62.1 Admission and Enrolment

62.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Philosophy 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.

62.1.2 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.

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

62.1.4 Every candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Philosophy 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.

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

62.2 Course Structure

62.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Graduate Diploma in Philosophy is one year. The Graduate Diploma in Philosophy 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.

62.2.2 Every course of study for the Graduate Diploma in Philosophy must consist of 144 points.

62.2.3 The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Graduate Diploma in Philosophy.

62.2.4 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 Philosophy.

62.2.5 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Philosophy may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.
62.3 Credit

62.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 72 points towards the Graduate Diploma in Philosophy. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Graduate Diploma in Philosophy. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Graduate Diploma in Philosophy is reduced accordingly.

62.4 Award

62.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Philosophy, 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 ‘GDPhil’ as a suffix to his or her name.
62.2 Course Structure

62.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Graduate Diploma in Philosophy allows students to explore areas of interest in the philosophical tradition. It provides a substantial foundation for further study and a means of articulating the relation of that philosophy to the Christian theological tradition and to appreciate the philosophical dimension of Christian thought. Graduates are able to articulate relevant insights for Christian identity and social engagement.

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Philosophy:

1. have knowledge of the texts, sources, terms and concepts required for engagement with philosophy and its relationship to Christian theological traditions;

2. have research, analysis, logical critical thinking, appraisal and communication skills applicable to philosophical studies;

3. apply skills of interpretation and appraisal to a range of texts with awareness of context, implications and application to historical and or contemporary issues;

4. apply relevant philosophical and hermeneutical, argumentation and critical thinking and logical skills to developing new arguments, and presenting analysis, appraisal and exegesis of (western, canonical) philosophical arguments, and narrate the relation of those to Christian theological traditions.

62.2.4 The Graduate Diploma in Philosophy consists of 144 points at postgraduate level including at least 96 points in the discipline of Philosophy

62.3 Credit

62.3.1 Credit may be granted in accordance with the Credit Policy of the Academic Board.