REGULATION 59  GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MINISTRY STUDIES

Approved by Council: 3 December 2014
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59.1  Admission and Enrolment

59.1.1  A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies 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.

59.1.2  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.

59.1.3  An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies in a College of the University.

59.1.4  Every candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies 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.

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

59.2  Course Structure

59.2.1  The standard full-time duration of the Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies is one year. The Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies 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.

59.2.2  Every course of study for the Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies must consist of 90 points.

59.2.3  The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies.
59.2.4 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 Ministry Studies.

59.2.5 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies may enrol in more than 45 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

59.3 Credit

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

59.4 Award

59.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies, 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 ‘GDMS’ as a suffix to his or her name.
DETERMINATIONS MADE BY ACADEMIC BOARD RELATING TO REGULATION 59

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59.1 Admission and Enrolment

59.1.2 A person who applies for admission in the Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies must have been involved in the practice of ministry for at least two years, to the satisfaction of the Academic Board.

59.2 Course Structure

59.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies allows students to develop a personal understanding of vocation, role and identity in ministry through theological reflection on their studies and practice.

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies:

1. have an understanding of ministry in one or more communities of faith;
2. have research, analysis and communication skills applicable to ministry studies;
3. apply the skills of theological reflection on ministry, drawing on insights from Biblical texts
4. apply relevant theological and hermeneutical skills in clearly articulating insights into life, work and community
5. apply principles of self-care, safe and ethical practice in ministry.

59.2.4 The Graduate Diploma in Ministry Studies consists of 90 points comprised of:

a) 60 points in the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies
b) a further 30 points.

59.3 Credit

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