REGULATION 64 GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL JUSTICE

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64.1 Admission and Enrolment

64.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Social Justice 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.

64.1.2 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.

64.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Social Justice in a College of the University.

64.1.4 Every candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Social Justice 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.

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

64.2 Course Structure

64.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Graduate Diploma in Social Justice is one year. The Graduate Diploma in Social Justice 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.

64.2.2 Every course of study for the Graduate Diploma in Social Justice must consist of 90 points.

64.2.3 The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Graduate Diploma in Social Justice.
64.2.4 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 Social Justice.

64.2.5 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Social Justice may enrol in more than 45 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

64.3 Credit

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

64.4 Award

64.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Social Justice, 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 ‘GDSJ’ as a suffix to his or her name.
64.2 Course Structure

64.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Graduate Diploma in Social Justice allows students to explore Christian traditions of social justice and their application to contemporary issues. It provides a substantial foundation for further study and practice.

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Social Justice:

1. have knowledge of sources, terms and concepts required for theological engagement in the area of social justice;
2. have research, analysis and communication skills applicable to social justice studies;
3. apply skills of interpretation to a range of texts with awareness of context, implications and application to historical and or contemporary issues;
4. apply relevant theological and hermeneutical skills in clearly articulating insights into life, work and community;
5. apply Christian social justice principles to contemporary social issues.

64.2.4 The Graduate Diploma in Social Justice consists of 90 points comprised of:

a) CH9230Y or DT9230Y Catholic Social Thought in Australia and Overseas
b) 45 points in the disciplines of Biblical Studies or Moral Theology with a focus on social justice
b) a further 30 points.

64.3 Credit

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