



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Theology

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School of Philosophy & Theology

Do you wish to deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith or want to engage with and contribute to theological reflection? The University of Notre Dame Australia's Bachelor of Theology could be the degree for you. Theology holds a central place in the life and mission of any Catholic university. Our Bachelor of Theology is designed to help you to develop the skills necessary to examine Scripture and the traditions of the Catholic Church - thus deepening your faith and your ability to work more effectively in the Christian community. Those who know theology, and can articulate those concepts clearly, can make significant contributions to society. Get in contact to find out more.

Why study this degree?

Do you have vocational or ministerial goals? If so, you might be an ideal candidate for this degree at the School of Philosophy & Theology.

The Bachelor of Theology is a three-year degree designed to provide students with a grounding in Biblical and Theological Studies and associated disciplines. The program covers Church History, Moral Theology, Biblical Studies, Doctrinal or Systematic Theology and Sacramental Theology and Liturgy. You will learn more about your faith and how to examine it with academic expertise, emphasising the importance of communicating reasoned beliefs to others.

Within the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, theology relies upon philosophy, and philosophy reaches out to what theology has to offer. As a theology student, you will learn to think well by creatively entering the dynamic relationship between these disciplines.

With this degree, you will be ideally prepared for Catholic ministry and other religious education, academic teaching, youth work, and pastoral care opportunities. You will have the skills and imagination to approach contemporary problems in various ways.

Program summary

Year One

- Faith and Culture: Fundamental Theology
- Introduction to the Old Testament
- History of Philosophy: Ancient
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Christology
- Philosophy of the Human Person

Year Two

- Pentateuch
- History of Philosophy: Medieval

- Ecclesiology/Mariology
- Metaphysics – Theories of Being and Existence
- The Prophets: Critics of the Status Quo
- Trinity
- Sacraments of Initiation
- Liturgy
- Synoptic Gospels: Mark and Matthew

Year Three

- The Johannine Literature
- Eucharist I
- Irish and Churches in Australia
- Introduction to Christian Spirituality
- Marriage and Sexuality
- Fundamental Moral Theology
- Two Philosophy Electives

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Core Curriculum

- CORE I: Foundations of Wisdom
- CORE II: Elective
 - Electives in philosophy and/or theology
 - Professional embedded electives that integrate studies in a profession with philosophy and/or theology
 - An option to undertake a pilgrimage embedded in the study of the philosophy and theology of pilgrimage, e.g., World Youth Day

- An option to undertake a course that integrates philosophy & theology with community service and charity work
- An option to undertake an elective in philosophy, theology, and the liberal arts contained within an international experience

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More information regarding courses can be found at the course descriptions pages Fremantle (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/fremantle/course-descriptions>) Sydney (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/sydney/course-descriptions>).

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

Entry requirements

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Entry requirements WA

Entry requirements NSW

Learning outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate a broad and coherent understanding of a body of knowledge in a range of theological disciplines
2. Critically review, analyse, consolidate, and synthesise theological concepts
3. Communicate theological ideas and concepts clearly and coherently with intellectual independence
4. Transfer, apply, and adapt theological knowledge and skills in diverse contexts and
5. Demonstrate initiative and judgement in planning, problem solving and decision making in theological scholarship.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this program can follow diverse career paths in the private and public sectors. Career opportunities range from

- 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

Real-world experience

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

Honours

An Honours award is available for this program. Further information can be found in the Bachelor of Theology (Honours) regulations

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/408/of-Theology.pdf) or by contacting the School of Philosophy & Theology. (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology>)

Study abroad

A global perspective adds a valuable dimension to your university education. At Notre Dame University you can study while experiencing the world. We encourage students to become active global citizens through a range of exchange programs, professional placements, study tours and volunteer opportunities. Visit International Opportunities

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/international-students>) to find out more.

Fees and costs

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

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a place at a university where the Australian Government pays part of your fees. This part is a subsidy, not a loan, and you don't have to pay it back. However, this subsidy does not cover the entire cost of your study. Students must pay the rest, which is called the 'student contribution amount'.

In a Commonwealth Supported Place, your fees are subsidised by the Australian Government. Your fees will be split into two portions:

The Commonwealth contribution, which is the portion paid by the Australian Government.

The student contribution, which is the portion you pay. You may choose to pay upfront or defer your student contribution with a HECS-HELP Loan. The [HECS-HELP loan scheme \(https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-link/node/106/5de65e70-6656-4297-a79d-19fd4a6deadd\)](https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-link/node/106/5de65e70-6656-4297-a79d-19fd4a6deadd) assists eligible students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your HECS-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Eligible students will be offered a CSP – you do not need to apply.

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>).

Student profile data

The tables 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.

Fremantle Student Profile Data

TABLE 1a - Bachelor of Philosophy BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

| Applicant background | Semester 1 2022 | |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| | Number of students | Percentage of all students |
| (A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course) | <5 | N/P |
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| (B) Vocational education and training (VET) study | <5 | 100% |
| (C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories) | N/A | N/A |
| (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 bonus points) | N/A | N/A |
| <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) | <5 | 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) | <5 | N/P |
| International students | N/A | N/A |
| <i>All students</i> | N/P | 100.0% |

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

2022 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 |

Sydney Student Profile Data

TABLE 1a - Bachelor of Philosophy BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

| Applicant background | Semester 1 2022 | |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Number of students | Percentage of all students |
| (A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course) | <5 | 100% |
| (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 | N/A | N/A |

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| education: | | |
| ◦ Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points) | | |
| ◦ 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/A |
| ◦ 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) | 5 | 45% |
| International students | N/A | N/A |
| <i>All students</i> | <i>N/P</i> | <i>100.0%</i> |

TABLE 1b - Bachelor of Philosophy ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON THE BASIS OF RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

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

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| receive an offer | | |
| 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 the calculation of numbers in cells with less than 5 students

In 2022, due to COVID, additional adjustment factor points were granted to applicants from NSW, ACT and VIC.

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>). 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>)**

For more information, please contact our Prospective Students Office.

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

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Need help? Ask Notre Dame

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

Duration type: Full time; Part time

Campus: Fremantle; Sydney

Study mode: External; On campus; Multimode

Commencement: Semester 1; Semester 2

Program code: 3248

CRICOS code: 015330C

Loan Scheme: Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP);
International Full Fees

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