

REGULATION 66

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SPIRITUALITY



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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 Diploma in Spirituality](#) page of the University website

66.1 Admission and Enrolment

66.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality 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 obtained a Graduate Certificate from the University of Divinity.

66.1.2 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.

66.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality in a College of the University.

66.1.4 Every candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality 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.

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

66.2 Course Structure

66.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality is one year. The Graduate Diploma in Spirituality must be completed in not less than one year and not more than three 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.

66.2.2 Every course of study for the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality must consist of 144 points.

66.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality.

66.2.4 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 Diploma in Spirituality.

66.2.5 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

66.3 Credit

66.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 72 points towards the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality. The Academic Board may establish specific credit arrangements for the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality is reduced accordingly.

66.4 Award

66.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality, 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 'GDSp' as a suffix to his or her name.

SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 66**GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SPIRITUALITY**

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66.2 Course Structure**66.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes**

The Graduate Diploma in Spirituality allows students to explore their own spiritual experience in light of theological scholarship in spirituality. It provides a substantial foundation for further study. Graduates are able to articulate insights for Christian practice and identity.

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Spirituality:

1. have engaged with personal spiritual experience in light of key themes and approaches in spirituality;
2. have skills and capacities in research, reflection and communication of key themes and approaches in spirituality;
3. have knowledge of the dynamics of the spiritual life through reflection on personal spiritual experience, integrated with key themes and approaches in spirituality;
4. apply key themes and approaches in Christian spirituality to understanding life, work and community.

66.2.4 The Graduate Diploma in Spirituality consists of 144 points at postgraduate level including at least 96 points in the discipline of Spirituality or Spiritual Direction.

66.3 Credit

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