REGULATION 32  BACHELOR OF MINISTRY

Approved by Council: 1 December 2010
Revised by Council: 12 June 2015, 15 August 2018

32.1  Admission and Enrolment

32.1.1  A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Bachelor of 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)  an Advanced Diploma at the University of Divinity or an equivalent theological qualification from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board.

32.1.2  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.

32.1.3  An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Bachelor of Ministry in a College of the University.

32.1.4  Every candidate for the Bachelor of 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.

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

32.2  Course Structure

32.2.1  The standard full-time duration of the Bachelor of Ministry is three years. The Bachelor of Ministry must be completed in not less than three years and not more than nine 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.

32.2.2  Every course of study for the Bachelor of Ministry must consist of 360 points.

32.2.3  The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Bachelor of Ministry.

32.2.4  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 Bachelor of Ministry.
32.2.5 No candidate for the Bachelor of Ministry may enrol in more than 60 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

32.3 Credit

32.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 240 points towards the Bachelor of Ministry. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Bachelor of Ministry. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Bachelor of Ministry is reduced accordingly.

32.4 Award

32.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Bachelor of 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 'BMin' as a suffix to his or her name.

32.5 Temporary Regulation

32.5.1 Candidates enrolled in the Bachelor of Ministry before 1 January 2016 may choose to complete their courses under the version of Regulation 32 in effect at 31 December 2015.

32.5.2 The version of Regulation 32 in effect at 31 December 2015 ceases to have effect after completion of examinations in 2023. If there are no eligible candidates, Council may take action to repeal the temporary regulation earlier than 2023.
DETERMINATIONS MADE BY ACADEMIC BOARD RELATING TO REGULATION 32

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32.1 Admission and Enrolment

A person who was admitted to the Diploma in Theology at the University of Divinity as a probationary candidate and has completed the Diploma in Theology may not be admitted to the Bachelor of Ministry unless that person has completed an Advanced Diploma at the University of Divinity.

32.2 Course Structure

32.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Bachelor of Ministry prepares students for the practice of ministry. It establishes foundations for ministry through the study of scriptures, theological traditions, historical and contemporary contexts. It requires concentrated study in ministry praxis. The Bachelor of Ministry provides a foundation for graduates to understand and articulate their identity and place in the world.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Ministry

1. have a broad, coherent and critical knowledge of Christian theological traditions and methodologies, with focused knowledge in ministry studies.
2. can articulate a coherent vision of ministry and communicate that vision through clear reasoned argument and demonstrated ability.
3. are able to engage theological traditions and contemporary culture.
4. have an informed basis for engagement, ministry and service.
5. apply the skills of theological reflection to shape their practice of ministry.

32.2.4 Course of Study

1. The Bachelor of Ministry consists of 360 points comprised of:
   a) 60 points in a discipline or disciplines in Field B (Biblical Studies) which must include at least 15 points in each Testament;
   b) 30 points in the discipline of Church History;
   c) 60 points in the discipline of Systematic Theology;
   d) 30 points in a discipline or disciplines in Field D (Theology: Mission and Ministry);
   e) 60 points of praxis units in a discipline or disciplines in Field D (Theology: Mission and Ministry); and
   f) A further 120 points.
2. Each course of study for the Bachelor of Ministry:
   a) must not include more than 180 points at level 1; and
   b) must include at least 90 points at level 3 including 30 points at level 3 in a discipline or disciplines in Field D (Theology: Mission and Ministry).

32.3 Credit

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

32.3.2 A candidate with a degree may obtain up to 60 points.

32.3.3 A candidate with a professional diploma of three years in teaching or nursing prior to degrees in those areas may be deemed to hold a degree, and so may obtain 60 points.

32.3.4 A candidate with a degree who has completed units considered by the Academic Board to be equivalent to Bachelor of Ministry units at the University of Divinity may obtain up to 60 points in one or more Fields. Credit in this case may be conditional upon further points being obtained in the relevant Field.

32.3.5 A candidate with incomplete degree studies with units passed in an area considered by the Academic Board to be relevant may obtain up to 60 points in Field A (Humanities).

32.3.6 A candidate with incomplete theological degree studies may be granted up to 240 points, provided the units are equivalent to Bachelor of Ministry units at the University of Divinity.

32.3.7 A candidate who has completed the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry at the University of Divinity or an equivalent award may obtain 240 points which must not include more than 180 points at level 1. A candidate to whom such credit is granted may be allowed up to five years from the date of admission to the Bachelor of Ministry to complete the degree.

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

32.3.9 A candidate who has completed the Diploma of Catholic Youth Ministry (10603NAT) from Acts 2 College of Mission and Evangelisation (RTO 51452) may be granted specified credit at level 1 comprised of 18 points in Biblical Studies, 18 points in Systematic Theology and 108 points in Field D.

32.3.10 A candidate who completed the Advanced Diploma in Ministry at the University of Divinity or an equivalent award prior to 30 June 2014 with a Credit average may obtain 180 points.

32.3.11 A candidate who completed the Diploma in Ministry at the University of Divinity or an equivalent award prior to 30 June 2014 with a Credit average may obtain 120 points.

32.3.12 A candidate who completed the Advanced Diploma of the Salvation Army Training College before 9 February 2007 may obtain a total of 120 points: 30 points in Field B, 30 points in Field C, 60 points in Field D.
32.3.13 Bachelor of Ministry with Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry

A candidate may undertake the Bachelor of Ministry with, or subsequent to, the Advanced Diploma in Theology and 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.

32.3.14 Bachelor of Ministry with Bachelor of Theology

A candidate may undertake the Bachelor of Ministry with, or subsequent to, the Bachelor of Theology at the University of Divinity. In addition to completing the requirements of each award, the candidate:

a) must complete a total of 480 points;

b) must not include more than 210 points at level 1;

c) must include at least 120 points at level 3, including at least 30 points in a discipline or disciplines in Field D (Theology: Mission and Ministry) and at least 30 points in either the discipline of Biblical Studies or the discipline of Systematic Theology.

The minimum time for completion of both awards is four years.