



REGULATION 81 GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DIVINITY

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81.1 Admission and Enrolment

81.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Divinity 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 Certificate from the University of Divinity.

81.1.2 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 determine.

81.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Divinity in a College of the University.

81.1.4 Every candidate for the Graduate Diploma in 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.

81.1.5 The Academic Board may discontinue the candidature of any person whom it deems to have made unsatisfactory progress.

81.2 Course Structure

81.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Graduate Diploma in Divinity is one year. The Graduate Diploma in Divinity must be completed in not less than one year and not more than three years from the date on which the course is commenced, not including any approved periods of leave of absence, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

81.2.2 Every course of study for the Graduate Diploma in Divinity must consist of 144 points.

81.2.3 The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Graduate Diploma in Divinity.

81.2.4 The Academic Board must determine the number and type of units required to complete the course of study and to meet the course outcomes for the Graduate Diploma in Divinity.

81.2.5 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Divinity may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

81.3 Credit

81.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 72 points towards the Graduate Diploma in Divinity. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Graduate Diploma in Divinity. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Graduate Diploma in Divinity is reduced accordingly.

81.4 Award

81.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Diploma in 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 'GDDiv' as a suffix to his or her name.

DETERMINATIONS MADE BY ACADEMIC BOARD RELATING TO REGULATION 81

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81.1 Admissions

81.1.2 To be eligible for admission to the Graduate Diploma in Divinity, a candidate must have either:

- a) completed the equivalent of 72 points of theological study at the University of Divinity or another higher education provider; or
- b) completed 144 points of study towards a Master's award at the University of Divinity.

81.2 Course Structure

81.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Graduate Diploma in Divinity allows students to explore multiple areas of interest in divinity and its associated disciplines or to engage with one or two areas in depth. It serves as a foundation for study of theology or philosophy and disciplines which are associated with them.

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Divinity

1. have advanced knowledge in one or more areas of divinity and associated disciplines
2. have research, analysis and communication skills applicable to postgraduate study
3. apply skills of interpretation to texts or concepts
4. apply judgement based on theory, practice and tradition to contemporary issues.

81.2.4 The Graduate Diploma in Divinity consists of 144 points of Foundational or Elective units.

81.3 Credit

81.3.1 General provisions relating to credit are determined by the Academic Board in accordance with Regulation 2.

81.3.2 Credit may not be granted towards the Graduate Diploma in Divinity for study completed at institutions other than the University of Divinity.

81.3.3 A candidate who has completed a Graduate Certificate at the University of Divinity may be granted up to 72 points.