MASTER OF THEOLOGY

AWARD SUMMARY

Abbreviation:	MTh
AQF Level:	Level 9
Entry Requirements:	A Bachelor of Theology from the Sydney College of Divinity, or equivalent three-year degree in theology (e.g. Master of Divinity)
Course Duration:	3 years part time (maximum of 4.5 years)
Course 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 Modes:	*On-Campus Weekly Lectures in Sydney*
	    Full time may be available.
	    Part time study is available
	Distance Education (Live Webinars and/or Webinar Recordings)
	    Full time may be available.
	    Part time study is available

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.
2021 Tuition Fees and Financial Support:	Tuition Fees are invoiced each semester as follows: $1,440 per unit (9 credit points) $11,520 yearly indicative fee (72 credit points) **Scholarships are available** (see below). FEE-HELP is available (eligibility criteria apply). Fees are subject to change from year to year.
How to Apply	Please contact the Registrar for an application interview.

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. 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 series 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 series (including 8500 series language units).
    b. The 8500 series Research Methodology Unit (9 credit points) may be taken in addition to the four 8500 series units referred to in (a) above.
    c. All other course units shall be taken from 9600 series 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 series 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.

Available Units of Study   2021, Semester 1
(see Timetable)

A8520 Introduction to New Testament Greek

Students who have a   B9629 Wisdom and Poetry in Israel [1]
completed their previous   B9657 Lukan Literature [2]
studies from another   H9631 Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Art and Architecture [3]
university or tertiary   T8517 Ecclesiology [4]
college may need to   T8534 The Triune God and Revelation (in 2022) [5]
create a customised study   T8596 Studies in Early Byzantine Patristic Theology [6]
plan in consultation with   T9686 Cappadocian Legacy [7]
the Registrar and/or enrol
in certain prerequisite   2021, Semester 2
units typically undertaken
at St Andrew's.   A8570 New Testament Greek [8]
                                       B9652 Apocalyptic Literature [9]
Most units are offered   B9668 Gospel According to John [10]
annually.   H9632 Byzantine Hagiography [11]
                                       T9688 Saint Maximus the Confessor [12]

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These research units are   X8500 Research Methodology
usually taken towards to   X9691 Research Project
end of the Masters   X9692 Research Project (18 credit points)
program.   X9696 Research Essay (18 credit points)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

In conversation with the Academic Director and Registrar, students may wish to also consider participating in the following additional extra-curricular opportunities which aim to complement their theological studies, but which are not accredited for this course:

1. Modern Greek language studies;
2. Byzantine chanting lessons;
3. Pastoral field education (including Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education);
4. Seminars, workshops and conferences, public lectures, bible study, and designated 'College Events' as available.

Please note that not all extra-curricular opportunities are available at all times. Whilst unaccredited, most of these activities are offered to current students without additional fees.

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[1] Prerequisite = B8520 Introduction to the Old Testament
[2] Prerequisite = B8530 Introduction to the New Testament
[3] Prerequisite = H8596 Studies in Early Byzantine Church History
[4] Prerequisite = T8501 Introducing Theology
[5] Prerequisite = T8501 Introducing Theology
[6] Prerequisite = T8581 Church Fathers: An Introduction
[7] Prerequisite = T8581 Church Fathers: An Introduction
[8] Prerequisite = A8520 Introduction to New Testament Greek
[9] Prerequisite = B8520 Introduction to the Old Testament
[10] Prerequisite = B8530 Introduction to the New Testament
[11] Prerequisite = H8596 Studies in Early Byzantine Church History
[12] Prerequisite = T8581 Church Fathers: An Introduction

PERIOD OF CANDIDATURE

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

ASSESSMENT

1. Masters students are expected to give evidence of a breadth of research and a depth of understanding beyond that of an undergraduate student. In particular, their work should manifest the higher order skills of:

   - *Analysis* - the ability to break down what is presented into its component parts and indicate the relationship between those parts;
   - *Synthesis* - the ability to re-assemble those component parts into a new whole; and
   - *Evaluation* - the ability to think critically and originally, making judgments based on relevant principles.
2. Academic and non-academic misconduct will be penalised in accordance with the regulations of the Sydney College of Divinity, whose stipulations are severe.

ARTICULATION INTO OTHER AWARDS

Students are eligible to articulate to an appropriate higher research degree of the Sydney College of Divinity, such as the Master of Philosophy, provided they have achieved the Master of Theology with a grade point average of 2.8 or better and including the Research Essay at distinction level.

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. Units are offered by weekly lectures on campus in Redfern during each semester. Please consult the Timetable page on the website.
2. Units are also offered via distance education (online) within the parameters of the two regular semesters.
3. Distance education is delivered via live weekly webinars using Zoom™ (synchronous learning) and/or webinar recordings (asynchronous learning).
4. Some distance education 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 unless otherwise stipulated. 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 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:

$1,440 per unit (9 credit points) in a given semester
(up to 4 units, 36 credit points, per semester)

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

Scholarship assistance with regards to tuition fees is available to persons enrolled in a course through St Andrew's and who meet the following descriptions:

Scholarship Category	*Scholarship Coverage*
A. Alumni Scholarship The applicant will be (i) a graduate of St Andrew's; (ii) endorsed by their local bishop and parish priest; and (iii) enrolled in at least 18 credit points in each semester.	50%
B. Orthodox Christian Clergymen The applicant will be (i) a clergyman serving within the jurisdictions of local hierarchs who belong to the Episcopal Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of Oceania; (ii) endorsed by their local bishop; and (iii) enrolled in at least 18 credit points in each semester.	50%

A student's scholarship eligibility is reviewed each semester or annually. Scholarship provisions are subject to change from year to year.

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