REGULATION 34  ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

Approved by Council:  12 March 2014  
Revised by Council:  3 December 2014

34.1  Admission and Enrolment

34.1.1  A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry if he or she has satisfactorily completed

a)  the Victorian Certificate of Education (or an equivalent qualification recognised by the Academic Board); or
b)  the Diploma in Theology at the University of Divinity.

34.1.2  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.

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

34.1.4  Every candidate for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry 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.

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

34.2  Course Structure

34.2.1  The standard full-time duration of the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry is two years. The Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry must be completed in not less than two years and not more than eight 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.

34.2.2  Every course of study for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry must consist of 240 points.

34.2.3  The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry.
34.2.4 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 Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry.

34.2.5 No candidate for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry may enrol in more than 60 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

34.3 Credit

34.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 150 points towards the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry is reduced accordingly.

34.4 Award

34.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry, 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 'AdvDipTheolMin' as a suffix to his or her name.

34.5 Temporary Regulation

34.5.1 Candidates enrolled in the Advanced Diploma of Theology before 1 July 2014 may choose to complete their courses under the version of Regulation 34 in effect at 30 June 2014.

34.5.2 The version of Regulation 34 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 34

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34.2 Course Structure

34.2.3 Course Outcomes

Graduates of the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry

1. have significant foundational skills for critical study of Christian texts.
2. have skills to articulate and reflect upon foundational theological, scriptural knowledge and apply this to ministry practice.
3. have strong analytical skills allowing them to analyse and communicate sound theological arguments, especially in relation to ministry tasks or worldview perspectives.
4. apply their skills and knowledge to their own and other contexts and traditions through culturally relevant ministry practices.
5. apply their skills and knowledge to the service of others through practical engagement and in contexts such as practical support ministries or cultural and philosophical analysis.

34.2.4 The Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry consists of 240 points comprised of:

a) 15 points in each of Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Systematic Theology; and

b) 30 additional points from Field B and / or Field C; and

c) a further 150 points.

34.3 Credit

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

34.3.2 A candidate with incomplete theological studies may be granted up to 150 points, provided the units are at degree level.

34.3.3 A candidate who has completed the Diploma in Theology at the University of Divinity or an equivalent award may be granted 120 points.

34.3.4 A candidate who has completed the Diploma in Ageing and Pastoral Care (91561NSW) from Holy Family Services (RTO 91448) may be granted 120 points in Field D.

34.3.5 Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry with Bachelor of Ministry

A candidate may undertake the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry in combination with, or subsequent to, the Bachelor of Ministry at the University of
Divinity. In such cases up to 120 points may be held in common to both awards. The minimum time for completion of both awards is four years.

34.3.6 Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry with Bachelor of Theology

A candidate may undertake the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry in combination with, or subsequent to, the Bachelor of Theology at the University of Divinity. In such cases up to 120 points may be held in common to both awards. The minimum time for completion of both awards is four years.