REGULATION 55  GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

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55.1 Admission and Enrolment

55.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages if he or she:

a) has obtained or is qualified to obtain a Bachelor degree from the University of Divinity or from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board; or

b) has obtained a Graduate Certificate from the University of Divinity.

55.1.2 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.

55.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages in a College of the University.

55.1.4 Every candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages 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.

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

55.2 Course Structure

55.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages is one year. The Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages must be completed in not less than one year and not more than three 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.

55.2.2 Every course of study for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages must consist of 90 points.

55.2.3 The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages.
55.2.4 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 Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages.

55.2.5 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages may enrol in more than 45 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

55.3 Credit

55.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 45 points towards the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages is reduced accordingly.

55.4 Award

55.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages, 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 ‘GDBL’ as a suffix to his or her name.
DETERMINATIONS MADE BY ACADEMIC BOARD RELATING TO REGULATION 55

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55.2   Course Structure

55.2.3   Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages allows students to develop a strong working knowledge of the original and associated languages of the Bible as a basis for translation, biblical interpretation and further research. It develops substantial skills for further study and as a means of critically engaging biblical texts and traditions. Graduates are able to translate the languages of scripture and apply critical tools of analysis for use in biblical studies at a level appropriate for postgraduate research.

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages:

1. have a strong foundation in biblical languages in both Testaments, making effective use of electronic tools for analysing syntax and semantics;
2. apply elements of linguistics to the study of biblical languages;
3. apply skills of interpretation to a range of biblical texts in their original languages, with due attention to their historical and cultural contexts;
4. apply hermeneutical skills in clearly communicating the significance of linguistic studies of the biblical literature.

55.2.4   The Graduate Diploma in Biblical Languages consists of 90 points comprised of:

a) 60 points in the discipline of Biblical Languages
b) a further 30 points.

55.3   Credit

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