

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

AWARD SUMMARY

Abbreviation:	MTh
TEQSA Course ID:	CRS1200469
Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF):	Level 9
Entry Requirements:	A three year Bachelor of Theology or equivalent.
Duration:	Up to 4½ years part-time.
Mode of Study:	Part-time.
Structure:	12 units (108 credit points) including either a discipline or sub-discipline specialisation of 6 units, or in-depth studies of 3 units in two disciplines or sub-disciplines.
Study Options:	<i>On-Campus Weekly Lectures and Distance Education (Online)</i>
English Proficiency:	Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally require a minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS, or equivalent) score of 7.0 in all bands of the 'academic format' of the test.
Tuition Fees and Financial Support:	Tuition Fees are invoiced <u>each semester</u> as follows: \$1350 for the first unit (9 credit points) in a given semester \$550 for each subsequent unit taken in a given semester (up to four course units, 36 credit points, per semester) Scholarships are available (see page 5) FEE-HELP is available (conditions apply)
Units of Study:	A8520A Introduction to New Testament Greek A8570A New Testament Greek B9657A Lukan Literature B9668A Gospel According to John H8530A Byzantine Studies H9631 Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Art and Architecture L8596A Studies in Liturgical Rites P8577A Clinical Pastoral Education 1 (18) P8596A Studies in Pastoral Ministry T8517A Ecclesiology T9686A The Cappadocian Legacy X8500A Research Methodology X9691A Research Project X9692A Research Project (18) X9696A Research Essay (18)

COURSE OUTCOMES

Graduates will have advanced knowledge and skills in relation to theology and its related disciplines, enabling them to undertake research and/or to engage in professional practice, and/or to continue life-long learning. Graduates will acquire:

Knowledge

- A deep and integrated understanding of an advanced body of knowledge in one or more theologically related disciplines or areas of practice, with a solid grasp of recent developments in those sub-disciplines and areas of practice
- understanding of research principles and methods applicable to theological investigation and practice

Skills

- expert, specialized cognitive and technical skills in a theologically-related body of knowledge, so that they are able independently to:
 - analyse critically, reflect on and synthesize complex information, problems, concepts and theories associated with a theologically-related body of knowledge
 - research and apply established theories to a theologically-related body of knowledge or practice
 - interpret and transmit knowledge, skills and ideas through coherent and sustained argument to specialist and non-specialist audiences in relation to a theologically-related body of knowledge

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

- the ability to
 - apply knowledge and skills in a way that demonstrates autonomy, expert judgment, adaptability, and accountability as a practitioner or learner in relation to one or more theological disciplines, with a view to the building up of the church and the good of the wider community.
 - plan and execute a substantial research-based project, and/or piece of independent study in an area of theology.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDATURE

1. An applicant for admission to candidature for a degree of Master of Theology must:
 - a. have completed a degree of Bachelor of Theology of the Sydney College of Divinity (preferably with a GPA of 2.7); or
 - b. have completed the Master of Arts of the Sydney College of Divinity (preferably with a GPA of 2.7) and take up the same specialisation in the Master of Theology which was undertaken in the Master of Arts program and meet the pre-requisites for any coursework units in the Master of Theology, or
 - c. shall hold, from a university or other tertiary institution, qualifications approved by the Student Support and Administration Committee of the Sydney College of Divinity as equivalent to a Sydney College of Divinity Bachelor of Theology degree.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this regulation the Student Support and Administration Committee of the Sydney College of Divinity may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission as a candidate for a degree of Master of Theology by carrying out such work and/or sitting for such examinations as the Student Support and Administration Committee may determine.
3. In exceptional cases an applicant may be admitted as a candidate for a degree of Master of Theology if the applicant submits evidence of other academic and professional attainments to the Student Support and Administration Committee.

4. A candidate for the award shall be designated as full-time or part-time. A student is normally designated as a full-time if enrolled in three units (27 credit points) or more in a semester or part-time if enrolled in less than three units (27 credit points) per semester.
5. No candidate for the award may be concurrently enrolled in any other undergraduate or postgraduate course within the Sydney College of Divinity or any other tertiary institution, unless approval has been granted by the Academic Board of the Sydney College of Divinity.
6. Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally will be required to demonstrate competency in English by an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 7.0 in all bands of the test and may be required to attend such English language courses as prescribed by the Sydney College of Divinity.
7. Application for admission into the Master of Theology program is made through the Registrar of St Andrew's.
8. Units within the Master of Theology may be available to cross-institutional students, non-award students, and auditors after consultation with the Registrar.

COURSE STRUCTURE

1. The Master of Theology requires the completion of 108 credit points.
2. Every program for the award shall include:
 - a. Either a specialisation (54 credit points) in a discipline or sub-discipline, or
 - b. In-depth studies (27 credit points) in two or more disciplines or sub-disciplines.
 - c. At least one 9600 level Generic (Research) unit
 - d. Not more than 72 credit points in one sub-discipline, including a Research Essay;
 - e. Not more than 18 credit points in Independent Guided Studies without approval of the Academic Board of the Sydney College of Divinity.
3. In addition:
 - a. Up to four units may be taken from the 8500 level (including 8500 level language units).
 - b. The 8500 level Research Methodology Unit (9 credit points) may be taken in addition to the four 8500 level units referred to in (a) above.
 - c. All other course units shall be taken from 9600 level units
 - d. A candidate may take a maximum of 36 credit points in units listed as Generic (Research) units with a maximum of 18 credit points in Independent Guided Study units, 18 credit points in Research Project units, and 18 credit points as a Research Essay.
 - e. A candidate may include 18 credit points in the Research Essay (10,000-12,000 words in length and written in the area of specialisation under supervision) providing the candidate completes an 8500 level Research Methodology Unit (9 credit points) before or concurrently with the Research Essay.
4. Candidates who enter the program from a Bachelor of Theology or equivalent cannot enrol in units with content similar to those covered in their previous studies.
5. Candidates wishing to proceed to the higher research degree of Master of Philosophy must complete one 18 credit point Research Essay at Distinction level.

PERIOD OF CANDIDATURE

1. The period of candidature for the degree shall normally be up to four and a half years part-time.
2. In certain circumstances the Student Support and Administration Committee of the Sydney College of Divinity may grant extensions.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. The Student Support and Administration Committee of the Sydney College of Divinity, at the recommendation of St Andrew's, may grant leave of absence from the Master of Theology. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the degree.
2. The period of leave shall normally be one semester after which a candidate may apply for a further period of one semester or else be required to complete their candidature.

CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS STUDY

Credit may be given for previous studies up to 54 credit points. Credit can be granted only from units at graduate level where the outcomes, content, demand hours and assessment are equivalent to that of units in the Sydney College of Divinity award.

DELIVERY OF COURSE UNITS

1. Students are advised that whilst units are available via weekly evening lectures and/or units delivered through distance education, completion of the entire Master of Theology program may require enrolment in up to four units offered through a variety of generic modes, or through another member institution within the Sydney College of Divinity, or undertaken at a recognised tertiary institution.
2. Units are offered by weekly evening lectures on campus during each semester. Please consult the 'Timetable' page on the website.
3. Units are also offered via distance education (online) mode within the parameters of the two regular semesters. Online units normally include a compulsory on-campus residential component and all students studying via distance education must account for the need to travel to the Redfern campus on certain key dates throughout the year. Please consult the 'Distance Education' page on the website for more information, and well as the Academic Calendar.

EXTERNAL STUDIES

The completion of a limited number of discrete units in the Master of Theology program may be undertaken at another member institution of the Sydney College of Divinity or at a recognised tertiary institution after consultation with the Registrar and subject to the approval of Faculty.

TUITION FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

St Andrew's is committed to admitting the most able and dedicated students to its courses, regardless of their financial means or background. Most students are eligible for financial support as outlined below.

Tuition Fees are invoiced each semester as follows:

\$1350 for the first unit (9 credit points) in a given semester

\$550 for each subsequent unit taken in a given semester

(up to four course units, 36 credit points, per semester)

FEE-HELP is available (conditions apply). Visit www.studyassist.gov.au.

Additional scholarship assistance is available to persons who meet the following descriptions:

<i>Scholarship Category:</i>	<i>First Unit / Subsequent Unit</i>
(a) alumni of St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College;	\$675 / \$550
(b) Orthodox Christian clergymen serving within the jurisdictions of local hierarchs who belong to the Episcopal Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of Oceania;	\$675 / \$550

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