



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies

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School of Philosophy & Theology, Sydney Campus

If you have completed a Bachelor's degree in another discipline and want to learn more about theology, then this Graduate Diploma just might be for you. The Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies is designed for those with no previous background in theological studies, who wish to develop their knowledge, are preparing for, or are involved in pastoral ministry, or simply want to grow in understanding and appreciation of their faith. In this program, you will learn about Scripture, Church History, Moral Theology and the Sacraments of the Church.

Why study this degree?

At The University of Notre Dame Australia, we provide postgraduate degrees in an atmosphere that emphasises the importance of community. Committed to excellence, the pursuit of a shared fulfilling life, the pastoral care of students and staff, we offer a uniquely personal approach to learning and teaching.

From its beginnings, Western philosophical thought has always emphasised the importance of the 'examined life' for valuing the whole person and promoting an ethical and informed way of living. Theology takes such investigation still further, by examining how God reveals himself to us, through Scripture and Tradition. In this degree, students are able to bring together faith and reason, to pursue a personally enriching program of study.

When undertaking the Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies, you will choose eight courses from the list published by our School of Philosophy & Theology. Catholic Theology has developed with the history of the Church, becoming a rich field for the critical study and interpretation of Revelation, particularly in significance for the world.

Whether you are preparing for the Ministry or pastoral work, you will find that the Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies appeals both to experienced students and those whose interest in knowing the faith more has been ignited. Explore this subject with experienced lecturers and likeminded peers, enriching all aspects of your life through the study of the Catholic faith.

Program summary

Students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies are required to complete one (1) Core Curriculum course in ethics or theology at the 6000 level

Plus Seven Theology Electives (to be chosen from)

- Bioethics
- Directed Individual Study
- Discord and Dialogue: The History of The Ecumenical Movement
- Eschatology: The Living Hope of Christians
- Eucharist I
- Foundations of Moral Theology
- Friendship: The History and Experience of Christian Friendship
- Fundamental Theology
- Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles
- Human Affectivity in Theology and Christian Living
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Liturgy: Work of God and Work of God's People
- Marriage and Orders
- Marriage and Sexuality
- Ministry of Social Justice
- Modern Church History
- Mystery of Christ: Church and Sacrament
- Pastoral Theology Foundations I
- Pastoral Theology Foundations II
- Pentateuch
- Personal Growth and Integration
- Psalms and Wisdom
- Sacraments in Catholic Tradition
- Scripture and Church

- Scripture and Morality
- Special Topics in Theology
- Spirituality and the Challenges of Reconciliation
- The Johannine Literature
- The Patristic Tradition
- The Prophets: Critics of the Status Quo
- The Theology and Practice of the New Evangelisation
- Theology of Leadership
- Theology of Today for Adults of Tomorrow
- Trinity

Note: Electives selected must cover the five discipline areas of Scripture, Church History, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology and Pastoral Theology.

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More information regarding courses can be found at the [course descriptions \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/sydney/course-descriptions\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/sydney/course-descriptions) page.

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the [Program Requirements \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/365/Programs-in-Theological-Studies.pdf\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/365/Programs-in-Theological-Studies.pdf).

Entry requirements

A Bachelor's degree in any discipline.

Learning outcomes

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; and
4. Apply theological knowledge and skills with prudence and discernment.

Real-world experience

You will learn from our academics, who are leaders in their field. There are no practicum requirements for this program.

Fees and costs

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

Domestic Fee-Paying

A domestic fee-paying place is a place at university where the student is responsible for the full cost the program.

Eligible domestic fee-paying students may apply for the FEE-HELP loan scheme

(<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-link/node/108/a39069a0-c0d9-4ed5-ad8e-1df4d43a987a>)

which 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.

International Full-Fee Paying

Tuition costs depend on an international student's study load and discipline. Fees are payable each semester at least four weeks prior to the commencement of your program.

For indicative fees and information on how to pay, including Government loan schemes and our online calculator, visit our [Fees, costs and scholarships page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships>).

More information

Considering your uni options?

Talk to one of our career advisors for a [personalised advice session](https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h) (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>). Our advisors provide support while choosing a program of study and completing our application process. **[Book my session. \(https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h\)](https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h)**

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Duration: 1 year full-time or equivalent part-time

Duration type: Full time; Part time

Campus: Fremantle; Sydney

Study mode: External; On campus; Blended

Commencement: Semester 1; Semester 2

Program code: 4125

CRICOS code: 032058F

Fee: Domestic Full Fees; International Full Fees

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