



See 56.5 Temporary Regulation

REGULATION 56 GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

Approved by Council: 3 December 2014

Revised by Council: 26 April 2017

Repealed by Council: 28 November 2018

56.1 Admission and Enrolment

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

56.1.2 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.

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

56.1.4 Every candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical 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.

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

56.2 Course Structure

56.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies is one year. The Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies 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.

56.2.2 Every course of study for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies must consist of 90 points.

- 56.2.3 The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies.
- 56.2.4 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 Biblical Studies.
- 56.2.5 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies may enrol in more than 45 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

56.3 Credit

- 56.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 45 points towards the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies is reduced accordingly.

56.4 Award

- 56.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical 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 'GDBS' as a suffix to his or her name.

56.5 Temporary Regulation

- 56.5.1 Candidates enrolled under Regulation 56 before 28 November 2018 may choose to complete their courses under Regulation 56 as in effect at 27 November 2018.
- 56.5.2 Regulation 56 ceases to have effect after 31 December 2020. If there are no eligible candidates, Council may take action to repeal the temporary Regulation with immediate effect.

DETERMINATIONS MADE BY ACADEMIC BOARD RELATING TO REGULATION 56

Approved by Academic Board: 14 November 2014

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56.2 Course Structure

56.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies allows students to explore a range of methodological approaches to the Bible. It develops substantial skills for further study and a means of critically engaging Christian texts and traditions. Graduates are able to articulate insights from biblical studies for Christian practice and identity.

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies:

1. have knowledge of sources, historical cultural contexts, analytical terms and theological concepts relevant to the discipline of biblical studies;
2. have research, analysis and communication skills applicable to biblical studies;
3. apply skills of interpretation to a range of biblical texts with awareness of context, implications and application to historical and or contemporary issues;
4. apply relevant theological and hermeneutical skills in clearly articulating insights into life, work and community.

56.2.4 The Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies consists of 90 points comprised of:

- a) 30 points in the discipline of Biblical Studies; and
- b) 30 points in either the discipline of Biblical Studies or the discipline of Biblical Languages; and
- c) a further 30 points.

56.3 Credit

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