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.

To view this course as it is described by Flinders University on the Flinders University web page, please follow this [link](#).

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)