



# Melbourne College of Divinity

## Regulation 20

### Graduate Diploma in Theology (GradDipTheol)

#### 20.1 - Interpretation

In this Regulation

- 20.1.1 The term 'the Board' means "the Academic Board" established as a committee of the College under Regulation 2.1.
- 20.1.2 'Eligible unit' means a semester unit so designated by the Board for the purposes of study towards the Graduate Diploma in Theology; 'Foundational unit' means a semester unit so designated by the Board for the purposes of foundational study in the General Diploma; 'Required unit' means a semester unit so designated by the Board for the purposes of specified study towards the Special Diploma. (A unit may be designated in more than one category.)

#### 20.2 - Admission and Enrolment

- 20.2.1 A person may seek the permission of the Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Theology (General) if he or she
- 20.2.1.1 has obtained or is qualified to obtain a Bachelor's degree at a standard acceptable to the Board in a discipline other than theology in the University of Melbourne, or an equivalent qualification from a university or college recognised by the Council, (*see footnote*) for the purposes of the Graduate Diploma in Theology; *or*
- 20.2.1.2 has obtained the degree of Bachelor of Theology or the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the College, or an equivalent qualification from a university or college recognised by the Council (*see footnote*) for the purposes of the Graduate Diploma in Theology, in all cases at a standard acceptable to the Board.
- 20.2.2 A person may seek the permission of the Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Theology (Special) if he or she
- 20.2.2.1 has obtained the degree of Bachelor of Theology or the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the College, or an equivalent qualification from a university or college recognised by the Council for the purposes of the Graduate Diploma in Theology, in all cases at a standard acceptable to the Board; *or*
- 20.2.2.2 has obtained a level of relevant professional attainment which may be recognised by the Council for the purposes of the Graduate Diploma in Theology (Special).
- 20.2.3 Where a candidate intends to undertake the Graduate Diploma using flexible delivery arrangements, the Board must be satisfied as to the candidate's capacity to fulfil the requirements of the degree through these arrangements. Where it is satisfied that the candidate will have appropriate learning opportunities, and access to adequate libraries, the Board may give permission to enrol.
- 20.2.4 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Regulation, the Board may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission by carrying out such work and sitting for such examinations as the Board may determine.

- 20.2.5 Unless the Board concerned determines otherwise, the Graduate Diploma in Theology must be completed in not less than one and not more than three years.
- 20.2.6 The Board may discontinue the candidature of any person whom it deems to have made unsatisfactory progress.

### **20.3 - Course of Studies**

- 20.3.1 Each candidate is to proceed on such terms and in conformity with such procedures as are determined from time to time by the Board, in addition to those specified in this Regulation. General determinations made by the Board are to be published by the Registrar; specific determinations applying to a particular candidate are to be communicated to him or her by the Registrar.
- 20.3.2 Every candidate for the Graduate Diploma of Theology (General) must satisfactorily complete the equivalent of 90 points of eligible units of study. A candidate admitted under Regulation 20.2.1.1 must normally include 45 points of Foundational units in their course, taken across three disciplines in two Fields.
- 20.3.3 Every candidate for the Graduate Diploma of Theology (Special) must satisfactorily complete the equivalent of 90 points of eligible units, normally including 60 points of required units.
- 20.3.4 One 12,000-word postgraduate essay (30 points) may be included in a candidate's course.

### **20.4 - Credit**

Candidates who have completed the Graduate Certificate of Theology will be given credit for 45 points towards the Graduate Diploma of Theology, including 15 points of Foundational study in Field D. No other credit or advanced standing will normally be granted.

### **20.5 - Award of Diploma**

- 20.5.1 When a candidate has satisfied the examiners and completed the requirements for the Graduate Diploma (General), the Board may recommend to the Council that the degree be awarded, as the 'Graduate Diploma of Theology'.

A candidate upon whom the Graduate Diploma (General) has been conferred is entitled to use the letters 'Grad Dip Theol' as a suffix to their name.

- 20.5.2 When a candidate has satisfied the examiners and completed the requirements for the Graduate Diploma (Special), the Board may recommend to the Council that the degree be awarded, as the 'Graduate Diploma in' followed by the specialisation, as approved by the Board.

A candidate upon whom the Graduate Diploma (Special) has been conferred is entitled to use the letters 'Grad Dip' followed by an abbreviation of the specialization as approved by the Board.

### **Appendix: Specializations approved by the Board**

Philosophy	Biblical Studies	Church History
Educational Chaplaincy	Moral Theology	Liturgy
Religious Education	Faith Leadership	Spiritual Direction
Spirituality		

*Footnote:* Approved universities and colleges from which qualifications are recognized. The approved lists are held by the Registrar

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