

REGULATION 24
MASTER OF DIVINITY



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24.1 Admission and Enrolment

- 24.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Master of Divinity if he or she has obtained or is qualified to obtain a Bachelor's degree in any discipline from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board.
- 24.1.2 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Regulation, the Academic Board may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission by carrying out such work and sitting for such examinations or meeting such other standards as the Academic Board may decide.
- 24.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Master of Divinity in a College of the University.
- 24.1.4 Every candidate for the Master of Divinity must be enrolled during the period of candidature at a College of the University, and must comply with the requirements of that College and of the University. Candidates may study units offered at other Colleges of the University.
- 24.1.5 The Academic Board may discontinue the candidature of any person whom it deems to have made unsatisfactory progress.

24.2 Course Structure

- 24.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Master of Divinity is three years. The Master of Divinity must be completed in not less than three years and not more than nine years from the date on which the course is commenced, not including any approved periods of leave of absence, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.
- 24.2.2 Every course of study for the Master of Divinity must consist of 432 points.
- 24.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Master of Divinity.
- 24.2.4 The Academic Board must decide the number and type of units required to complete the course of study and to meet the course outcomes for the Master of Divinity.
- 24.2.5 No candidate for the Master of Divinity may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

24.3 Credit

- 24.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 216 points towards the Master of Divinity. The Academic Board may establish specific credit arrangements for the Master of Divinity. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Master of Divinity is reduced accordingly.

24.4 Award

- 24.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Master of Divinity, the Academic Board may recommend that the award be made to the candidate. A candidate to whom such an award has been made is entitled to use the letters 'MDiv' as a suffix to his or her name.

SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 24

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24.2 Course Structure

24.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Master of Divinity is a primary theological degree for students with a degree in another area. The Master of Divinity enables students to apply an advanced body of knowledge in divinity and its associated disciplines in ministry contexts. Students broaden their knowledge and skills to prepare them for professional practice and further learning.

Graduates of the Master of Divinity:

1. have advanced knowledge of sources, terms and concepts required in divinity and its related disciplines
2. have mastery of research principles and methods, including analytical and communication skills applicable to divinity and its related disciplines
3. have advanced skills of interpretation and critical reflection on a range of theological and related disciplines, with awareness of their implications and applications to historical and contemporary issues and contexts, in order to generate and evaluate ideas for professional practice and further learning
4. articulate and communicate knowledge and insights in divinity and its related disciplines to specialist and non-specialist audiences
5. apply relevant theological and hermeneutical skills through the execution of a substantial research-based project, theological synthesis, or supervised ministry project.

24.2.4 The Master of Divinity consists of 432 points comprised of:

- a) not less than 48 points in at least one biblical or associated language
- b) not less than 120 points and not more than 144 points of Postgraduate Foundational units, including:
 - i) 48 points in Field B
 - ii) 48 points in Field C
 - iii) 24 points in Field D
- c) not less than 192 points and not more than 240 points of Postgraduate Elective units, including:

- i) 24 points in Field B
- ii) 24 points in Field C
- iii) 24 points in Field D
- d) either a Capstone unit worth at least 24 points or RQ9748M Minor Thesis.

24.3 Credit

24.3.1 Credit may be granted in accordance with the Credit Policy of the Academic Board.