

REGULATION 17

DIPLOMA IN MINISTRY



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17.1 Admission and Enrolment

- 17.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Diploma in Ministry if the person has satisfactorily completed the Victorian Certificate of Education or an equivalent qualification recognised by the Academic Board.
- 17.1.2 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.
- 17.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Diploma in Ministry.
- 17.1.4 An applicant who does not meet the requirements of Regulation 17.1.1 and has attained the age of twenty-one years prior to the date of commencement may be admitted as a probationary candidate for the Diploma in Ministry provided that:
- A probationary candidate who fails more than 18 points in their probationary semester, is considered to have made unsatisfactory progress and candidature is discontinued
 - A probationary candidate who successfully completes 72 points towards the Diploma in Ministry becomes an ordinary candidate for the award.
- 17.1.5 Every candidate for the Diploma in Ministry 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.
- 17.1.6 The Academic Board may discontinue the candidature of any person whom it deems to have made unsatisfactory progress.

17.2 Course Structure

- 17.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Diploma in Ministry is one year. The Diploma in Ministry must be completed in not less than one year and not more than four 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.
- 17.2.2 Every course of study for the Diploma in Ministry must consist of 144 points.

- 17.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Diploma in Ministry.
- 17.2.4 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 Diploma in Ministry.
- 17.2.5 No candidate for the Diploma in Ministry may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

17.3 Credit

- 17.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 96 points towards the Diploma in Ministry. The Academic Board may establish specific credit arrangements for the Diploma in Ministry. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Diploma in Ministry is reduced accordingly.

17.4 Award

- 17.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Diploma in Ministry, the Academic Board may recommend that the award be made to the candidate. Candidates to whom such an award has been made are entitled to use the letters 'DipMin' as a suffix to their names.

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17.2 Course Structure

17.2.3 Course Description and Course Outcomes

The Diploma in Ministry equips students with foundational knowledge and skills to engage in practical Christian ministry in a range of contexts. It explores the biblical and theological basis of ministry and assists students to utilise tools of personal and theological reflection to understand themselves in relation to their ministry contexts, grow their capacity and respond effectively to their call to serve others.

Graduates of the Diploma in Ministry:

1. demonstrate foundational knowledge of Christian texts and traditions, particularly those relating to personal formation and ministry with others.
2. apply foundational ministry knowledge and skills to ministry contexts in responsible ways.
3. demonstrate interpersonal and teamwork skills.
4. reflect theologically on their ministry practice.

17.2.4 The Diploma in Ministry consists of 144 points comprised of one of the following programs:

17.2.4.1 Program 1:

- a) XD1001Z The Practice of Christian Ministry
- b) XD1002Z Introduction to Christian Spirituality and Discipleship
- c) XD1003Z Introduction to Christian Mission
- d) 18 points in Biblical Studies or New Testament
- e) A further 72 points including at least 36 points from Field D or 36 points of work integrated learning

17.2.4.2 Another set of core units that meet the course outcomes and are approved by the Academic Board.

17.3 Credit

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