



Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies

The Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies is a 36-unit program offered through Flinders University by the Faculty of Education, Humanities and Law. The course is taught at the Adelaide College of Divinity through Uniting College.

The course articulates with the [Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies](#) and [Master of Theological Studies](#).

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Admission requirements

Applicants who do not hold the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies must normally hold an approved degree or equivalent qualification from an approved tertiary institution.

However, the Faculty Board may, under certain circumstances and subject to specific conditions, admit others who can show evidence of fitness for candidature.

Course aims

This course is designed to follow on from the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies and expand students' investigation of a range of theological and biblical studies. It is expected that students will have introductory knowledge and skills in theology and biblical studies.

The Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies aims to:

- extend students' knowledge and understanding of a range of contemporary theology and biblical studies
- extend student examination and reflection on theological dimensions and independently apply these to make high level decisions in their own professional and social life
- be able to apply theoretical knowledge and skills to initiate, plan, implement and evaluate professional and/or social programs
- provide students with opportunities to develop knowledge and skills in several areas of contemporary academic theology.

Learning outcomes

On completion of the Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies students will:

- have developed a sound knowledge of contemporary theology and biblical studies
- be able to contribute further to academic discussion of contemporary theology and biblical studies and independently apply these to make high level decisions in their own professional and social life
- be able to apply theoretical knowledge and skills to initiate, plan, implement and evaluate professional and/or social programs
- be able to demonstrate their knowledge of several chosen areas of contemporary academic theology.

Credit

Limited credit may be granted for recognition of prior studies undertaken at the University or other approved tertiary institutions. Students who complete the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies are normally awarded credit for 18 units of topics towards the Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies.

Program of study

To qualify for the Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies, a student must complete 36 units with a grade of P or NGP or better in each topic, according to the following program of study:

Core - Year 1 topics

[THEO8307](#) Theology of Jesus Christ GE (4.5 units)

[THEO9033](#) Biblical Hermeneutics: Making Sense of the Bible GE (4.5 units)

plus one of

[THEO8102](#) Interpreting the Old Testament GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8204](#) Interpreting the New Testament GE (4.5 units)

plus one of

[THEO8506](#) Reading Cultures GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8314](#) Introduction to Christian Thought GE (4.5 units)

Option - Year 1 topics

Select 18 units from the topics listed below

Biblical Studies

[THEO8202](#) Synoptic Studies GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8204](#) Interpreting the New Testament GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8104](#) Old Testament Exegesis: Pentateuch GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8206](#) Pauline Letters GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8004](#) The Bible and Popular Culture GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8701](#) Biblical Greek 1 GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8704](#) Biblical Hebrew 1 GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8106](#) Old Testament Exegesis: The Writings of the Hebrew Bible GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8105](#) Old Testament Exegesis: Prophets GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8107](#) Old Testament Exegesis: Wisdom GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8207](#) Study Tour: Lands of the Bible GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8702](#) Biblical Greek 2 GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8703](#) Biblical Greek 3 GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8705](#) Biblical Hebrew 2 GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8706](#) Biblical Hebrew 3 GE (4.5 units)

[THEO7106](#) Readings in Old Testament Studies (4.5 units)

[THEO7204](#) Readings in New Testament Studies (4.5 units)

[THEO8102](#) Interpreting the Old Testament GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8103](#) Ecology and the Bible (4.5 units)

Historical and Systematic Theology

[THEO8314](#) Introduction to Christian Thought GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8315](#) Christian Ethics GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8316](#) Church, Ministry and Sacraments GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8317](#) God the Trinity GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8318](#) Religious Pluralism in a Contemporary World GE (4.5 units)

[THEO7306](#) Readings in Systematic Theology (4.5 units)

- [THEO7405](#) Readings in Church History (4.5 units)
- [THEO8003](#) Guided Study in Theology (4.5 units)
- [THEO8401](#) Church History A GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8402](#) Church History B GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO9501](#) Guided Study in Christian Spirituality (4.5 units)

Ministry Studies

- [THEO7501](#) Readings in Ministry and Mission Studies (4.5 units)
- [THEO7502](#) Readings in Christian Education or Discipleship (4.5 units)
- [THEO7503](#) Readings in Christian Leadership (4.5 units)
- [THEO7504](#) Readings in Pastoral Care (4.5 units)
- [THEO8205](#) John's Gospel and the Johannine Epistles GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8501](#) Caring Practices of the Church GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8502](#) Christian Education GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8503](#) Christian Leadership GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8506](#) Reading Cultures GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8504](#) Ministry and Mission Studies 1 GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8505](#) Ministry and Mission Studies 2 GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8508](#) Theology and Practice of Chaplaincy (4.5 units)
- [THEO8509](#) Exploring Cross-Cultural Ministry GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8510](#) Towards Reconciliation: A Theological Understanding GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO9309](#) Guided Study in Liturgy (4.5 units)