

**REGULATION 4**  
**BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY**



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**4.1 Admission and Enrolment**

- 4.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Bachelor of Theology if he or she has satisfactorily completed
- a) the Victorian Certificate of Education (or an equivalent qualification recognised by the Academic Board); or
  - b) an Advanced Diploma at the University of Divinity or an equivalent theological qualification from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board.
- 4.1.2 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.
- 4.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Bachelor of Theology in a College of the University.
- 4.1.4 Every candidate for the Bachelor 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.
- 4.1.5 The Academic Board may discontinue the candidature of any person whom it deems to have made unsatisfactory progress.

**4.2 Course Structure**

- 4.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Bachelor of Theology is three years. The Bachelor of Theology must be completed in not less than three years and not more than nine 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.
- 4.2.2 Every course of study for the Bachelor of Theology must consist of 432 points.
- 4.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Bachelor of Theology.
- 4.2.4 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 Bachelor of Theology.

4.2.5 No candidate for the Bachelor of Theology may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

### **4.3 Credit**

4.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 288 points towards the Bachelor of Theology. The Academic Board may establish specific credit arrangements for the Bachelor of Theology. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Bachelor of Theology is reduced accordingly.

### **4.4 Award**

4.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Bachelor 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 'BTheol' as a suffix to his or her name.

### **4.5 Temporary Regulation**

4.5.1 Candidates enrolled in the Bachelor of Theology or the Bachelor of Theology (Honours) between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2015 may choose to complete their courses under the version of Regulation 4 in effect at 31 December 2015.

4.5.2 The version of Regulation 4 in effect at 31 December 2015 ceases to have effect after completion of examinations in 2023. If there are no eligible candidates, Council may take action to repeal the temporary regulation earlier than 2023. capstone

## **SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 4**

### **BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY**



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#### **4.1 Admission and Enrolment**

A person who was admitted to the Diploma in Theology at the University of Divinity as a probationary candidate and has completed the Diploma in Theology may not be admitted to the Bachelor of Theology unless that person has completed an Advanced Diploma at the University of Divinity.

#### **4.2 Course Structure**

##### **4.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes**

The Bachelor of Theology critically examines life and faith through the study of scriptures, theological traditions and historical contexts. It aims to broaden self-understanding and facilitate cultural engagement. The Bachelor of Theology assists students to develop knowledge across broad areas of theology and depth in particular areas of interest. It develops research and communication skills, and prepares graduates for further theological study.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Theology

1. have a broad, coherent and critical knowledge of Christian theological traditions and methodologies, with focused knowledge in at least one area.
2. can articulate the knowledge they have acquired to generate insights and communicate them through clear reasoned argument.
3. are able to engage theological traditions and contemporary culture.
4. have a theologically informed basis for engagement and service in community and world.

##### **4.2.4 Course of Study**

1. The Bachelor of Theology consists of 432 points comprised of:
  - a) 72 points in a discipline or disciplines in Field B (Biblical Studies) which must include at least 18 points in each Testament
  - b) 36 points in the discipline of Church History
  - c) 72 points in the discipline of Systematic Theology
  - d) 36 points in a discipline or disciplines in Field D (Theology: Mission and Ministry)

- e) An undergraduate Capstone unit worth at least 18 points
  - f) A further 198 points.
2. Each course of study for the Bachelor of Theology:
- a) must not include more than 216 points at Undergraduate Level 1
  - b) must include at least 108 points at Undergraduate Level 3 including 36 points at Undergraduate Level 3 in either a discipline or disciplines in Field B (Biblical Studies) or in the discipline of Systematic Theology.

### **4.3 Credit**

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

#### 4.3.2 Unspecified Credit

- a) A candidate with a degree may obtain up to 72 points.
- b) A candidate with a professional diploma of three years in teaching or nursing prior to degrees in those areas may be deemed to hold a degree, and so may obtain 72 points.

#### 4.3.3 Specified Credit

- a) 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.
- b) 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.

#### 4.3.4 Historic Provisions

- a) A candidate who completed the Advanced Diploma of the Salvation Army Training College before 9 February 2007 may obtain a total of 144 points: 36 points in Field B, 36 points in Field C, 72 points in Field D.

#### 4.3.5 Dual Qualifications

##### 4.3.5.1 Bachelor of Theology with Advanced Diploma in Philosophy

A candidate may undertake the Advanced Diploma in Philosophy 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 Philosophy
- 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 held in common to both awards.

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

#### 4.3.5.2 Bachelor of Theology with Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry

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.

#### 4.3.5.3 Bachelor of Theology with Bachelor of Ministry

A candidate may undertake the Bachelor of Theology with, or subsequent to, the Bachelor of Ministry at the University of Divinity. To complete the requirements of each award, the candidate:

- a) must achieve 432 credit points that comply with the course rules of the Bachelor of Theology;
- b) must achieve a further 144 credit points that comply with the course rules of the Bachelor of Ministry;
- c) To be awarded the second Bachelor award, 288 points from the first completed Bachelor award will be applied as credit.

The candidate:

- d) must not include more than 252 points at Undergraduate Level 1:
- e) must include at least 144 points at Undergraduate Level 3, including at least 36 points in a discipline or disciplines in Field D (Theology: Mission and Ministry) and at least 36 points in either the discipline of Biblical Studies or the discipline of Systematic Theology.
- f) In such cases, a student may choose to complete one undergraduate Capstone unit worth at least 18 points in the Bachelor of Theology and this may be applied as credit to the Bachelor of Ministry.

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

#### 4.3.5.4 Bachelor of Theology with Bachelor of Arts

A candidate who is concurrently enrolled in the Bachelor of Theology at the University of Divinity and a Bachelor of Arts at an Australian University may obtain up to 144 points towards the Bachelor of Theology on completion of the Bachelor of Arts. This provision does not apply to a candidate who completed a Bachelor of Arts prior to admission to candidature for the Bachelor of Theology.

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