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2 AMENDMENTS

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

Version	Date Amended	Amendment Details	Approved by
1	October 2021	New program created	NHOS
2	January 2023	Amended from regulations to requirements. Amended campus availability	NHOS
3	March 2023	Amendment to Student Availability	Joint Faculty Board
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3 PURPOSE

These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Bachelor of Divinity.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Bachelor of Divinity has been approved for delivery on the Catholic Institute of Sydney (CIS) Sydney, Wagga Wagga, & Auckland campuses.

4.2 Student Availability

The Bachelor of Divinity is available for enrolment to domestic students.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Bachelor of Divinity is accredited by the University as a Level 7 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Bachelor of Divinity is three (3) years of equivalent full-time study.

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

4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Bachelor of Divinity Award is (8) eight 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 Bachelor of Divinity is offered in Internal, External, Multimode and Online Study Mode.

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 Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the Bachelor of Divinity applicants must meet the following specific requirements.

5.2.1 International students whose prior study has not been in English need an IELTS score of 6.5 with nothing below 6 in any field.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

6.1 There are no practicum or internship requirements for the Bachelor of Divinity.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

The Bachelor of Divinity is a three-year AQF7 level degree taught by the Catholic Institute of Sydney and accredited by the University of Notre Dame Australia. It is designed to provide students with a grounding in philosophy, Sacred Scripture, Catholic theology, and associated disciplines. The

Bachelor of Divinity develops graduates' broad knowledge and skills across a range of theological and related disciplines and more specialized knowledge and skills in at least one discipline. It develops communication skills, both oral and written, and research skills. The Bachelor of Divinity can also serve as a pathway to further study and/or as a framework for professional ministry training.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Divinity graduates will be able to:

1. Apply a broad and coherent knowledge of the Catholic faith, achieved through detailed study of the theological disciplines and Sacred Scripture, supported by philosophy, as a basis for independent lifelong learning;
2. Critically analyse, synthesise, and evaluate Theological perspectives and methods, in the light of Catholic faith, across the main theological disciplines;
3. Independently, and within teams, apply critical thought and theologically attuned judgement in a manner that demonstrates technical theological competence;
4. Communicate theological concepts and knowledge, in a succinct, contextualised and doctrinally coherent way, to specialist and non-specialist audiences;
5. Adapt their knowledge and skills to act with competence and ethical responsibility in their Christian living and ministry in the world.

7.3 Required Courses

An indicative structure for this program, where a student takes 150 units of credit in EITHER Sacred Scripture OR Dogmatic Theology is in Appendices A and B.

To be eligible for the award of Bachelor of Divinity students must complete a minimum of 600 Units of Credit chosen from the courses listed in Appendix C comprising:

50 units of credit taken from Philosophy

100 units of credit taken from Sacred Scripture (including 25 credits in each of Old and New Testament Studies)

100 units of credit taken from Dogmatic Theology

An additional 50 units of credit taken from either Sacred Scripture OR Dogmatic Theology

25 units of credit taken from Moral Theology

50 units of credit taken from Pastoral Studies and Practice

25 units of credit taken from Church History and Patrology

200 credits in electives

Students must take at least 150 units of credit at 3000 level

They may take no more than 300 units of credit at 1000 level

They may take no more than 250 units of credit from any one area of study

7.4 Elective Courses

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Divinity are required to complete 150 units of credit in elective courses. Elective courses can be selected from the approved list of course offerings listed in Appendix C.

7.5 Course substitutions

Course substitutions, where permitted, must be approved by the Academic Dean of the Catholic Institute of Sydney (CIS).

8 DEFINITIONS

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

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

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APPENDIX A: Bachelor of Divinity Indicative Structure

150 units of credit in Sacred Scripture

YEAR ONE						
Semester One				Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit		Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
CISW1XXX	Philosophy elective	25		CISW1XXX	Philosophy elective	25
CISW1XXX	Philosophy elective	25		CISW2XXX	Philosophy elective	25
CISH1XXX	History elective	25		CISA1XXX	Language elective	25
CISB1XXX	Scripture elective	25		CISB1XXX	Scripture elective	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
CISD2XXX	Dogmatic elective	25		CISD2XXX	Dogmatic elective	25
CISB2XXX	Scripture elective	25		CISB2XXX	Scripture elective	25
CISH2XXX	History elective	25		CISC2XXX	Canon Law elective	12.5
CISL1XXX	Liturgy elective	25		CISW3XXX	Philosophy elective	25
				CISB2XXX	Scripture elective	12.5
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	
CISM2XXX	Moral Theology elective	25		CISD3XXX	Dogmatic elective	25	
CISD2XXX	Dogmatic elective	25		CISB3XXX	Scripture elective	25	
CISP1XXX	Pastoral elective	25		CISP2XXX	Pastoral elective	25	
CISH3XXX	History elective	25		CISB3XXX	Scripture elective	25	
Total Units of Credit for Y3 S1		100		Total Units of Credit for Y3 S2			100
Total Units of credit Year Three						200	
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:						600	

APPENDIX B:

150 Units of Credit in Dogmatic Theology

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
CISW1XXX	Philosophy elective	25	CISW1XXX	Philosophy elective	25
CISW1XXX	Philosophy elective	25	CISW2XXX	Philosophy elective	25
CISH1XXX	History elective	25	CISA1XXX	Language elective	25
CISB1XXX	Scripture elective	25	CISB1XXX	Scripture elective	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
CISD2XXX	Dogmatic elective	25	CISD2XXX	Dogmatic elective	25
CISB2XXX	Scripture elective	25	CISB2XXX	Scripture elective	25
CISH2000	Reformation and Modern Church History	25	CISC2000	Introduction to Canon Law and Governance	12.5
CISL1000	Theology and Practice of Liturgy	25	CISW3XXX	Philosophy elective	25
			CISB2XXX	Scripture elective	12.5
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
CISM2000	Fundamental Moral Theology	25	CISD3XXX	Dogmatic elective	25
CISD2XXX	Dogmatic elective	25	CISB3XXX	Scripture elective	25
CISP1010	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Psychology	25	CISP2XXX	Pastoral elective	25
CISD3XXX	Dogmatic elective	25	CISD3XXX	Dogmatic elective	25
Total Units of Credit for Y3 S1		100	Total Units of Credit for Y3 S2		100
Total Units of credit Year Three			200		
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT:			600		

Appendix C: List of Electives

Discipline	Title	Level
Philosophy	Logic and Critical Thinking	CISW1000
Philosophy	Ancient and Early Medieval Philosophy	CISW1010
Philosophy	Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy	CISW1020
Philosophy	Late Modern and Contemporary Philosophy	CISW2000
Philosophy	Philosophy of the Human Person	CISW2010
Philosophy	Moral Philosophy	CISW2020
Philosophy	Political Philosophy	CISW3000
Philosophy	Epistemology	CISW3010
Philosophy	Metaphysics	CISW3020
Philosophy	Philosophy of God and Nature	CISW3030
Languages	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew A	CISA1000
Languages	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew B	CISA1010
Languages	Introduction to New Testament Greek A	CISA1020
Languages	Introduction to New Testament Greek B	CISA1030
Languages	Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin	CISA1040
Languages	Translating Biblical Hebrew	CISA2000
Languages	Translating New Testament Greek	CISA2020
Languages	Translating Ecclesiastical Latin	CISA2040
Church History and Patrology	Early and Medieval Church History	CISH1000
Church History and Patrology	Early Church History	CISH1010
Church History and Patrology	Reformation and Modern Church History	CISH2000
Church History and Patrology	Medieval Christian Experience	CISH2010
Church History and Patrology	The Catholic Church in Australia	CISH3000
Church History and Patrology	The History of Vatican II	CISH3010
Church History and Patrology	Cardinal Newman and Religion in 19th Century England	CISH3020
Church History and Patrology	Studies in Patrology	CISH3030
Church History and Patrology	Reformations: Churches in the 16th Century	CISH3040
Church History and Patrology	Modern Church History	CISH3050
Church History and Patrology	The Catholic Church in New Zealand	CISH3060
Old Testament	Introduction to the Old Testament and the Pentateuch	CISB1000
New Testament	Introduction to the New Testament and Pauline Literature	CISB1010
Old Testament	Prophetic Literature	CISB2000
Old Testament	Old Testament Historical Books	CISB2010

New Testament	Synoptic Gospels	CISB2030
Old Testament	Psalms and Wisdom	CISB3000
New Testament Old Testament/New Testament	Johannine Literature	CISB3010
Canon Law	Apocalyptic Literature	CISB3020
Canon Law	Introduction to Canon Law and Governance	CISC2000
Canon Law	Canon Law and the Sacraments	CISC3000
Canon Law	Matrimonial and Procedural Law	CISC3010
Canon Law	Selected Themes in Canon Law	CISC3020
Pastoral Theology and Ministry	Introduction to Pastoral Theology	CISP1000
Pastoral Theology and Ministry	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Psychology	CISP1010
Pastoral Theology and Ministry	Introduction to Church Administration	CISP2000
Pastoral Theology and Ministry	The Mission of the Church	CISP2010
Pastoral Theology and Ministry	Christian Faith and a Multi-Religious World	CISP2020
Pastoral Theology and Ministry	The Theology and Psychology of Human Suffering	CISP2030
Pastoral Theology and Ministry	Introduction to Pastoral Counselling	CISP2040
Pastoral Theology and Ministry	Māori Pastoral Care	CISP2050
Pastoral Theology and Ministry	Supervised Ministry Practicum and Integrity in Ministry	CISP2060
Pastoral Theology and Ministry	Pastoral Perspectives on Moral Decision Making	CISP3000
Pastoral Theology and Ministry	Supervised Hospital Chaplaincy Practicum	CISP3010
Pastoral Theology and Ministry	Advanced Pastoral Counselling	CISP3020
Liturgy	Theology and Practice of Liturgy	CISL1000
Liturgy	Liturgical Music, Art and Architecture	CISL2000
Liturgy	Homiletics	CISL3000
Spiritual Theology	Introduction to Spiritual Theology	CISS1000
Spiritual Theology	Studies in Spiritual Theology (e.g., Ignatian, Monastic)	CISS2000
Moral Theology	Fundamental Moral Theology	CISM2000
Moral Theology	Sexual Ethics, Marriage, Family	CISM3000
Moral Theology	Catholic Social Teaching	CISM3010
Moral Theology	Bioethics and Healthcare Ethics	CISM3020
Moral Theology	Contemporary Issues in Moral Theology	CISM3030
Dogmatic Theology	Fundamental Theology: Faith, Revelation, Theology	CISD2000
Dogmatic Theology	Christology and Soteriology	CISD2010
Dogmatic Theology	Ecclesiology and Mariology	CISD2020
Dogmatic Theology	The Trinity	CISD3000

Dogmatic Theology	Creation, Anthropology, Grace and Eschatology	CISD3010
Dogmatic Theology	Sacraments of Initiation, Healing, and Marriage	CISD3020
Dogmatic Theology	Eucharist	CISD3030
Dogmatic Theology	Holy Orders	CISD3040
Dogmatic Theology	Ministry in the Church	CISD3050
Dogmatic Theology	Fundamental Theology: Ecumenism	CISD3060
Dogmatic Theology	Fundamental Theology: Theological Approaches to Secularism	CISD3070
Dogmatic Theology	Fundamental Theology: Theological Method	CISD3080
Dogmatic Theology	Sacraments in Catholic Tradition	CISD3090
Dogmatic Theology	Sacraments of Initiation	CISD3100
Dogmatic Theology	Sacraments of Healing and Reconciliation	CISD3110
Dogmatic Theology	Marriage and Orders	CISD3120
Generic Taught	Studies in Divinity	CIST3000
Generic Taught	Studies in Divinity	CIST3010
Generic Research	Independent Guided Study	CISR3000
Generic Research	Independent Guided Study	CISR3010

APPENDIX D: List of Pre-requisites

Course Code	Course Title	Pre-requisite
CISW1000	Logic and Critical Thinking	Nil
CISW1010	Ancient and Early Medieval Philosophy	Nil
CISW1020	Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy	Nil
CISW2000	Late Modern and Contemporary Philosophy	CISW1010 Ancient and Early Medieval Philosophy OR CISW1020 Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy
CISW2010	Philosophy of the Human Person	CISW1010 Ancient and Early Medieval Philosophy OR CISW1020 Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy
CISW2020	Moral Philosophy	CISW1010 Ancient and Early Medieval Philosophy OR CISW1020 Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy
CISW3000	Political Philosophy	CISW2000 Late Modern and Contemporary Philosophy OR CISW2010 Philosophy of the Human Person OR CISW2020 Moral Philosophy
CISW3010	Epistemology	CISW2000 Late Modern and Contemporary Philosophy OR CISW2010 Philosophy of the Human Person OR CISW2020 Moral Philosophy
CISW3020	Metaphysics	CISW2000 Late Modern and Contemporary Philosophy OR CISW2010 Philosophy of the Human Person OR CISW2020 Moral Philosophy
CISW3030	Philosophy of God and Nature	CISW2000 Late Modern and Contemporary Philosophy OR CISW2010 Philosophy of the Human Person OR CISW2020 Moral Philosophy
CISA1000	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew A	Nil
CISA1010	Introduction to Biblical Hebrew B	CISA1000 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew A
CISA1020	Introduction to New Testament Greek A	Nil
CISA1030	Introduction to New Testament Greek B	CISA1020 Introduction to New Testament Greek A
CISA1040	Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin	Nil
CISA2000	Translating Biblical Hebrew	CISA1010 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew B
CISA2020	Translating New Testament Greek	CISA1030 Introduction to New Testament Greek B
CISA2040	Translating Ecclesiastical Latin	CISA1040 Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin
CISH1000	Early and Medieval Church History	Nil
CISH1010	Early Church History	Nil
CISH2000	Reformation and Modern Church History	CISH1010 Early Church History
CISH2010	Medieval Christian Experience	CISH1010 Early Church History
CISH3000	The Catholic Church in Australia	CISH1010 Early Church History
CISH3010	The History of Vatican II	CISH1010 Early Church History
CISH3020	Cardinal Newman and Religion in 19th Century England	CISH1010 Early Church History
CISH3030	Studies in Patrology	CISH1010 Early Church History
CISH3040	Reformations: Churches in the 16th Century	CISH1010 Early Church History
CISH3050	Modern Church History	CISH1010 Early Church History

CISH3060	The Catholic Church in New Zealand	CISH1010 Early Church History
CISB1000	Introduction to the Old Testament and the Pentateuch	Nil
CISB1010	Introduction to the New Testament and Pauline Literature	Nil
CISB2000	Prophetic Literature	CISB1000 Introduction to the Old Testament and the Pentateuch OR CISB1010 Introduction to the New Testament and Pauline Literature
CISB2010	Old Testament Historical Books	CISB1000 Introduction to the Old Testament and the Pentateuch OR CISB1010 Introduction to the New Testament and Pauline Literature
CISB2030	Synoptic Gospels	CISB1000 Introduction to the Old Testament and the Pentateuch OR CISB1010 Introduction to the New Testament and Pauline Literature
CISB3000	Psalms and Wisdom	CISB2000 Prophetic Literature OR CISB2030 Synoptic Gospels
CISB3010	Johannine Literature	CISB2000 Prophetic Literature OR CISB2030 Synoptic Gospels
CISB3020	Apocalyptic Literature	CISB2000 Prophetic Literature OR CISB2030 Synoptic Gospels
CISC2000	Introduction to Canon Law and Governance	100 credit points total across disciplines B, D, H, P, L, S, M
CISC3000	Canon Law and the Sacraments	CISC2000 Introduction to Canon Law and Governance
CISC3010	Matrimonial and Procedural Law	CISC2000 Introduction to Canon Law and Governance
CISC3020	Selected Themes in Canon Law	CISC2000 Introduction to Canon Law and Governance
CISP1000	Introduction to Pastoral Theology	Nil
CISP1010	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Psychology	Nil
CISP2000	Introduction to Church Administration	CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISP2010	The Mission of the Church	CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISP2020	Christian Faith and a Multi-Religious World	CISD2010 Christology and Soteriology
CISP2030	The Theology and Psychology of Human Suffering	CISP1010 Introduction to Pastoral Care and Psychology
CISP2040	Introduction to Pastoral Counselling	CISP1010 Introduction to Pastoral Care and Psychology
CISP2050	Māori Pastoral Care	CISP1010 Introduction to Pastoral Care and Psychology
CISP2060	Supervised Ministry Practicum and Integrity in Ministry	CISP1010 Introduction to Pastoral Care and Psychology
CISP3000	Pastoral Perspectives on Moral Decision Making	CISP1010 Introduction to Pastoral Care and Psychology OR CISM2000 Fundamental Moral Theology
CISP3010	Supervised Hospital Chaplaincy Practicum	CISP2060 Supervised Ministry Practicum and Integrity in Ministry
CISP3020	Advanced Pastoral Counselling	CISP2040 Introduction to Pastoral Counselling
CISL1000	Theology and Practice of Liturgy	Nil
CISL2000	Liturgical Music, Art and Architecture	CISL1000 Theology and Practice of Liturgy
CISL3000	Homiletics	CISB2030 Synoptic Gospels AND CISD2000 Fundamental Theology: Faith, Revelation, Theology

CISS1000	Introduction to Spiritual Theology	Nil
CISS2000	Studies in Spiritual Theology	CISS1000 Introduction to Spiritual Theology
CISM2000	Fundamental Moral Theology	CISW1010 Ancient and Early Medieval Philosophy OR CISW1020 Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy (Can also be a co-requisite)
CISM3000	Sexual Ethics, Marriage, Family	CISM2000 Fundamental Moral Theology
CISM3010	Catholic Social Teaching	CISM2000 Fundamental Moral Theology
CISM3020	Bioethics and Healthcare Ethics	CISM2000 Fundamental Moral Theology
CISM3030	Contemporary Issues in Moral Theology	CISM2000 Fundamental Moral Theology
CISD2000	Fundamental Theology: Faith, Revelation, Theology	CISW1010 Ancient and Early Medieval Philosophy OR CISW1020 Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy (Can also be a co-requisite)
CISD2010	Christology and Soteriology	CISD2000 Fundamental Theology: Faith, Revelation, Theology
CISD2020	Ecclesiology and Mariology	CISD2000 Fundamental Theology: Faith, Revelation, Theology
CISD3000	The Trinity	CISD2010 Christology and Soteriology
CISD3010	Creation, Anthropology, Grace and Eschatology	CISD2010 Christology and Soteriology OR CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISD3020	Sacraments of Initiation, Healing, and Marriage	CISD2010 Christology and Soteriology OR CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISD3030	Eucharist	CISD2010 Christology and Soteriology OR CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISD3040	Holy Orders	CISD2010 Christology and Soteriology OR CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISD3050	Ministry in the Church	CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISD3060	Fundamental Theology: Ecumenism	CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISD3070	Fundamental Theology: Theological Approaches to Secularism	CISD2010 Christology and Soteriology OR CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISD3080	Fundamental Theology: Theological Method	CISD2010 Christology and Soteriology OR CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISD3090	Sacraments in Catholic Tradition	CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISD3100	Sacraments of Initiation	CISD2010 Christology and Soteriology OR CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISD3110	Sacraments of Healing and Reconciliation	CISD2010 Christology and Soteriology OR CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CISD3120	Marriage and Orders	CISD2010 Christology and Soteriology OR CISD2020 Ecclesiology and Mariology
CIST3000	Studies in Divinity	Set when taught
CIST3010	Studies in Divinity	Set when taught
CISR3000	Independent Guided Study	At least 200 units of credit in the program
CISR3010	Independent Guided Study	At least 200 units of credit in the program