

**REGULATION 71****MASTER OF PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES**

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**71.1 Admission and Enrolment**

- 71.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Master of Philosophical Studies if he or she:
- a) has obtained or is qualified to obtain a Bachelor degree from the University of Divinity or from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board; or
  - b) has obtained a Graduate Diploma from the University of Divinity or an equivalent qualification from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board.
- 71.1.2 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.
- 71.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Master of Philosophical Studies in a College of the University.
- 71.1.4 Every candidate for the Master of Philosophical Studies 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.
- 71.1.5 The Academic Board may discontinue the candidature of any person whom it deems to have made unsatisfactory progress.

**71.2 Course Structure**

- 71.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Master of Philosophical Studies is two years. The Master of Philosophical Studies must be completed in not less than two years and not more than six 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.
- 71.2.2 Every course of study for the Master of Philosophical Studies must consist of 288 points.
- 71.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Master of Philosophical Studies.
- 71.2.4 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 Philosophical Studies.
- 71.2.5 No candidate for the Master of Philosophical Studies may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

### **71.3 Credit**

- 71.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 144 points towards the Master of Philosophical Studies. The Academic Board may establish specific credit arrangements for the Master of Philosophical Studies. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Master of Philosophical Studies is reduced accordingly.

### **71.4 Award**

- 71.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Master of Philosophical Studies, 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 'MPS' as a suffix to his or her name.

**SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 71**  
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**71.2 Course Structure**

**71.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes**

The Master of Philosophical Studies enables students to apply an advanced body of knowledge in philosophy in relation to broader theological studies. Students broaden their knowledge and skills and deepen their engagement with select areas of study to prepare them for professional practice and further learning.

Graduates of the Master of Philosophical Studies:

1. have advanced knowledge of sources, terms and concepts required in philosophy, and of the relation of philosophy to broader theological studies
2. have mastery of methodologies for historical and critical analysis of philosophical texts
3. have advanced skills of interpretation and critical reflection in philosophy, with awareness of implications for 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 philosophy to specialist and non-specialist audiences
5. apply relevant philosophical and hermeneutical skills through the execution of a substantial research-based project, capstone experience or piece of scholarship.

**71.2.4 The Master of Philosophical Studies consists of 288 points comprised of:**

- a) 72 points of Postgraduate Foundational units in three disciplines from at least two fields, where one of the disciplines is Philosophy
- b) 96 points of Postgraduate Elective units in the discipline of Philosophy
- c) 24 points of Postgraduate Elective units in any discipline
- d) Either a Capstone unit of at least 24 points in the discipline of Philosophy or in synthesis with it, or the unit RQ9748M Minor Thesis
- e) Further units at postgraduate level

Provided that at least 192 points are taken in the discipline of Philosophy.

**71.3 Credit**

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