 Minor Independent Guided Study (Biblical Studies)
D9240 Leadership and Religious Education

E8100 Principles of Christian Ethics
 L8101 Introduction to Christian Worship
 L9293 Minor Independent Guided Study (Liturgy)
 M9228 Living as Christians on Indigenous Lands
 M9293 Minor Independent Study (Mission and Culture)
 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)
 S9246 Stirring the Soul: Formation of Catholic Educators and Leaders
 S9247 The Foundations of Lasallian Ministry
 S9248 The Practice of Lasallian Ministry
 S9273 Stories of Women in the Christian Tradition
 S9276 The Spirituality of Mary MacKillop
 T8194 Immersion Experience Critical Reflection
 T9218 Church: The Living Community of Faith
 T9231 Theology of the Sacraments
 T9251 Readings in Selected Theologians
 T9256 Faith and Science
 T9262 Ecological Theology
 T9279 Women Doctors of the Church: Fresh Wisdom from Ancient Teachers and Leaders
 T9293 Minor Independent Guided Study (Theological Studies)

3 Period of Candidature

- 3.1 The period of candidature for the Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Theology shall normally be 1 year (2 Semesters) full-time and up to 4 years (8 Semesters) (maximum) 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 and Theology. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Theology.
- 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

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 and Theology 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 Leadership and Theology.

7 Progress to Further Awards

7.1 The Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Theology articulates with the Master of Leadership and Theology. 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.

Schedule A:

- E8100 Principals of Christian Ethics
- P8160 Introduction to Governance for Mission, Ministry and Work in the Church
- P8169 Introduction to Canon Law and General Norms
- P8170 Structures in the Church: Canonical Perspectives
- P8164 Stewardship of Resources in Church Organisations
- P9236 Theology and Practice of Social Justice
- P9293 Minor Independent Guided Study (Leadership)
- S9246 Stirring the Soul: Formation of Catholic Educators and Leaders
- T9210 Christology and Soteriology
- T9218 Church: The Living Community of Faith

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1.0	9/10/2023 Academic Board	Approved
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