



REGULATION 19 MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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19.1 Admission and Enrolment

- 19.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Master of Theological Studies if he or she has obtained or is qualified to obtain a Bachelor of Theology or a Bachelor of Ministry or a Master of Divinity from the University of Divinity or an equivalent theological qualification from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board.
- 19.1.2 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 determine.
- 19.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Master of Theological Studies in a College of the University.
- 19.1.4 Every candidate for the Master of Theological Studies 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.
- 19.1.5 The Academic Board may discontinue the candidature of any person whom it deems to have made unsatisfactory progress.

19.2 Course Structure

- 19.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Master of Theological Studies is two years. The Master of Theological Studies must be completed in not less than three semesters and not more than five years from the date on which the course is commenced, not including any approved periods of leave of absence, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.
- 19.2.2 Every course of study for the Master of Theological Studies must consist of 150 points.
- 19.2.3 The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Master of Theological Studies.
- 19.2.4 The Academic Board must determine the number and type of units required to complete the course of study and to meet the course outcomes for the Master of Theological Studies.

19.2.5 No candidate for the Master of Theological Studies may enrol in more than 45 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

19.3 Credit

19.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 90 points towards the Master of Theological Studies. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Master of Theological Studies. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Master of Theological Studies is reduced accordingly.

19.4 Award

19.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Master of Theological Studies, 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 'MTS' as a suffix to his or her name.

DETERMINATIONS MADE BY ACADEMIC BOARD RELATING TO REGULATION 19

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19.1 Admission and Enrolment

19.1.1 A Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma is not considered equivalent to a Bachelor of Theology or Bachelor of Ministry for the purposes of admission to the Master of Theological Studies.

19.2 Course Structure

19.2.3 Course Outcomes

Graduates of the Master of Theological Studies are able to demonstrate

1. a critical awareness of issues pertaining to the study of theology as an academic discipline;
2. highly developed skills in exegesis, historical and theological methodologies;
3. an advanced ability to apply skills gained and concepts explored in the academic study of theology to one or more practical settings, and to engage in critical reflection on experience that in turn influences the development of skills and the expression of concepts;
4. creativity and initiative in integrating knowledge and skills in the various disciplines of theology, and applying them to new situations in professional ministry and/or further learning;
5. the development of skills relevant to tertiary study in the humanities more generally, including the capacity to undertake research; to read, think, and interpret critically; to write coherently, with the ability to develop an argument drawing on a range of appropriate resources; to work cooperatively as part of a group; and to present information orally;
6. skilled use of electronic databases, journals and other scholarly literature;
7. the ability to plan and execute a substantial research essay, theological synthesis, or supervised ministry project.

19.2.4 The Master of Theological Studies consists of 150 points comprised of:

- a) up to 30 points of Foundational units in any discipline
- b) a Capstone unit worth at least 15 points or a 12,000 word Research Essay
- c) sufficient Elective units to make up a total of 150 points.

19.3 Credit

19.3.1 General provisions relating to credit are determined by the Academic Board in accordance with Regulation 2.

- 19.3.2 A candidate who has completed a Graduate Certificate at the University of Divinity may be granted credit of 45 points.
- 19.3.3 A candidate who has completed a Graduate Diploma at the University of Divinity may be granted credit of 90 points.