

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

AWARD SUMMARY

Abbreviation:	MTh
CRICOS Course Code:	063709G
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:	<i>On-Campus Weekly Lectures in Sydney</i> Full time may be available. Part time study is available <i>Distance Education (Live Webinars and/or Webinar Recordings)</i> 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.
2022 Tuition Fees and Financial Support:	See page 7 for details. FEE-HELP is available (eligibility criteria apply). Visit www.studyassist.gov.au .
How to Apply	Please contact the Registrar for an application interview.

GRADUATE PROFILE AND RATIONALE

The Master of Theology is a coursework program designed for those who hold at least a Bachelor of Theology (or equivalent) and who wish to pursue theological studies in greater depth and with greater rigour. It includes either a specialisation of 54 credit points (6 units) in one discipline or subdiscipline, or at least 27 credit points (3 units) in two or more disciplines or subdisciplines, along with the opportunity for a focused research component.

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.

Knowledge

Graduates will have:

- 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 subdisciplines and areas of practice
- understanding of research principles and methods applicable to theological investigation and practice

Skills

Graduates will have expert, specialised cognitive and technical skills specifically 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;
- apply specialised and creative skills for Christian living and ministry;
- 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

Graduates will have the ability to

- apply knowledge and skills in a way that demonstrates autonomy, expert judgement, 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) at least 27 credit points in two or more disciplines or sub-disciplines.
 - (c) at least one 9200 series generic research unit;
 - (d) not more than 90 credit points in one sub-discipline, including a Research Essay, but not including the Research Methodology unit;
 - (e) not more than 18 credit points in Independent Guided Studies without the approval of the Academic Board of the Sydney College of Divinity.
3. A specialisation in a sub-discipline requires 54 credit points from the subdiscipline. A specialisation in a discipline requires 54 credit points from the discipline, with at least 27 credit points in one sub-discipline.
4. In addition:
 - (a) up to four units may be taken from the 8100 series (including 8100 series language units).
 - (b) the 8100 series Research Methodology Unit (9 credit points) may be taken in addition to the four 8100 series units referred to in 4(a) above.
 - (c) all other course units shall be taken from 9200 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 8100 series Research Methodology Unit (9 credit points) before or concurrently with the Research Essay.
5. Units coded 'A' are not counted towards a specialisation in any discipline or sub-discipline.

6. 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.
7. Candidates wishing to proceed to the higher research degree of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) must complete one 18 credit point Research Essay at Distinction level.
8. 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 the Faculty Board.

Available Units of Study
at St Andrew's
(see [Timetable](#))

Check [unit descriptions](#) for
any applicable prerequisites.

Students who have completed
a Graduate Diploma from
another university or tertiary
college may need to create a
customised study plan in
consultation with the Registrar
and/or enrol in certain
prerequisite units typically
undertaken during the
Graduate Diploma at St
Andrew's.

Most units are offered
annually.

These generic (research) units
are usually taken towards the
latter part of the Masters
program, by arrangement with
the Registrar and Supervisor.

2022, Semester 1

- A8122 New Testament Greek I
- B9226 Interpreting the Psalms
- B9253 Interpreting the Four Gospels
- B9258 Lukan Literature and Theology
- H9234 Byzantine Hagiography
- T9213 Theology of the Trinity
- T9270 Byzantine Patristic Theology: 4th – 9th Century
- T9273 Cappadocian Legacy

2022, Semester 2

- A8123 New Testament Greek II
- B9231 Interpreting the Prophets of Israel
- B9241 Apocalyptic Literature
- B9260 Pauline Literature and Theology
- H9233 Byzantine Art and Architecture
- T9271 Byzantine Patristic Theology: 9th – 15th Century
- T9274 Saint Maximus the Confessor

- X8190A Research Methodology
- X8199A Honours Thesis
(36 credit points)
- X9293A Minor Independent Guided Study
- X9294A Major Independent Guided Study
(18 credit points)
- X9296A Minor Research Project
- X9297A Major Research Project
(18 credit points)
- X9298A Minor Research Essay
(18 credit points)
- X9299A Major Research Essay
(36 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.

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 the Faculty Board.

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)
(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:

<i>Scholarship Category</i>	<i>Scholarship Coverage</i>
A. Full Time Student Scholarship Not available	n/a
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 for 18 or 27 credit points during the semester.	50%
C. Clergy Family Scholarship The applicant will be (i) the wife or child of a clergyman noted above in [B]; (ii) endorsed by their local bishop; and (iii) enrolled for 18 or 27 credit points during the semester.	50%
D. Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Scholarship The applicant will be (i) an Australian citizen; (ii) an employee of a school, health care facility, or other organisation operating under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia; and (iii) enrolled for 18 or 27 credit points during the semester.	33%
E. Church Volunteer Scholarship The applicant will (i) be a volunteer in a parish within the jurisdictions of local hierarchs who belong to the Episcopal Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of Oceania (e.g., Parish Committee, Ladies Auxiliary, Chaplaincy Volunteers, Chanters, Scripture Teachers, Sunday School Teachers); (ii) present a reference letter from their parish priest; and (iii) be enrolled for 18 or 27 credit points during the semester.	33%

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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