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2 AMENDMENTS

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

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1	September 2022	New programs created	
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3 PURPOSE

These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies, the Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies, and the Master of Theological Studies.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies, the Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies, and the Master of Theological Studies have been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus, the Sydney Campus, and the CIS Campus Sydney.

4.2 Student Availability

The Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies, is available for enrolment to domestic students and international students with a student visa.

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies and the Master of Theological Studies are currently available for enrolment to domestic students only.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

The Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

The Master of Theological Studies is accredited by the University as a Level 9 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies is 0.5 years of equivalent full-time study.

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies is 1.0 years of equivalent full-time study.

The Volume of Learning for the Master of Theological Studies is 2.0 years of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete these programs part-time is available.

4.5 Maximum Duration

4.5.1 The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies** is three (3) years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

4.5.2 The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the **Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies** is four (4) years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the

University.

- 4.5.3** The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the **Master of Theological Studies** is eight (8) years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

4.6 Study Mode

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies is offered in Internal, External, Multimode and Online Study modes.

The Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies is offered in Internal, External, Multimode and Online Study modes.

The Master of Theological Studies is offered in Internal, External, Multimode and Online Study modes.

4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

To be eligible for admission to the **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies**, the **Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies**, or the **Master of Theological Studies** applicants must also meet the following specific requirements:

- As a minimum qualification, a recognised Bachelor degree (AQF Level 7 qualification) or equivalent in any discipline area.

6 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Program Description

The **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (GradCertTheolStud)** introduces graduate students to key concepts and skills of theology. The Graduate Certificate is a pathway for further learning in the area of theology.

The **Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies (GradDipTheolStud)** is a one year full-time (or equivalent part-time) program. It provides a first basic qualification in Theology and related areas for those with no previous background in theological studies. It is also being designed for those who wish to update their theological knowledge or those preparing for or involved in pastoral ministry, or for those who wish to pursue such studies for reasons of personal and spiritual growth.

The **Master of Theological Studies (MTS)** is a unique opportunity to study Theology both at a Catholic University and at an Ecclesiastical Faculty. Students will learn the foundations of Theology and practice the skills of critical analysis and faith-led exploration, by studying courses in philosophy, Sacred Scripture, Catholic Theology, and associated disciplines. Graduates will be able to communicate the Catholic faith and its foundations in a variety of contexts.

6.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies** graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate advanced theoretical knowledge of Theology in one theological discipline.
2. Critically review, analyse, consolidate, and synthesise knowledge drawn from a particular theological discipline.
3. Apply theological knowledge and skills with prudence and discernment.

Upon successful completion of the **Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies** graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate advanced theoretical knowledge of Theology in one or more theological discipline.
2. Critically review, analyse, consolidate, and synthesise knowledge drawn from one or more theological disciplines.
3. Communicate complex theological concepts to a variety of audiences.
4. Apply theological knowledge and skills with prudence and discernment.

Upon successful completion of the **Master of Theological Studies** graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate advanced understanding of a complex body of knowledge in a range of theological disciplines.
2. Integrate insights from diverse fields of Theology.
3. Critically review, analyse, consolidate, and synthesise complex theological concepts from a range of theological disciplines.
4. Communicate complex theological concepts and ideas to specialist and non-specialist audiences.
5. Apply theological knowledge and skills with creativity and initiative to new situations in professional practice and/or for further learning, and plan and execute a substantial research-based project.

6.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies** students must complete, in addition to the electives detailed below in section 6.4, a minimum of 50 units of credit chosen from the courses listed in Appendix B comprising:

- Minimum of 50 units of credit from two (2) Introductory courses

To be eligible for the award of **Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies** students must complete the above required 50 units of credit for the **Graduate Certificate of Theological Studies** and a further 150 units of credit as electives as detailed below in section 6.4 for a total of 200 units of credit.

To be eligible for the award of **Master of Theological Studies** students must complete the above required courses of the **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies** and must complete a further

350 units of credit, chosen from the courses listed in Appendix B, for a total of 400 units of credit. These 350 units of credit must include:

- One Core Curriculum course as per General Regulations 3.1.1 (d) or a substitute course agreed upon in consultation with the Academic Dean of CIS and Head of School of Philosophy and Theology
- Minimum of 25 units of credit in each of Philosophy, Scripture, and Dogmatic Theology (75 units of credit)
- Maximum of 75 units of credit for Languages
- Electives as detailed below in section 6.4

6.4 Elective Courses

Students enrolled in the **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies** are required to complete an additional two (2) elective courses (50 units of credit) chosen from the lists of courses in Appendix B, for a total of 100 units of credit, with the following requirements:

- Maximum of 25 units of credit in Philosophy
- Maximum of 25 units of credit in Languages
- Maximum of 50 units of credit in a CIS-defined Discipline if taking courses through CIS

Students enrolled in the **Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies** are required to complete an additional six (6) elective courses (150 units of credit) chosen from the lists of courses in Appendix B for a total of 200 units of credit.

Students enrolled in the **Master of Theological Studies** may undertake a designated research component for 50 units of credit if they are averaging a Credit grade in their coursework. In addition to the designated research component, such students are required to complete an additional twelve (12) elective courses (300 units of credit) chosen from the lists of courses in Appendix B for a total of 400 units of credit. The research is usually completed in the final semester of the program.

Students enrolled in the **Master of Theological Studies** who are not completing a designated research component are to complete an additional fourteen (14) elective courses (350 units of credit) from Appendix B for a total of 400 units of credit.

6.5 Research Project

Students in the **Master of Theological Studies** who have achieved a credit average may choose to complete an extended research component in their degree:

- PHTH6001 Research Methods in Philosophy and Theology

AND

- CISR6200 Research Project (25 units of credit) **OR** PHTH6004 Supervised Dissertation in Philosophy and Theology (25 units of credit)

ALTERNATIVELY, upon consideration of a student's GPA and with the approval of the Program Coordinator or Academic Dean, students may be permitted to do:

- Research Project CISR6210 (50 units of credit) **OR** PHTH6005 Supervised Dissertation in Philosophy and Theology (50 units of credit)

6.6 Course Substitutions

Course substitutions are permitted but must be approved by the Head of School or the Academic Dean

7 DEFINITIONS

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

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

Given these programs are taught through the Catholic Institute of Sydney it is pertinent to include definitions of two common terms used there: fields and disciplines.

At Catholic Institute of Sydney coursework is taught across four **fields** of study:

- **Humanities**
- **Sacred Scripture**
- **Theology**
- **Pastoral Studies**

These **fields** are further divided into distinct **disciplines**. These **disciplines** include:

- in **Humanities** - Philosophy, Church History and Patrology, Auxiliary Disciplines (Ancient Languages);
- in **Sacred Scripture** - Old Testament Studies and New Testament Studies;
- in **Theology** - Dogmatic Theology (inc. Fundamental Theology), Spiritual Theology, Moral Theology; and
- in **Pastoral Studies** - Pastoral Theology and Ministry, Liturgical Studies, and Canon Law.

8 APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Program Scaffolds

These program scaffolds are indicative only. Students should discuss enrolment with the Academic Dean of CIS or the Program Coordinator of the School of Philosophy and Theology before choosing courses.

Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies – Program Scaffold

YEAR ONE		
Semester One		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
Introductory Level	Introductory Course	25
Introductory Level	Introductory Course	25
CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX	Theology elective 1	25
CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective 2	25
Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1		100
Total Units of Credit for Y1		100

Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies – Program Scaffold

YEAR ONE						
Semester One				Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit		Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
Introductory Level	Introductory Course	25		CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25
Introductory Level	Introductory Course	25		CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25
CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX	Theology elective	25		CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25
CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25		CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25
Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1		100		Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2		100
Total Units of Credit for Y1						200
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT						200

Master of Theological Studies – Program Scaffold

YEAR ONE						
Semester One			Semester Two			
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit		Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX	Theology elective 1	25		CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25
CISW-5000 or PHIL6XXX	Philosophy (compulsory)	25		CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25
CISB-5000 or THEO6XXX	Scripture (compulsory)	25		CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25
CISD-5000 or THEO6XXX	Dogmatic Theology (compulsory)	25		CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25
Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1		100		Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2		100
Total Units of Credit Y1						200

YEAR TWO					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25	CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25
CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25	CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25
CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25	PTH6001 Research Methods in Philosophy and Theology or CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Research Methods or Theology or Philosophy elective	25
CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX	Theology or Philosophy elective	25	CISR6200 Research Project or PTH6004 Supervised Dissertation in Philosophy and Theology or	Research Project/Dissertation or Theology or Philosophy elective	25

			CISX-5000 or THEO6XXX or PHIL6XXX		
Total Units of Credit for Y2 S1		100	Total Units of Credit for Y2 S2		100
Total Units of Credit Y2					200
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT					400

APPENDIX B: Electives

Students are required to take electives as detailed above from the following CIS and UNDA courses. Courses that are considered to be Introductory courses are indicated by an asterisk (*).

List of Electives (CIS)

Consult the CIS website for a list of courses offered in any given semester and the pre-requisites. All courses are 25 units of credit unless otherwise marked by a caret (^), which indicates a course is worth 12.5 units of credit, or a hash (#), which indicates a course is worth 50 units of credit.

Title (Under Disciplines)	Code
A – PHILOSOPHY	
Logic and Critical Thinking *	CISW5100
Ancient and Early Medieval Philosophy *	CISW5110
Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy *	CISW5120
Late Modern and Contemporary Philosophy	CISW5200
Philosophy of the Human Person	CISW5210
Moral Philosophy	CISW5220
Political Philosophy	CISW5300
Epistemology	CISW5310
Metaphysics	CISW5320
Philosophy of God and Nature	CISW5330
B – LANGUAGES	
Introduction to Biblical Hebrew A * ^	CISA5100
Introduction to Biblical Hebrew B * ^	CISA5110
Introduction to New Testament Greek A * ^	CISA5120
Introduction to New Testament Greek B * ^	CISA5130
Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin *	CISA5140
Translating Biblical Hebrew	CISA5200
Translating New Testament Greek	CISA5220
Translating Ecclesiastical Latin	CISA5240
C – CHURCH HISTORY AND PATROLOGY	
Early and Medieval Church History *	CISH5100
Early Church History *	CISH5110
Reformation and Modern Church History	CISH5200
Medieval Christian Experience	CISH5210
The Catholic Church in Australia ^	CISH5300
The History of Vatican II ^	CISH5310
Church History and Cardinal Newman and Religion in 19th Century England ^	CISH5320
Studies in Patrology	CISH5330
Reformations: Churches in the 16th Century	CISH5340
Modern Church History	CISH5350
D – OLD TESTAMENT / NEW TESTAMENT	
Introduction to the Old Testament and the Pentateuch *	CISB5100
Introduction to the New Testament and Pauline Literature *	CISB5110
Prophetic Literature	CISB5200
Old Testament Historical Books ^	CISB5210
Synoptic Gospels	CISB5230
Psalms and Wisdom	CISB5300
Johannine Literature	CISB5310
Apocalyptic Literature ^	CISB5320

E – CANON LAW	
Introduction to Canon Law and Governance ^	CISC5200
Canon Law and the Sacraments ^	CISC5300
Matrimonial and Procedural Law ^	CISC5310
Selected Themes in Canon Law ^	CISC5320
F – PASTORAL THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY	
Introduction to Pastoral Theology * ^	CISP5100
Introduction to Pastoral Care and Psychology *	CISP5110
Introduction to Church Administration ^	CISP5200
The Mission of the Church ^	CISP5210
Christian Faith and a Multi-Religious World ^	CISP5220
The Theology and Psychology of Human Suffering	CISP5230
Introduction to Pastoral Counselling	CISP5240
Supervised Ministry Practicum and Integrity in Ministry	CISP5260
Pastoral Perspectives on Moral Decision Making	CISP5300
Supervised Hospital Chaplaincy Practicum #	CISP5310
Advanced Pastoral Counselling	CISP5320
G – LITURGY	
Theology and Practice of Liturgy *	CISL5100
Liturgical Music, Art and Architecture ^	CISL5200
Homiletics ^	CISL5300
H – SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY	
Introduction to Spiritual Theology *	CISS5100
Studies in Spiritual Theology ^	CISS5200
I – MORAL THEOLOGY	
Fundamental Moral Theology	CISM5200
Sexual Ethics, Marriage, Family ^	CISM5300
Catholic Social Teaching ^	CISM5310
Bioethics and Healthcare Ethics ^	CISM5320
Contemporary Issues in Moral Theology ^	CISM5330
J – DOGMATIC THEOLOGY	
Fundamental Theology: Faith, Revelation and Theology	CISD5200
Christology and Soteriology	CISD5210
Ecclesiology and Mariology	CISD5220
The Trinity	CISD5300
Creation, Anthropology, Grace and Eschatology	CISD5310
Sacraments of Initiation, Healing, and Marriage	CISD5320
Eucharist ^	CISD5330
Holy Orders ^	CISD5340
Ministry in the Church ^	CISD5350
Fundamental Theology: Ecumenism ^	CISD5360
Fundamental Theology: Theological Approaches to Secularism	CISD5370
Fundamental Theology: Theological Method ^	CISD5380
K – GENERIC TAUGHT AND RESEARCH	
Studies in Divinity ^	CIST5300
Studies in Divinity	CIST5310
Independent Guided Study	CISR5300
Research Project	CISR6200
Research Project #	CISR6210

List of Electives (UNDA)

Consult the UNDA School of Philosophy and Theology Home page for a list of courses offered in any given semester. All courses are 25 units of credit.

PHILOSOPHY COURSES:

	PRE-REQUISITES CO-REQUISITES
A – FOUNDATIONS OF PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL6000 Aquinas: Analytic and Phenomenological Approaches	Nil
PHIL6300 Epistemology	Nil
PHIL6310 Cosmology and Philosophy of Science	Nil
PHIL6510 Metaphysics: Theories of Being and Existence	Nil
PHIL6002 Metaphysics, Being and God	Nil
PHIL6070 Philosophy of Education	Nil
PHTH6002 Reason and Revelation *	Nil
PHIL6001 Advanced and Non Classical Logic	Nil
PHIL6004 Faith and Reason	Nil
B – HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL6100 History of Philosophy: Ancient *	Nil
PHIL6110 History of Philosophy: Medieval *	Nil
PHIL6130 History of Philosophy: Modern *	Nil
PHIL6140 History of Philosophy: Contemporary *	Nil
C – MORAL PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL6010 Business Ethics	Nil
PHIL6050 Moral Philosophy	Nil
PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life	Nil
PHIL6051 Aesthetics: The Philosophy of Art	Nil
PHIL6080 Natural Law	Nil
PHIL6410 Political Philosophy	Nil
PHIL6003 Virtue Ethics and Personalism	Nil
PHIL6005 Metaethics	Nil
D – PHILOSOPHY OF THE HUMAN PERSON	
PHIL6150 Philosophy of Love and Friendship	Nil
PHIL6210 Philosophy of the Human Person *	Nil
PHIL6520 Philosophy of Religion	Nil
OTHER PHILOSOPHY COURSES	
(Dean's approval is required to enrol in the following courses)	
PHIL6900 Directed Individual Study	Dean's approval
PHIL6950 Special Topics in Philosophy and Ethics	Dean's approval
PHTH6016 Athens and Rome: Cradle of Western Civilisation	Dean's approval

THEOLOGY COURSES:

	PRE-REQUISITES CO-REQUISITES
A – SCRIPTURE	
THEO6001 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew *	Nil
THEO6002: Introduction to New Testament Greek *	Nil
THEO6003: Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin *	Nil
THEO6006: Writings of Paul	Nil
THEO6010: Scripture and Church *	Nil
THEO6011 Translating Biblical Hebrew	THEO6001 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
THEO6012 Translating New Testament Greek	THEO6002 Introduction to New Testament Greek
THEO6013: Translating Ecclesiastical Latin	THEO6003 Introduction to Latin
THEO6110: Introduction to Old Testament *	Nil
THEO6120: Pentateuch	Nil
THEO6130: Psalms and Wisdom	Nil
THEO6140: Prophetic Literature	Nil
THEO6210: Introduction to New Testament *	Nil
THEO6220: Johannine Literature	Nil
THEO6230: Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles	Nil
THEO6007: Synoptic Gospels	Nil
B – CHURCH HISTORY	
THEO6004: Early Church History: The Story Begins *	Nil
THEO6340: Modern Church History	Nil
THEO6008 Patristics	Nil
C – SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY	
THEO6005: Sacraments of Healing and Reconciliation	Nil
THEO6150: Theology of Leadership	Nil
THEO6250: Introduction to Sacramental Theology *	Nil
THEO6370: The Theology and Practice of the New Evangelisation	Nil
THEO6400: Christology	Nil
THEO6410: Fundamental Theology	Nil
THEO6420: Eucharist	Nil
THEO6450: Marriage and Orders	Nil
THEO6460: Eschatology: The Living Hope of Christians	Nil
THEO6470: Sacraments in Catholic Tradition *	Nil
THEO6480 Sacraments of Initiation	Nil
THEO6510: Liturgy: Work of God and Work of God's People*	Nil
THEO6540: Trinity	Nil
THEO6430: Anthropology: Human Being Within the Mystery	Nil
THEO6009: Ecclesiology and Mariology	Nil
D – MORAL THEOLOGY	
THEO6240: Scripture and Morality	Nil
THEO6350: Fundamental Moral Theology *	Nil
THEO6490: Bioethics – A Catholic Theological Analysis	Nil
THEO6520: Ministry of Social Justice	Nil
THEO6560: Marriage and Sexuality	Nil
THEO6014: Formation of Character in Catholic Schools *	Nil

E – PASTORAL THEOLOGY	
PHTH6020: Pastoral Placement	Nil
THEO6020: Spirituality and the Challenges of Reconciliation	Nil
THEO6550: Pastoral Theology Foundations *	Nil
THEO6590: Theology of Today for Adults of Tomorrow *	Nil
THEO6680: Personal Growth and Integration	Nil
THEO6700: Human Affectivity in Theology and Christian Living	Nil
OTHER THEOLOGY COURSES (Dean's approval is required to enrol in the following courses)	
THEO6900: Directed Individual Study	Dean's Approval
THEO6950: Special Topics in Theology	Dean's Approval