

## REGULATION 74

### MASTER OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



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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 Spiritual Direction](#) page of the University website

#### 74.1 Admission and Enrolment

74.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Master of Spiritual Direction 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.

74.1.2 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.

74.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Master of Spiritual Direction in a College of the University.

74.1.4 Every candidate for the Master of Spiritual Direction 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.

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

#### 74.2 Course Structure

74.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Master of Spiritual Direction is two years. The Master of Spiritual Direction 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.

74.2.2 Every course of study for the Master of Spiritual Direction must consist of 288 points.

74.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Master of Spiritual Direction.

74.2.4 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 Spiritual Direction.

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

### **74.3 Credit**

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

### **74.4 Award**

74.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Master of Spiritual Direction, 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 'MSD' as a suffix to his or her name.

**SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 74**  
**MASTER OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**



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**74.2 Course Structure**

**74.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes**

The Master of Spiritual Direction enables students to acquire advanced knowledge of the theological and scriptural foundations of approaches to spiritual direction in the Christian tradition, and to apply this knowledge in professional practice.

Graduates of the Master of Spiritual Direction:

1. have advanced knowledge of the theological and spiritual foundations of approaches to spiritual direction in the Christian tradition, and of the relation of the discipline to broader theological studies
2. have mastery of skills to reflect critically on giving guidance to an individual's spiritual experience in the light of key themes, traditions and approaches in spirituality
3. have communication and technical research skills to justify and interpret theoretical propositions and professional decisions about themes, traditions and approaches in spiritual direction
4. apply knowledge of themes, traditions and approaches in spiritual direction with creativity and initiative to professional practice and for further learning
5. apply relevant theological and hermeneutical skills through the execution of a substantial research-based project, capstone experience or piece of scholarship.

**74.2.4 The Master of Spiritual Direction consists of 288 points comprised of:**

- a) 96 points of Postgraduate Foundational units in the discipline of Spiritual Direction
- b) 24 points of Postgraduate Foundational units in the discipline of Biblical Studies
- c) 24 points of Postgraduate Foundational units in the discipline of Systematic Theology or in the discipline of Church History
- d) 96 points of Postgraduate Elective units in the disciplines of Spiritual Direction, Spirituality and Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies
- e) Either one Capstone unit of at least 24 points in Spiritual Direction or the unit RQ9748M Minor Thesis
- f) Further units at postgraduate level in the disciplines of Spiritual Direction and Spirituality.

**74.3 Credit**

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

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