

REGULATION 34

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY



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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 [Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry](#) page of the University website

34.1 Admission and Enrolment

34.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry if he or she has satisfactorily completed

- a) the Victorian Certificate of Education (or an equivalent qualification recognised by the Academic Board); or
- b) the Diploma in Theology at the University of Divinity or an equivalent theological qualification from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board.

34.1.2 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.

34.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry in a College of the University.

34.1.4 Every candidate for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and 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.

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

34.2 Course Structure

34.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry is two years. The Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry must be completed in not less than two years and not more than eight 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.

34.2.2 Every course of study for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry must consist of 288 points.

- 34.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry.
- 34.2.4 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 Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry.
- 34.2.5 No candidate for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

34.3 Credit

- 34.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 180 points towards the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry. The Academic Board may establish specific credit arrangements for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry is reduced accordingly.

34.4 Award

- 34.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry, 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 'AdvDipTheolMin' as a suffix to his or her name.

SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 34

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY



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34.2 Course Structure

34.2.3 Course Outcomes

Graduates of the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry

1. have significant foundational skills for critical study of Christian texts.
2. have skills to articulate and reflect upon foundational theological, scriptural knowledge and apply this to ministry practice.
3. have strong analytical skills allowing them to analyse and communicate sound theological arguments, especially in relation to ministry tasks or worldview perspectives.
4. apply their skills and knowledge to their own and other contexts and traditions through culturally relevant ministry practices.
5. apply their skills and knowledge to the service of others through practical engagement and in contexts such as practical support ministries or cultural and philosophical analysis.

34.2.4 The Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry consists of 288 points comprised of:

- a) 18 points in each of the disciplines of Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Systematic Theology
- b) 36 additional points from Field B (Biblical Studies) and / or Field C (Christian Thought and History)
- c) 36 points from Field D (Theology: Mission and Ministry)
- d) A further 144 points.

34.3 Credit

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

34.3.2 Specified Credit

- a) A candidate who has completed the Diploma in Ageing and Pastoral or Spiritual Care (10642NAT) or the Diploma in Ageing and Pastoral Care (91561NSW) from Holy Family Services (RTO 91448) may be granted 72 points in Field D.

- b) A candidate who has completed the Diploma of Catholic Youth Ministry (10603NAT or 11013NAT) from Acts 2 College of Mission and Evangelisation (RTO 51452) may be granted specified credit at Undergraduate Level 1 comprised of 18 points in Biblical Studies, 18 points in Systematic Theology and 108 points in Field D.

34.3.3 Dual Qualifications

34.3.3.1 Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry with Bachelor of Ministry

A candidate may undertake the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry in combination with, or subsequent to, the Bachelor of Ministry at the University of Divinity. In such cases the candidate:

- a) must achieve 288 credit points that comply with the course rules of the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry
- b) must achieve a further 144 credit points that comply with the course rules of the Bachelor of Ministry
- c) To complete the second award, up to 144 points may be credited from the first award.

The minimum time for completion of both awards is four years.

34.3.3.2 Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry with Bachelor of Theology

A candidate may undertake the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry in combination with, or subsequent to, the Bachelor of Theology at the University of Divinity. In such cases the candidate:

- a) must achieve 288 credit points that comply with the course rules of the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry
- b) must achieve a further 144 credit points that comply with the course rules of the Bachelor of Theology
- c) To complete the second award, up to 144 points may be credited from the first award.

The minimum time for completion of both awards is four years.