REGULATION 24  MASTER OF DIVINITY

Approved by Council:  30 November 2005
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24.1  Admission and Enrolment

24.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Master of Divinity if he or she has obtained or is qualified to obtain a Bachelor’s degree in any discipline from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board.

24.1.2 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.

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

24.1.4 Every candidate for the Master of 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.

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

24.2  Course Structure

24.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Master of Divinity is three years. The Master of Divinity must be completed in not less than three years and not more than nine 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.

24.2.2 Every course of study for the Master of Divinity must consist of 270 points.

24.2.3 The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Master of Divinity.

24.2.4 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 Divinity.

24.2.5 No candidate for the Master of Divinity may enrol in more than 45 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.
24.3 Credit

24.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 135 points towards the Master of Divinity. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Master of Divinity. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Master of Divinity is reduced accordingly.

24.4 Award

24.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Master of 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 'MDiv' as a suffix to his or her name.
DETERMINATIONS MADE BY ACADEMIC BOARD RELATING TO REGULATION 24

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24.2 Course Structure

24.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Master of Divinity is a primary theological degree for students with a degree in another area. The Master of Divinity enables students to apply an advanced body of knowledge in divinity and its associated disciplines in ministry contexts. Students broaden their knowledge and skills to prepare them for professional practice and further learning.

Graduates of the Master of Divinity:

1. have advanced knowledge of sources, terms and concepts required in divinity and its related disciplines

2. have mastery of research principles and methods, including analytical and communication skills applicable to divinity and its related disciplines

3. have advanced skills of interpretation and critical reflection on a range of theological and related disciplines, with awareness of their implications and applications to historical and contemporary issues and contexts, in order to generate and evaluate ideas for professional practice and further learning

4. articulate and communicate knowledge and insights in divinity and its related disciplines to specialist and non-specialist audiences

5. apply relevant theological and hermeneutical skills through the execution of a substantial research-based project, theological synthesis, or supervised ministry project.

24.2.4 The Master of Divinity consists of 270 points comprised of:

a) not less than 105 points and not more than 120 points of Foundational units, including:
   i) 30 points in at least one biblical or associated language
   ii) 30 points in field B
   iii) 30 points in field C
   iv) 15 points in field D

b) not less than 105 points and not more than 150 points of Elective units, including:
   i) 15 points in field B
   ii) 15 points in field C
iii) 15 points in field D

c) either a Capstone unit worth at least 15 points or a Research Essay.

24.3 Credit

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

24.3.2 A candidate who has completed a Graduate Certificate at the University of Divinity may be granted credit of 45 points.

24.3.3 A candidate who has completed a Graduate Diploma at the University of Divinity may be granted credit of 90 points.