



REGULATION 68 MASTER OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Approved by Council: 3 December 2014

Revised by Council: 8 March 2017

Repealed by Council: 28 November 2018

68.1 Admission and Enrolment

68.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Master of 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 Diploma from the University of Divinity or an equivalent qualification from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board.

68.1.2 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.

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

68.1.4 Every candidate for the Master of 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.

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

68.2 Course Structure

68.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Master of Biblical Studies is two years. The Master of Biblical 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 determines otherwise.

68.2.2 Every course of study for the Master of Biblical Studies must consist of 180 points.

68.2.3 The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Master of Biblical Studies.

68.2.4 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 Master of Biblical Studies.

68.2.5 No candidate for the Master of Biblical Studies may enrol in more than 45 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

68.3 Credit

68.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 90 points towards the Master of Biblical Studies. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Master of Biblical Studies. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Master of Biblical Studies is reduced accordingly.

68.4 Award

68.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Master of 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 'MBS' as a suffix to his or her name.

68.5 Temporary Regulation

68.5.1 Candidates enrolled under Regulation 68 before 28 November 2018 may choose to complete their courses under Regulation 68 as in effect at 27 November 2018.

68.5.2 Regulation 68 ceases to have effect after 31 December 2023. 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 68

Approved by Academic Board: 14 November 2014

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68.2 Course Structure

68.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Master of Biblical Studies enables students to apply an advanced body of knowledge in biblical studies 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 Biblical Studies:

1. have advanced knowledge of sources, terms and concepts required in biblical studies, and of the relation of biblical studies to broader theological studies
2. have mastery of research principles and methods, including exegetical and analytical skills applicable to biblical studies
3. have advanced skills of interpretation and critical reflection on biblical texts, with awareness of implications for and applications to 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 biblical studies to specialist and non-specialist audiences
5. apply relevant theological, exegetical and hermeneutical skills through the execution of a substantial research-based project, capstone experience or piece of scholarship.

68.2.4 The Master of Biblical Studies consists of 180 points comprised of:

- a) 45 points of Foundational units including 15 points in Old Testament, 15 points in New Testament, and 15 points in a discipline other than Biblical Studies
- b) 30 points of either Biblical Hebrew or New Testament Greek
- c) 60 points of Elective units in Biblical Studies
- d) Either a Capstone unit of at least 15 points in Biblical Studies or in synthesis with it, or a Research Essay
- e) Further Foundational, Elective, Praxis or Capstone units

68.3 Credit

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

68.3.2 A candidate who has completed a Graduate Certificate at the University of Divinity may be granted up to 45 points.

68.3.3 A candidate who has completed a Graduate Diploma at the University of Divinity may be granted up to 90 points.