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## **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of  
Theology  
BPhil/BTheol

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## 2 AMENDMENTS

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Amendments to these requirements will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

Version	Date Amended	Amendment Details	Approved by
1	January 2012	Regulations amended	Dean
2	February 2015	Regulations put on new template	Dean
3	July 2015	Formatting & Minor Corrections	Dean
4	January 2018	New course codes assigned	PVCA
5	November 2018	New Program Template	PVCA
6	January 2021	Amendments to program regulations	Dean
7	August 2022	Amendments to campus and award requirements	NHOS
8	January 2023	Amendments to Core Curriculum courses. Amended campus availability.	NHOS
9	April 2023	Amendment to program description	Joint Faculty Board

### 3 PURPOSE

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These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology.

### 4 OVERVIEW

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#### 4.1 Campus Availability:

The Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus, Sydney Campus, and the Catholic Institute of Sydney (CIS) Wagga Wagga Campus.

#### 4.2 Student Availability:

The Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international Students with a student visa.

#### 4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework:

The Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology is accredited by the University as a Level 7 AQF qualification.

#### 4.4 Duration:

The Volume of Learning for the Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology is five (5) years of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete this Program Part-time is available.

An accelerated option to complete the Program is not available.

#### 4.5 Maximum Duration:

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete this award is detailed in the University's General Regulations.

#### 4.6 Study Mode:

The Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology is offered in Internal Study mode.

#### 4.7 Professional Accreditation:

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

### 5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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#### 5.1 University Admission Requirements:

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the [University's minimum requirements for admission](#). The requirements for admission are detailed in the University's *Policy: Admissions*.

#### 5.2 Specific Program Requirement for Admission:

There are no further requirements for admission to this Program.

### 6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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There are no practicum or internship requirements for this Program.

## 7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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### 7.1 Program Description: Bachelor of Philosophy

The Bachelor of Philosophy program provides a rare opportunity to study the most fundamental questions of reality, of “what is”, and of what we can know of our transcendental desires and needs for truth, beauty, and goodness. With its emphasis on critical thinking and asking questions constructively, the degree opens pathways into many career fields and into postgraduate studies. When combined with a Master of Teaching, the BPhil provides an ideal qualification for those wishing to teach Philosophy in schools. The program offers courses in all areas of Philosophy, including: The History of Philosophy, Metaphysics, Philosophy of the Human Person, Logic, Epistemology, Ethics, and Political Philosophy. It also treats particular topics such as Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Friendship and Philosophy of Technology.

### Program Description: Bachelor of Theology

The Bachelor of Theology is a three (3) year full-time (or equivalent part-time) degree program leading to a first professional qualification in theology. It is designed to provide students with a comprehensive grounding in Biblical and Theological Studies and associated disciplines. It is intended for those who wish to pursue such studies for reasons of personal growth and especially for those who have specific vocational and ministerial goals, in particular, those who intend to apply for leadership roles within education, health, social services and the professions generally.

### 7.2 Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the **Bachelor of Philosophy** students should be able to achieve the following learning outcomes:

1. Articulate a broad and coherent body of knowledge, with depth in the underlying principles and concepts in the discipline of philosophy as a basis for independent lifelong learning.
2. Critically analyse, consolidate, and synthesise knowledge
3. Demonstrate technical skills to a broad understanding of knowledge with depth in philosophy
4. Exercise critical thinking and judgement in identifying and solving problems with intellectual independence
5. Communicate and present a clear, coherent, and independent exposition of philosophical knowledge and concepts
6. Apply philosophical reflection, knowledge, and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed theoretical and practical judgement, and ethical responsibility.

### Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the **Bachelor of Theology** student should be able to achieve the following learning outcomes:

1. Articulate a broad and coherent body of knowledge, with depth in the underlying principles and concepts in the discipline of theology as a basis for independent lifelong learning.
2. Critically, analyse, consolidate, and synthesise knowledge
3. Demonstrate technical skills to a broad understanding of knowledge with depth in theology
4. Exercise critical thinking and judgement for identifying and solving problems with intellectual independence
5. Communicate and present a clear, coherent, and independent exposition of theological knowledge and concepts
6. Apply theological reflection, knowledge, and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed theoretical and practical judgement, and ethical responsibility.

### 7.3 Required Courses:

To be eligible for the award of Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology students must complete a minimum of 1000 Units of Credit chosen from the courses listed in Appendix A:

25 Units of Credit from CORE1000 Foundations of Wisdom  
25 Units of Credit from one (1) core elective  
325 Units of Credit from thirteen (13) philosophy electives  
325 Units of Credit from thirteen (13) theology electives  
300 Units of Credit from twelve (12) general elective courses

#### **7.4 Philosophy Elective Courses:**

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology are required to complete thirteen (13) philosophy elective courses and thirteen (13) theology elective courses (see Appendix A).

#### **7.5 Course substitutions:**

Course substitutions are permitted but must be approved by the Dean.

#### **7.6 Majors:** A major (8 courses) is available in the following disciplines

- History
- English Literature
- Politics and International Relations
- Behavioural Science
- Social Justice

#### **7.7 Minors:** A minor (6 courses) is available in the following disciplines

- History
- English Literature
- Politics and International Relations
- Behavioural Science
- Social Justice

## **8 DEFINITIONS**

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For the purpose of these Requirements the following definitions are available in the General Regulations.

- Leave of Absence
- Major
- Units of Credit
- Pre-requisite Course
- Co-requisite Course
- Minor
- Elective
- General Elective

## 9 APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A: Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology Program Scaffold

This program scaffold is indicative only. Students should discuss enrolment with the Program Coordinator of the School before choosing courses.

- (F) = Fremantle Campus (S) = Sydney Campus

YEAR ONE						
Semester One				Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit		Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
CORE1000	Foundations of Wisdom	25			Philosophy Elective 1	25
	Core Curriculum Elective	25			Philosophy Elective 2	25
	A Philosophy or Theology elective	25			Philosophy Elective 3	25
	General Elective 1	25			General Elective 2	25
Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1		100		Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2		100
Total Units of Credit Year One					200	
YEAR TWO						
Semester One				Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit		Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
	Philosophy Elective 4	25			Philosophy Elective 7	25
	Philosophy Elective 5	25			Philosophy Elective 8	25
	Philosophy Elective 6	25			Philosophy Elective 9	25
	General Elective 3	25			General Elective 4	25
Total Units of Credit for Y2 S1		100		Total Units of Credit for Y2 S2		100
Total Units of Credit Year Two					200	
YEAR THREE						
Semester One				Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit		Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
	Philosophy Elective 10	25			Philosophy Elective 12	25
	Philosophy Elective 11	25			Philosophy Elective 13	25
	General Elective 5	25			General Elective 7	25
	General Elective 6	25			General Elective 8	25
Total Units of Credit for Y3 S1		100		Total Units of Credit for Y3 S2		100
Total Units of Credit Year Three					200	
YEAR FOUR						
Semester One				Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit		Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
	Theology Elective 1	25			Theology Elective 5	25
	Theology Elective 2	25			Theology Elective 6	25
	Theology Elective 3	25			Theology Elective 7	25

	Theology Elective 4	25			Theology Elective 8	25	
<b>Total Units of Credit for Y4 S1</b>			100		<b>Total Units of Credit for Y4 S2</b>		100
<b>Total Units of Credit Year Four</b>							200

YEAR FIVE						
Semester One				Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit		Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
	Theology Elective 9	25			Theology Elective 13	25
	Theology Elective 10	25			General Elective 9	25
	Theology Elective 11	25			General Elective 10	25
	Theology Elective 12	25			General Elective 11	25
Total Units of Credit for Y5 S1		100		Total Units of Credit for Y5 S2		100
Total Units of Credit Year Five					200	
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:					1000	

## APPENDIX B: Philosophy/Theology Courses

Philosophy electives can be chosen from any of the following courses. Consult the School Home page for a list of courses offered in any given semester.

<b>A - FOUNDATIONS OF PHILOSOPHY</b>	<b>PRE-/CO-REQUISITES</b>
PHIL1020: Method and Basic Problems of Philosophy	Nil
PHIL1030: Critical Thinking	Nil
PHIL2010: Introduction to Formal Logic	Nil
PHIL2060: Philosophy of Science	Nil
PHIL2070: Philosophy of Language	Nil
PHIL3000: Aquinas - Analytic and Phenomenological approaches	Nil
PHIL3030: Introduction to Metaphysics	Nil
PHIL3040: Metaphysics, Being, and God	Nil
PHIL3060: Faith and Reason	Nil
PHIL3070: Philosophy of Education	Nil
PHIL3300: Epistemology	Nil
PHIL3310: Cosmology and Philosophy of Science	Nil
PHIL3510: Metaphysics - Theories of Being and Existence	Nil
PHIL3710: Logical and Critical Thinking	Nil
<b>B - HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY</b>	
PHIL2100: History of Philosophy: Ancient	Nil
PHIL2110: History of Philosophy: Medieval	Nil
PHIL2130: History of Philosophy: Modern	Nil
PHIL2140: History of Philosophy: Contemporary	Nil
<b>C – MORAL PHILOSOPHY</b>	
PHIL3010: Business Ethics	Nil
PHIL3050: Aesthetics: The Philosophy of Art	Nil
PHIL3080: Natural Law	Nil
PHIL3090: Moral Philosophy	Nil
PHIL3410: Political Philosophy	Nil
PHIL3004: Virtue Ethics and Personalism	Nil
PHIL3005: Metaethics	Nil
<b>D – PHILOSOPHY OF THE HUMAN PERSON</b>	
PHIL3150: Philosophy of Love and Friendship	Nil
PHIL3210: Philosophy of the Human Person	Nil
PHIL3520: Philosophy of Religion	Nil
<b>OTHER PHILOSOPHY COURSES (Dean's approval is required to enrol in the following courses)</b>	
PHIL3900: Directed Individual Study	Dean's Approval
PHIL3950: Special Topics in Philosophy and Ethics	Dean's Approval
PHTH3002: Athens and Rome: Cradle of Western Civilisation	Dean's Approval



**Theology electives can be chosen from any of the following courses. Consult the School Home page for a list of courses offered in any given semester.**

**A - SCRIPTURE**

**PRE-/CO-REQUISITES**

THEO1110: Introduction to Old Testament	Nil
THEO1210: Introduction to New Testament	Nil
THEO2001: Introduction to Biblical Hebrew	Nil
THEO2002: Introduction to New Testament Greek	Nil
THEO2003: Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin	Nil
THEO2120: Pentateuch	Nil
THEO2130: Psalms and Wisdom	Nil
THEO2210: Writings of Paul	Nil
THEO2220: Synoptic Gospels	Nil
THEO2230: Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles	Nil
THEO3001: Translating Biblical Hebrew	THEO2001
THEO3002: Translating New Testament Greek	THEO2002
THEO3003: Translating Ecclesiastical Latin	THEO2002
THEO3010: Scripture and Church	Nil
THEO3140: Prophetic Literature	Nil
THEO3220: Johannine Literature	Nil

**B – CHURCH HISTORY**

THEO2310: Early Church History	Nil
THEO2330: Medieval Christian Experience	Nil
THEO2340: Modern Church History	Nil
THEO2350: Reformations: Churches in the 16th Century	Nil
THEO2004: Patristics	Nil

**C – SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**

THEO1000: Foundations of Catholic Theology	Nil
THEO1510: Liturgy: Work of God and Work of God's People	Nil
THEO2250: Introduction to Sacramental Theology	Nil
THEO2400: Christology	Nil
THEO2410: Fundamental Theology	Nil
THEO2460: Eschatology - The Living Hope of Christians	Nil
THEO2480: Sacraments of Initiation	Nil
THEO3370: The Theology and Practice of the New Evangelisation	Nil
THEO3410: Ecclesiology and Mariology	Nil
THEO3420: Eucharist	Nil
THEO3430: Sacraments of Healing and Reconciliation	Nil
THEO3470: Sacraments in the Catholic Tradition	Nil
THEO3450: Marriage and Orders	Nil
THEO3540: Trinity	Nil

**D – MORAL THEOLOGY**

THEO2020: Catholic Social Thought: An Introduction	Nil
THEO2240: Scripture and Morality	Nil
THEO2470: Fundamental Moral Theology	Nil
THEO3440: Christian Moral Thinking	Nil
THEO3490: Bioethics – A Catholic Theological Analysis	Nil
THEO3520: Ministry of Social Justice	Nil
THEO3560: Marriage and Sexuality	Nil
<b>E – PASTORAL THEOLOGY</b>	
THEO1020: Spirituality and the Challenges of Reconciliation	Nil
THEO1520: Introduction to Christian Spirituality	Nil
THEO2430: Anthropology: Human Being within the Mystery	Nil
THEO2550: Pastoral Theology Foundations	Nil
THEO3570: Theology of Today for Adults of Tomorrow	Nil
THEO3680: Personal Growth and Integration	Nil
THEO3700: Human Affectivity in Theology and Christian Living	Nil
<b>OTHER THEOLOGY COURSES (Dean's approval is required to enrol in the following courses)</b>	
THEO3900: Directed Individual Study	Dean's approval
THEO3950: Special Topics in Theology	Dean's approval

## APPENDIX C: Majors and Minors

An eight (8) course major can be added to the Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology and chosen courses may include a combination of 1000 level, 2000 level and 3000 level Courses provided that no more than three Courses are taken at the 1000 level and at least two Courses have to be taken at the 3000 level (*General Regulations* 3.9.1b).

A six (6) course minor can be added to the Bachelor of Philosophy/Bachelor of Theology and chosen courses may include a combination of 1000 level, 2000 level and 3000 level Courses provided that no more than two Courses are taken at the 1000 level and at least one Course has to be taken at the 3000 level (*General Regulations* 3.9.1b).

**Students choosing a major or minor in any of the disciplines below should consult the Bachelor of Arts requirements from the School of Arts and Sciences.**

- History (Arts and Sciences)
- English Literature (Arts and Sciences)
- Politics and International Relations (Arts and Sciences)
- Behavioural Science (Arts and Sciences)
- Social Justice (Arts and Sciences)