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COURSE HANDBOOK

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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Overview

Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies	Program Director	Tim Healy
	AQF Level	AQF Level 8 (Postgraduate)
	Qualification	Graduate Diploma
	Subjects	8
	IELTS	7.0
	Languages of Instruction	English, Finnish, Korean, Spanish
	CRICOS Code	115073E
	ASCED Code	091703
	Accreditation	Self-accredited *(last reviewed in 2023)*
	Course Length	1 year full time; up to 4 years part time
	Entry Requirements	https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/graduate-diploma-in-theological-studies/

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies are AQF Level 8 nested awards in the Master of Theological Studies. They can be destination courses or exit points, thus allowing flexibility for students who may wish to start with a short postgraduate course before committing to an AQF Level 9 award or for students who need to exit the Master's award earlier than intended, due to unforeseen personal or professional reasons.

Graduates of these programs will demonstrate an ability to apply a body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake advanced professional positions and as a pathway into the Master of Theological Studies.

Course Structure

Note: Contact the Student Support Team for access to previous course version.

This course structure applies to students enrolled from Semester 1, 2024 onwards.

The course structure is based on two semesters (each of 13 weeks duration), with four subjects taught in each semester. It comprises:

- core subjects — 40 credit points
- elective subjects — 40 credit points

To qualify for award of the degree of Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies a candidate shall complete at least 80 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core subjects noted below.

Content of the course of study		Credit points
Core Subjects	ACA401 Faith and Purpose BIB404 Old Testament Foundations BIB405 New Testament Foundations THE405 Introduction to Theology	4 x 10
Electives	40 credit points at 400 level or above* *Electives may be taken in the disciplines of Ancient Languages (ANL), Biblical Studies (BIB), Cross Cultural Ministry (CCM), History (HIS), Ministry (MIN), Theology (THE), or Worship Studies (WOR).	4 x 10
Rules of progression	*Nil*	
Other protocols of the course	10 credit points per subject with 1 point being 10 hours of study per week. Total hours per subject is 130 hours.	
Bridging/Nested courses	The Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies is a nested course within the Master of Theological Studies. Subject to program criteria, students may exit early with a Graduate Certificate in Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies.	

Recommended Course Progression

Based on a full-time study mode

CORE	ELECTIVES

First Year			
Semester 1		**Semester 2**	
ACA401	Faith and Purpose	BIB405	New Testament Foundations
BIB404	Old Testament Foundations	THE405	Introduction to Theology
Elective Subject	(400 level or above)	Elective Subject	(400 level or above)
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Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:
• Advanced and integrated understanding of key issues and practices within the disciplines studied.
Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:
• Analyse, synthesise and critically engage the theoretical knowledge in the relevant areas of study;
• Examine a complex problem or issue using appropriate methodologies and theories from the discipline;
• Analyse and synthesise ideas and theories from related disciplines;
• Communicate effectively complex ideas and proposed solutions to peers and general audiences;
• Identify and critically evaluate new developments of research and scholarship in the selected disciplinary fields.
• Articulate new questions or issues and apply the knowledge and skills developed within the selected disciplinary fields to develop appropriate solutions;
• Design, implement and evaluate broad conceptual frameworks in the selected disciplinary fields;
• Work independently, responsibly and with the level of professionalism expected of an expert in the selected disciplinary fields.

Work Integrated Learning

Work-Integrated Learning may be undertaken through various Professional Practice and Professional Experience subjects at AC. These subjects seek to create a direct linkage between the learning, skills and values engaged in lectures, and the reflection which occurs when these are applied in real-life settings. These work-based training subjects comprise of instruction, academic assessment and a placement in a workplace for each subject.

To qualify for the award of the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies, a candidate is not required to complete any Professional Practice subjects. Students who chose to complete a professional practice subject are usually required to find their own workplace/ employer/ mentor to be approved by AC. In some cases, a new aspect within a student's current paid employment may be suitable as a work placement.

For further information related to Work-Integrated Learning please see the Professional Practice Handbook on Moodle or contact our Student Support team.

Other Course Information

For other course information, such as information on Professional Accreditation and available intakes, visit the course web page:

https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/graduate-diploma-in-theological-studies/

Useful Links

AC WEBSITE

https://www.ac.edu.au/

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

https://www.ac.edu.au/key-dates/

HOW TO ENROL

Please see the Timetable for available subjects and contact Student Support Team for tailored academic advice before completing the enrolment form.

AC POLICIES

https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Enrolled students will have access to AC's LMS

FEES

https://www.ac.edu.au/fees-financing/

STUDENT FORMS

https://www.ac.edu.au/forms/

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/graduate-attributes-policy/

Student Support

The Student Support team are available if you need assistance. Email the team via: studentsupport@ac.edu.au or book a phone or video call via: Bookings

Phone: (02) 8893 9005

https://www.ac.edu.au/student-services/

For disability support please contact dso@ac.edu.au

Appendix 1

COURSE PROGRESSION TRACKING TEMPLATE

Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies

Student:	
Student ID number:	
Year of commencement:	

Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies requirements:

- core subjects — 40 credit points
- elective subjects — 40 credit points

40 cp of Core subject Subject Code & Name	**Subject Credit Points**	**Comments**

40 cp of Electives Subjects Subject Code & Name	**Subject Credit Points**	**Comments**