REGULATION 33  DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

Approved by Council: 1 December 2010
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33.1  Admission and Enrolment

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

33.1.2 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.

33.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Diploma in Theology in a College of the University.

33.1.4 An applicant who does not meet the requirements of Regulation 33.1.1 may be permitted to enrol as a probationary candidate for the Diploma in Theology in a College of the University under conditions determined by the Academic Board.

33.1.5 Every candidate for the Diploma in Theology 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.

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

33.2  Course Structure

33.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Diploma in Theology is one year. The Diploma in Theology must be completed in not less than one year and not more than four 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.

33.2.2 Every course of study for the Diploma in Theology must consist of 120 points.

33.2.3 The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Diploma in Theology.

33.2.4 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 Diploma in Theology.
33.2.5 No candidate for the Diploma in Theology may enrol in more than 60 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

33.3 Credit

33.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 75 points towards the Diploma in Theology. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Diploma in Theology. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Diploma in Theology is reduced accordingly.

33.4 Award

33.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Diploma in Theology, 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 'DipTheol' as a suffix to his or her name.

33.5 Temporary Regulation

33.5.1 Candidates enrolled in the Diploma of Theology before 1 July 2014 may choose to complete their courses under the version of Regulation 33 in effect at 30 June 2014.

33.5.2 The version of Regulation 33 in effect at 30 June 2014 ceases to have effect after completion of examinations in 2016. If there are no eligible candidates, Council may take action to repeal the temporary regulation earlier than 2016.
DETERMINATIONS MADE BY ACADEMIC BOARD RELATING TO REGULATION 33

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33.1 Admission and Enrolment

33.1.4.1 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 Diploma in Theology.

33.1.4.2 A probationary candidate who fails more than 15 points is considered to have made unsatisfactory progress and candidature is discontinued.

33.1.4.3 A probationary candidate who successfully completes 60 points towards the Diploma in Theology becomes an ordinary candidate for the award.

33.2 Course Structure

33.2.3 Course Outcomes

Graduates of the Diploma in Theology

1. have sound foundational skills for critical study of Christian texts.

2. have skills to articulate foundational theological and scriptural knowledge and reflection.

3. have developed clear analytical skills allowing them to analyse and communicate sound theological arguments.

4. apply their skills and knowledge to their own and other contexts and traditions.

5. apply their skills and knowledge to the service of others through practical engagement and in contexts such as conversation.

33.2.4 The Diploma in Theology consists of 120 points comprised of:

a) 30 points in Field B; and

b) 30 points in Field C; and

c) a further 60 points.

33.3 Credit

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

33.3.2 A candidate with incomplete theological studies may be granted up to 30 points, provided the units are equivalent to Diploma in Theology units.

33.3.3 A candidate who has completed the Diploma in Ageing and Pastoral Care (91561NSW) from Holy Family Services (RTO 91448) may be granted 60 points in Field D.