

REGULATION 52

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY



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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 [Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology](#) page of the University website

52.1 Admission and Enrolment

52.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology 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 a minimum of five years of relevant work experience or relevant professional attainment to a standard recognised by the Academic Board.

52.1.2 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.

52.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology in a College of the University.

52.1.4 Every candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology 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.

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

52.2 Course Structure

52.2.1 The standard duration of the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology is one year of part-time study. The Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology must be completed in not less than six months and not more than two 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.

52.2.2 Every course of study for the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology must consist of 72 points.

- 52.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology.
- 52.2.4 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 Certificate in Research Methodology.
- 52.2.5 No candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

52.3 Credit

- 52.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 36 points towards the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology. The Academic Board may establish specific credit arrangements for the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology is reduced accordingly.

52.4 Award

- 52.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology, 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 'GCRM' as a suffix to his or her name.

SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 52**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

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52.2 Course Structure**52.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes**

The Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology equips students to apply sophisticated research skills to complex issues such as the development of a research proposal, gathering of and conceptual processing of research material, and the presentation of a research artefact, such as a dissertation.

Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology

1. have a working knowledge of terms, assumptions and approaches to research that are current in selected theological disciplines;
2. have familiarity with research methods, protocols, practices and ethics;
3. apply focussed research methods towards complex research issues;
4. apply writing and communication skills to the presentation of research results.

52.2.4 The Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology consists of 72 points comprised of:

- a) a unit in research methodology worth 24 points
- b) RQ9748M Minor Thesis

52.3 Credit**52.3.1 Credit may be granted in accordance with the Credit Policy of the Academic Board.**