



UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY

AWARD SUMMARY

CRICOS: None

Nomenclature: CertTh

AQF Level 5-7 Undergraduate Certificate

Entry Requirements An Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 65 or its equivalent (e.g. OP \leq 16; OR Satisfactorily completed Year 12 in the Australian school system, or its equivalent; OR Mature Age and Special Entry Admissions for those who have reached the age of 21, with evidence of capacity for successful study at this level AND Satisfactorily completes a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.

Duration: Six months full-time or one year (maximum) part-time.

Attendance Type: Full-time, part-time.

Delivery Mode: Online, face-to-face, or multi-modal

Structure: The Undergraduate Certificate in Theology requires the completion of 36 credit points (four 9-credit point units) which shall include:

9 credit points in Biblical Studies;
9 credit points in Systematic Theology;
18 credit points in elective units.
All units are taken from this Regulation Schedule below.

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 6.0 in all bands of the test with no score less than 5.5 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 Undergraduate Certificate in Theology is a higher education qualification at AQF level 5-7. It qualifies students with foundational knowledge and skills in Christian theology, equipping them for further study, professional upskilling, ministry practice, or lifelong learning.

Course Outcomes

Knowledge

Graduates will have:

- Introductory biblical and theological knowledge which will serve as a basis for further learning skills.

Skills

Graduates will have cognitive, communication, and technical skills, so that they are able to:

- identify, analyse, and act on information from a range of foundational sources; express ideas and perspectives related to Christian faith.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- demonstrate an understanding of theological knowledge by applying it in Christian ministry;
- apply appropriate methodology when addressing broader issues in the Church;
- demonstrate theological literacy for addressing questions of faith.

Academic regulations for the Undergraduate Certificate in Theology

1 Admission to Candidature

1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Undergraduate Certificate in Theology shall have:

- 1.1.1 An Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 65 or its equivalent (e.g. OP \leq 16); OR
- 1.1.2 Satisfactorily completed Year 12 in the Australian school system, or its equivalent; OR
- 1.1.3 Mature Age and Special Entry Admissions for those who have reached the age of 21, with evidence of capacity for successful study at this level AND
- 1.1.4 Satisfactorily completes a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.

1.2 A candidate for the Undergraduate Certificate in Theology shall be designated as full-time or parttime. A student is designated as 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.

1.3 No candidate for the Undergraduate Certificate in 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 will be required to demonstrate competency in English by:

- 1.4.1 achieving an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 6.0 with no score below 5.5 in all bands of the test.

1.5 Application for enrolment in the Undergraduate Certificate in Theology is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the program.

2 Course Structure

2.1 The Undergraduate Certificate in Theology requires the completion of 36 credit points (4 units) which shall include:

- 2.1.1 9 credit points in Biblical Studies; and
- 2.1.2 9 credit points in Systematic Theology;
- 2.1.3 18 credit points chosen from any other units in the Schedule of Units for the award.

2.2 All course units will be taken from the University College Schedule of units of study coded within the 5-7 series.

3 Period of Candidature

3.1 The period of candidature for the Undergraduate Certificate in Theology shall normally be six months full-time and up to one year part-time.

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

4 Leave of Absence

4.1 The Student Support and Administration Committee may grant leave of absence. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the Undergraduate Certificate.

4.2 A leave of absence cannot be granted beyond the end of 2025, when the accreditation of this course will expire, unless otherwise determined by the regulatory authority.

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

6 Credit

6.1 Candidates from other institutions or with other awards may seek credit up to a maximum of 18 credit points in the Undergraduate Certificate in Theology.

6.2 Credit will 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 Undergraduate Certificate in Theology.

7 Progress to Further Awards

7.1 All units satisfactorily completed in the Undergraduate Certificate in Theology may be credited towards an University College Diploma, Associate Degree or Bachelor award, on condition that a completed Undergraduate Certificate in Theology will be surrendered prior to graduation in that 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

The list of approved units for the Undergraduate Certificate in Theology:

A. Choose **ONE** unit from:

B7101 Introduction to Biblical Studies
B7110 Introduction to the Old Testament
B7150 Introduction to the New Testament

B. Choose **ONE** unit from:

T7101 Introduction to Theology
T7105 Introduction to Christian Doctrines

C. Choose **TWO** units from:

B7110 Introduction to Old Testament (*except if B7110 taken in section A*)
B7150 Introduction to New Testament (*except if B7110 taken in section A*)
E7100 Sources and Principles of Christian Ethics
H7101 Introduction to Church History
H7110 History of the Early Church
L7101 Introduction to Christian Worship
P7101 Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Ministry
S7101 Formation in Spiritual Living
S7102 Introduction to Christian Spirituality
T7101 Introduction to Theology
T7105 Introduction to Christian Doctrines
W7110 Ancient and medieval Philosophy
W7112 Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy

Version	Date approved	Changes
1.0	3/5/21 Academic Board	Approved
2.0	4/3/24 Academic Board	IELTS or equivalent levels for admission