AWARD SUMMARY

Abbreviation: MTh

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF): Level 9

Entry Requirements: A 3-year Bachelor of Theology or equivalent.

Duration: 1½ years full-time or up to 4½ years part-time.

Admission: Annual admission intake only. Applications should be received by early December of the year prior to admission. Please check the website for ‘Important Dates’.

Mode: 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.

Enrolment Options: On-Campus Weekly Lectures and Distance Education (Online)

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: $1520 per 9 credit points

$912 per 9 credit points for recipients of Scholarship D

$760 per 9 credit points for recipients of Scholarship B

FEE-HELP is available (conditions apply)

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 MTh which was undertaken in the MA program and meet the pre-requisites for any coursework units in the MTh, or
   c. shall hold, from a university or other tertiary institution, qualifications approved by the Student Administration Committee of the SCD as equivalent to a Sydney College of Divinity Bachelor of Theology degree.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this regulation the Student Administration Committee of the SCD 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 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 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 SCD.

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 MTh 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 SCD.
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 one and a half years full-time and four and a half years part-time.
2. In certain circumstances the Student Administration Committee of the SCD may grant extensions.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. The Student Administration Committee of the SCD, 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.

ASSESSMENT

1. The assessment of units shall be in the manner approved by the Academic Board of the SCD in line with the College’s established guidelines for assessment packages at 9600 level, and at the 8500 level where applicable.
2. Students may be required by the SCD Academic Board to present themselves for oral examination.
3. Academic and non-academic misconduct will be penalised severely in accordance with the regulations of the SCD.
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 SCD award.

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 SCD or at a recognised tertiary institution after consultation with the Registrar and subject to the approval of Faculty.

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.

All students are invited to consider applying for a scholarship using the Enrolment Form available on the website.

Scholarship A
*For full time students in the Bachelor of Theology*
Students undertaking the three year study program (focussed on the BTh with an additional ecclesial program) on a full time basis (i.e. 36 credit points per semester) are normally provided a scholarship which may include free room and board within the college dormitory (subject to approval) and pays for up to 70% of the tuition fee per 9 credit point unit.

Scholarship B
*For clergymen and/or their spouses*
Orthodox Christian clergymen serving within the jurisdictions of local hierarchs who belong to the Episcopal Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of Oceania may undertake any course of study and receive a scholarship which pays for up to 50% of the tuition fee per 9 credit point unit on the condition that they have enrolled in at least 18 credit points in a semester unless their final semester of study normally involves only 9 credit points. Such clergymen must provide a reference letter from their local hierarch if they are not under the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia. The wife of such a clergyman may also access the same scholarship.

Scholarship C
*For current volunteer Scripture Teachers and Sunday School Teachers*
Current volunteer Scripture Teachers and Sunday School Teachers undertaking the Diploma of Christian Studies are normally provided a scholarship pays for up to 50% of the tuition fee per 9 credit point unit on the condition that they have enrolled in at least 18 credit points in a semester unless their final semester of study normally involves only 9 credit points. Such persons must provide a reference letter from their parish priest which clearly describes their teaching role and lists the school(s) which they serve.

Scholarship D
*For students in any course of study at St Andrew’s*
Students undertaking any course of study through St Andrew’s but who do not qualify for any of the scholarships listed above, are normally provided a scholarship which pays for up to 40% of the tuition fee per 9 credit point unit on the condition that they have enrolled in at least 18 credit points in a semester unless their final semester of study normally involves only 9 credit points.
1. At present, St Andrew’s offers a limited number of units towards the Master of Theology. More units are likely to be added in 2017.
2. Not all units are available at all times. Please consult the ‘Timetable’ page on the website.

### Humanities
- A8520A Introduction to New Testament Greek
- A8570 New Testament Greek

### Biblical Studies
- B9657A Lukan Literature
- B9668A Gospel According to John

### Church History
- H8510A The Early Church
- H8530A Byzantine Studies
- H96xxA Byzantine and Post-Byantine Art and Architecture
- H96xxA Byzantine Hagiography

### Theology
- T8517A Ecclesiology
- T9618A Collegiality and Primacy
- T9639A Theological Perspectives on the Environment
- T9681A The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed
- T9683A Exploring the Philokalia
- T9684A Patristic Profile
- T9685A Patristic Perspectives on Science and Theology
- T96xxA Alexandrian Legacy
- T96xxA Cappadocian Legacy
- T96xxA The Patristic Tradition and Classical Philosophy

### Generic
- X8500A Research Methodology
- X9691A Research Project (9)
- X9692A Research Project (18)
- X9693A Independent Guided Study (9)
- X9694A Independent Guided Study (18)
- X9695A Issues in [Topic]
- X9696A Research Essay (18)
- X9697A Seminar [Topic]

*Italicics* denotes units which are expected to be accredited by the end of 2015.