

**REGULATION 20****GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY**

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**20.1 Admission and Enrolment**

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

20.1.2 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.

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

20.1.4 Every candidate for the Graduate Diploma 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.

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

**20.2 Course Structure**

20.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Graduate Diploma in Theology is one year. The Graduate Diploma in Theology 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 decides otherwise.

20.2.2 Every course of study for the Graduate Diploma in Theology must consist of 144 points.

20.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Graduate Diploma in Theology.

20.2.4 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 Diploma in Theology.

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

### **20.3 Credit**

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

### **20.4 Award**

- 20.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Diploma 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 'GDTheol' as a suffix to his or her name.

**SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 20**  
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**20.2 Course Structure**

**20.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes**

The Graduate Diploma in Theology allows students to explore areas of interest in theology. It provides a substantial foundation for further study and a means of engaging Christian thought and traditions. Graduates are able to articulate insights for Christian practice and identity.

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Theology:

1. have knowledge of sources, terms and concepts required for theological engagement;
2. have research, analysis and communication skills applicable to theological studies;
3. apply skills of interpretation to a range of 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.

**20.2.4 The Graduate Diploma in Theology consists of 144 points comprised of:**

- a) 72 points of Postgraduate Foundational units in three Disciplines from at least three Fields
- b) Further units at postgraduate level

**20.3 Credit**

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

**20.3.2 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.

**20.3.3 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 in three disciplines from at least two fields (Schedule 20.2.4a).