

# MASTER OF THEOLOGY

<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	A Bachelor of Theology or equivalent.
<b>Duration:</b>	1½ years full-time or equivalent part-time.
<b>Mode:</b>	Part-time
<b>Structure:</b>	108 credit points (i.e. 12 units) including either a discipline or sub-discipline specialisation of 6 units, or in-depth studies of 3 units in two disciplines or sub-disciplines.
<b>Enrolment Options:</b>	<i>On-Campus Weekly Lectures and Distance Education (Online)</i>
<b>English Proficiency:</b>	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.
<b>Fees</b>	\$1200 per 9 credit points, taken at 9600 level. Please read 'Financial Information' in Section 6 of the Handbook for further details and scholarship opportunities. FEE-HELP is available (conditions apply).
<b>Available Units (2014)</b>	<p>Semester 1</p> <p>A8520A Introduction to New Testament Greek  T8581A Church Fathers: An Introduction *  T9683A Exploring the Philokalia  X----- Generic Unit (with permission)</p> <p>Semester 2</p> <p>A8570A New Testament Greek  B9657A Lukan Literature  T8517A Ecclesiology  X----- Generic Unit (with permission)</p>

## **COURSE OUTCOMES**

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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**

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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; or
  - b. have completed the Master of Arts of the Sydney College of Divinity 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**

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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 Project (10,000 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 Project.
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 degree of Master of Philosophy must include one 18 credit point research unit or two 9 credit point research units at Distinction level.

## **PERIOD OF CANDIDATURE**

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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.

## ASSIGNABLE UNITS

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At present, St Andrew's offers a limited number of units towards the Master of Theology. More units are likely to be added in 2015. Not all units are available at all times. Please check the Timetable or consult the Registrar.

### Humanities

A8520A Introduction to New Testament  
Greek

A8570 New Testament Greek

### Biblical Studies

B9657A Lukan Literature

B9668A Gospel According to John

**Theology**

T8517A Ecclesiology

T8581A Church Fathers: An Introduction

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

**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]