

REGULATION 70

MASTER OF PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE



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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 Pastoral and Spiritual Care](#) page of the University website

70.1 Admission and Enrolment

70.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care 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 Diploma from the University of Divinity or an equivalent qualification from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board.

70.1.2 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.

70.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care in a College of the University.

70.1.4 Every candidate for the Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care 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.

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

70.2 Course Structure

70.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care is two years. The Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care must be completed in not less than two years and not more than six 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.

70.2.2 Every course of study for the Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care must consist of 288 points.

70.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care.

70.2.4 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 Pastoral and Spiritual Care.

70.2.5 No candidate for the Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

70.3 Credit

70.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 144 points towards the Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care. The Academic Board may establish specific credit arrangements for the Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care is reduced accordingly.

70.4 Award

70.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care, 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 'MPSC' as a suffix to his or her name.

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MASTER OF PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE

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70.2 Course Structure

70.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care enables students to apply an advanced body of knowledge and skill in pastoral care in relation to broader theological studies. Students broaden their knowledge and skills and deepen their engagement with select areas of study to prepare themselves for professional practice and further learning.

Graduates of the Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care:

1. have advanced knowledge of sources, terms and concepts required in pastoral care, and of the relation of pastoral care to broader theological studies
2. have mastery of research principles and methods, including analytical skills applicable to pastoral care
3. have advanced skills of interpretation and critical reflection on a range of approaches and methodologies in pastoral care, with awareness of implications and application to contemporary issues in professional ministry, in order to generate and evaluate ideas for professional practice and further learning
4. articulate and communicate knowledge and insights in pastoral care to specialist and non-specialist audiences
5. apply relevant skills in pastoral care through the execution of a substantial research-based project, capstone experience or piece of scholarship.

70.2.4 The Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care consists of 288 points comprised of:

- a) 72 points of Postgraduate Foundational units comprised of:
 - i) 24 in the discipline of Biblical Studies
 - ii) 24 points in the discipline of Systematic Theology
 - iii) 24 points in the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies
- b) 72 points of Postgraduate units in the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies
- c) A Capstone unit of at least 24 points
- d) Further units at postgraduate level that must include either:

- i) at least 72 points of additional Postgraduate Elective units in the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies; or
- ii) a 24 point Research Methodology unit (either DP9034S or RQ9012C or an equivalent) and the unit RQ9748M Minor Thesis

70.3 Credit

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

70.3.2 Specified Credit

- a) A candidate who has at least two years' full-time (or part-time equivalent) pastoral or ministry experience may be exempted by the Course Advisor from the requirement of 70.2.4. b) to complete 48 points of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies units. Where such exemption is granted a candidate must still complete 288 points.

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