

REGULATION 19

MASTER OF THEOLOGY



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Transitional note: The information covered in this regulation can now be found in Regulation 11 Awards, Courses and Units, and on the [Master of Theology](#) page of the University website

19.1 Admission and Enrolment

19.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Master of Theology if he or she:

- a) has obtained or is qualified to obtain a Bachelor of Theology or a Bachelor of Ministry or a Master of Divinity from the University of Divinity or an equivalent theological qualification from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board; or
- b) is enrolled in the Bachelor of Theology or Bachelor of Ministry at the University of Divinity and has completed at least 378 points of the course of study for that award to a standard and in accordance with any conditions decided by the Academic Board.

19.1.2 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.

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

19.1.4 Every candidate for the Master of 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.

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

19.2 Course Structure

19.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Master of Theology is two years. The Master of Theology must be completed in not less than three semesters and not more than five 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.

19.2.2 Every course of study for the Master of Theology must consist of 240 points.

- 19.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Master of Theology.
- 19.2.4 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 Theology.
- 19.2.5 No candidate for the Master of Theology may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

19.3 Credit

- 19.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 120 points towards the Master of Theology. The Academic Board may establish specific credit arrangements for the Master of Theology. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Master of Theology is reduced accordingly.

19.4 Award

- 19.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Master of 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 'MTh' as a suffix to his or her name.

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19.1 Admission and Enrolment

19.1.1.1 A Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma is not considered equivalent to a Bachelor of Theology or Bachelor of Ministry for the purposes of admission to the Master of Theology.

19.1.1.2 A student enrolled in the Bachelor of Theology or Bachelor of Ministry at the University of Divinity may be admitted as a candidate for the Master of Theology if the student:

- a) has completed at least 378 points of the course of study for the Bachelor of Theology or Bachelor of Ministry; and
- b) adheres to requirements of the Enrolment Policy in relation to underload or overload of study.

The enrolment of a student admitted to the Master of Theology under this provision must be discontinued if the student does not complete all requirements for the Bachelor of Theology or Bachelor of Ministry within twelve months of admission.

19.2 Course Structure

19.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Master of Theology enables students with an undergraduate degree in theology or ministry to apply an advanced body of knowledge in theology and its associated disciplines. Students deepen their engagement with select areas of study to prepare them for professional practice and further learning.

Graduates of the Master of Theology:

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, theological synthesis or supervised ministry project.

19.2.4 The Master of Theology consists of 240 points comprised of:

- a) Up to 48 points of Postgraduate Foundational units in any discipline
- b) A Capstone unit worth at least 24 points or RQ9748M Minor Thesis
- c) Further Postgraduate Elective units to make up a total of 240 points.

19.3 Credit

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

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