REGULATION 57  
GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHURCH HISTORY

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57.1 Admission and Enrolment

57.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Church History 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.

57.1.2 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.

57.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Church History in a College of the University.

57.1.4 Every candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Church History 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.

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

57.2 Course Structure

57.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Graduate Diploma in Church History is one year. The Graduate Diploma in Church History 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.

57.2.2 Every course of study for the Graduate Diploma in Church History must consist of 90 points.

57.2.3 The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Graduate Diploma in Church History.
57.2.4 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 Church History.

57.2.5 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Church History may enrol in more than 45 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

57.3 Credit

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

57.4 Award

57.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Church History, 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 ‘GDCH’ as a suffix to his or her name.
57.2 Course Structure

57.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Graduate Diploma in Church History enables students to access the historical record and study the primary sources of the Christian tradition. Students learn to apply the skills of historical methodology in the research and preparation of academic work in this discipline. It serves as a pathway to further study and a means of engaging the historical basis for the development of Christian theology. Graduates are equipped to articulate in a critical way the Church’s divergent historical contexts which have shaped Christian theology.

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Church History:

1. have a knowledge of the key texts and sources of the Christian tradition required for a critical study of Church history and its relationship to the development of Christian theology;

2. have advanced research, analysis and communication skills applicable to the study of Church history and its contextual relationship to the development of the Christian tradition;

3. apply research skills to the analysis and interpretation of Church history; to write coherently drawing on a range of appropriate historical and contemporary sources;

4. apply critical historical and theological skills in clearly articulating insights from the study of Church history in various specialised contexts.

57.2.4 The Graduate Diploma in Church History consists of 90 points comprised of:

a) 60 points in the discipline of Church History

b) a further 30 points.

57.3 Credit

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