

## REGULATION 86

### UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DIVINITY



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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 [Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity](#) page of the University website

#### 86.0 Temporary Note

This Regulation is approved with effect until 30 June 2025. Approval may be extended by the Council subject to ongoing inclusion of the Undergraduate Certificate within the Australian Qualifications Framework

#### 86.1 Admission and Enrolment

86.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity if he or she has satisfactorily completed the Victorian Certificate of Education or an equivalent qualification recognised by the Academic Board.

86.1.2 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.

86.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity in a College of the University.

86.1.4 An applicant who does not meet the requirements of Regulation 86.1.1 may be permitted to enrol as a probationary candidate for the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity in a College of the University under conditions decided by the Academic Board.

86.1.5 Every candidate for the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity 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.

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

#### 86.2 Course Structure

86.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity is one semester. The Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity 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.

- 86.2.2 Every course of study for the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity must consist of 72 points.
- 86.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity.
- 86.2.4 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 Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity.
- 86.2.5 No candidate for the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

### **86.3 Credit**

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

### **86.4 Award**

- 86.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity, 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 CertDiv as a suffix to his or her name.

**SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 86**  
**UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DIVINITY**



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**86.1 Admission and Enrolment**

- 86.1.4.1 Persons who have attained the age of twenty-one years prior to the commencement of the semester in which they would be first enrolled may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as probationary candidates for the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity.
- 86.1.4.2 A probationary candidate who fails more than 18 points is considered to have made unsatisfactory progress and candidature is discontinued.
- 86.1.4.3 A probationary candidate who successfully completes 36 points towards the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity becomes an ordinary candidate for the award.

**86.2 Course Structure**

86.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity offers students an opportunity to explore a range of theological, philosophical and ministry-related studies. Students may explore new or develop existing knowledge and skills for vocational and professional purposes. The Undergraduate Certificate provides a pathway to further undergraduate studies in divinity-related areas and is a foundation for lifelong learning.

Graduates of the Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity

1. have knowledge of some foundational concepts in the study of divinity.
2. apply basic skills of interpretation to texts and concepts.
3. apply knowledge and skills in contemporary contexts.

- 86.2.4 The Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity consists of 72 points of undergraduate units. Units in Professional Counselling (DZ) are not permitted for inclusion in this award.

**86.3 Credit**

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