



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Theology

*School of Philosophy & Theology, Fremantle
Campus*

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Why study this degree?

Theology has always held a central place in the life and mission of the Christian community. Its central importance to the life of the community derives from the fact that it is through theology that the Church comes to understand its own faith and explains that faith to others. In fact, we might say that theology is indispensable to a person's development of faith as it is central to the exercise of all ministries, lay and ordained, directed toward the communication and sharing of that faith.

Here at The University of Notre Dame Australia, we believe that education in theology is indispensable to a person's development of faith as it is central to the exercise of all ministries, lay and ordained, directed toward the communication and sharing of that faith. The study of theology explores important issues such as the nature of God, the kind of God revealed for us in Jesus Christ, the nature of personal identity and of humanity, human origins and destiny, Christian community and God's presence with us now in the Spirit.

Please Note: Theology is the necessary qualification for those wishing to exercise various ministries within the Christian community and to contribute to the work of the Church. It is also the necessary basis for graduate theological study and research.

Program summary

The Bachelor of Theology degree covers five discipline areas:

- Scripture
- Church History
- Systematic Theology
- Moral Theology
- Pastoral Theology

Sample courses:

- Introduction to Old Testament
- Introduction to New Testament
- Faith & Culture - Fundamental Theology
- Christology
- Liturgy: Work of God and Work of God's People

- Introduction to Christian Spirituality
- Writings of Paul: Freedom in the Spirit
- Scripture and Church
- The Medieval Christian Experience
- Pastoral Theology Foundations
- Bioethics

More information about the courses can be found at the [course descriptions](https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/philosc-and-theology/course-descriptions) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/philosc-and-theology/course-descriptions>) page.

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the [Program Regulations](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/408/of-Theology.pdf) (https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/408/of-Theology.pdf).

Study Abroad

You will have the opportunity to complete part of your degree at one of our partner institutions through our exchange program. Get in touch with the [Study Abroad Office](https://www.notredame.edu.au/international/study-abroad) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/international/study-abroad>) to find out more about studying in Asia, Europe and North America.

Entry requirements

Academic requirements for this program are outlined below. In addition, to be eligible for admission, all applicants need to satisfy minimum requirements outlined at [admission requirements](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission->

requirements). These include those relating to age and English Language Proficiency (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements/english-language-proficiency-requirements>). We also consider your application more broadly - your non-academic achievements (such as any previous leadership roles, volunteering, work, church and/or community involvement) as well as personal qualities - your aspirations and interests and your capacity to complete your chosen program.

Applicants with recent Secondary Education:

- Indicative ATAR of 70 with a score of 50+ in ATAR English, ATAR Literature or ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)
OR
- Minimum International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 24

Applicants with Higher Education Study

- Other university studies completed at undergraduate level or higher, a minimum of 4 successfully completed subjects;
OR
- Successful completion of the Notre Dame Tertiary Pathway Program or of another Enabling Program at a level deemed sufficient by the University.

Applicants who have successfully completed subjects at another University, which are relevant to the selected program of study, may be eligible for Advanced Standing (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/current-students/your-enrolment/admin-and-fees/fremantle/advanced-standing>).

Applicants with Vocational Education and Training (VET) study

- Completed AQF Certificate IV or higher in a relevant discipline, from an accredited provider such as TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Applicants with Work and Life Experience

Applicants who left secondary education more than two years previously and who have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then, but with relevant work and life experience. Such experience may include, but is not limited to:

- STAT scores of at least 135 in the Multiple Choice section **and** 140 in the Written English section are required
OR
- Mature-age completion of two Year 12 WACE or HSC exams with a resulting ATAR of 70 or above
OR
- Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) or equivalent results if these have been completed within the last 5 years.

Please note: all applicants must be of school leaving age or older to apply.

Fees and costs

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

FEE-HELP

The FEE-HELP loan scheme assists eligible fee-paying students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your FEE-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Career opportunities

The following careers are open to graduates of this program:

- Academic teaching
- Public libraries
- Research institutes
- Church ministry and agencies
- Parish adult faith programs
- Education and teaching (upon completion of a graduate-entry teaching qualification)
- International diplomacy
- Trade missions
- Journalism
- Editing
- Media
- Script writing
- Advertising
- Catholic and Christian schools
- Pastoral counselling
- Religious education coordination
- Youth work

Student profile data

Table 2 below gives an indication of the likely peer cohort for new students in this Program. It provides data on all students who commenced in this Program in the most relevant recent intake period, including those admitted through all offer rounds and international students studying in Australia.

TABLE 2a - Bachelor of Theology BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2021 INTAKE

Applicant background	Semester 1 2021	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
(A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)	N/A	N/A
(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study	<5	N/P
(C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)	<5	N/P
(D) Recent secondary education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject 	N/A	N/A

bonus points)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, interview, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR) 	N/A	N/P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <i>not</i> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, interview, school marks & recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement) 	N/A	43%
International students	<5	N/P
All students	<5	100.0%

TABLE 2b - Bachelor of Theology ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON THE BASIS OF RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION IN SEMESTER 1, 2021 INTAKE

RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION - ATAR-based offers	ATAR (Excluding adjustment factors) *	Selection Rank (ATAR plus any adjustment factors) *[only if relevant]
Highest rank to receive an offer	N/A	N/A

Median rank to receive an offer	N/A	N/A
Lowest rank to receive an offer	N/A	N/A

Notes:

“<5” – the number of students is less than 5

N/A – Students not accepted in this category

N/P – Not published: the number is hidden to prevent calculation of numbers in cells with less than 5 students

More information

For more information on the Bachelor of Theology, please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 8 9433 0533 or email future@nd.edu.au (<mailto:future@nd.edu.au>).

All international enquiries should contact the International Students Office on international@nd.edu.au (<mailto:international@nd.edu.au>).

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Duration: 3 years full-time or the equivalent part-time

Campus: Fremantle

Loan Scheme: HECS-HELP

Study mode: On Campus

Code: Program Code 3248, CRICOS Code 015330C

Commencement: Semester 1 or Semester 2

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