

REGULATION 21
MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES



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21.1 Admission and Enrolment

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

21.1.2 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.

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

21.1.4 Every candidate for the Master of Theological 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.

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

21.2 Course Structure

21.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Master of Theological Studies is two years. The Master of Theological 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.

21.2.2 Every course of study for the Master of Theological Studies must consist of 288 points.

21.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Master of Theological Studies.

21.2.4 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 Theological Studies.

21.2.5 No candidate for the Master of Theological Studies may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

21.3 Credit

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

21.4 Award

21.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Master of Theological 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 'MTS' as a suffix to his or her name.

SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 21
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21.2 Course Structure

21.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Master of Theological Studies enables students to apply an advanced body of knowledge in theology and its associated disciplines. 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 Theological Studies:

1. have advanced knowledge of sources, terms and concepts required in theology and its related disciplines
2. have mastery of research principles and methods, including analytical and communication skills applicable to theology and its related disciplines
3. have advanced skills of interpretation and critical reflection on a range of theological and related disciplines, with awareness of 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 theology 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, capstone experience, or piece of scholarship.

21.2.4 The Master of Theological Studies consists of 288 points comprised of:

- a) 72 points of Postgraduate Foundational units from at least three Fields
- b) 120 points of Postgraduate Elective units in more than one Field
- c) Either one Capstone unit of at least 24 points or RQ9748M Minor Thesis
- d) Further units at postgraduate level.

21.3 Credit

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

21.3.2 Specified Credit

- a) A candidate who has completed the Certificate of Religious Education of the Catholic Diocese of Sale may be granted up to 24 points in Religious Education at

Postgraduate Foundational level and 24 points in Mission and Ministry at Postgraduate Foundational level.

21.3.3 Exemption

A candidate who has completed the Bachelor of Theology or the Bachelor of Ministry of the University of Divinity may be granted exemption from 72 points of Postgraduate Foundational units from at least three Fields (Schedule 21.2.4a).