

## **REGULATION 27**

### **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY**



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#### **27.1 Admission and Enrolment**

27.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Theology 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 a minimum of five years of relevant work experience or relevant professional attainment to a standard recognised by the Academic Board.

27.1.2 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.

27.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Theology in a College of the University.

27.1.4 Every candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Theology 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.

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

#### **27.2 Course Structure**

27.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Graduate Certificate in Theology is six months. The Graduate Certificate in Theology must be completed in not less than six months and not more than two 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.

27.2.2 Every course of study for the Graduate Certificate in Theology must consist of 72 points.

27.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Graduate Certificate in Theology.

27.2.4 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 Graduate Certificate in Theology.

27.2.5 No candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Theology may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

**27.3 Credit**

27.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 36 points towards the Graduate Certificate in Theology. The Academic Board may establish specific credit arrangements for the Graduate Certificate in Theology. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Graduate Certificate in Theology is reduced accordingly.

**27.4 Award**

27.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Theology, 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 'GCTheol' as a suffix to his or her name.

**SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 27**  
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**27.2 Course Structure**

27.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Graduate Certificate in Theology qualifies students in theological study by developing or deepening their knowledge and skills in theological disciplines. It serves as a foundation for further study and a means of critically engaging Christian thought and traditions. Graduates are able to articulate insights for Christian life and social engagement.

Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Theology:

1. have knowledge of sources, terms and conceptual frameworks required for theological engagement;
2. have research, analysis and communication skills applicable to theological studies;
3. apply skills of interpretation to texts and traditions with awareness of context, implications and application to historical and or contemporary issues;
4. apply theological and hermeneutical skills in clearly articulating insights relevant to life, work and community settings.

27.2.4 The Graduate Certificate in Theology consists of 72 points of Postgraduate Foundational units from at least three Fields

**27.3 Credit**

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

27.3.2 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 in three disciplines from at least two fields (Schedule 27.2.4).