

Australian College of Theology

POSTGRADUATE AWARDS (ACT COURSES) IN THEOLOGY

1. GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF DIVINITY (GradDipDiv)

Duration: One year full-time or equivalent.

Credit points: 32

Purpose: This is a postgraduate theological award for those with a prior degree in a non-theological discipline. It offers a grounding at an appropriate academic level for those seeking to integrate Biblical and theological study with their professional or academic careers.

Admission: A non-theological degree. Consult the ACT Postgraduate Manual for details.

Modes: Full-time, Part-time. Some units offered in evenings and it may be possible to complete this award by evening study over several years.

Austudy: Available to qualifying students.

FEE HELP: Available to qualifying students. For more information go to Fees.

Overseas students: Available to overseas students.

Course structure: Units are drawn from the 500, 600 and 700 pool of units. The curriculum consists of 12 cps in core foundation level units (8 cps in Old Testament and New Testament and 4 cps in Church history or Theology) plus 20 cps from the 500-600 pool of units. Consult the ACT Postgraduate Handbook, and see below under Master of Divinity for unit offerings. The unit IN650 Integration Project may be taken.

2. MASTER OF DIVINITY (MDiv)

Duration: Three years full-time or equivalent.

Credit points: 96

Purpose: This is a postgraduate theological award for those with a prior degree in a non-theological discipline. It provides a solid grounding in Biblical, theological and pastoral studies for those preparing for Christian ministry.

Admission: Applicants must have a non-theological degree. Consult the ACT Postgraduate Manual for details.

Modes: Full-time, Part-time.

Austudy: Approval anticipated.

FEE HELP: Available to qualifying students. For more information go to Fees.

Overseas students: Available to overseas students.

Course structure: Units are drawn from the 500, 600 and 700 pool of units. Consult the ACT Postgraduate Manual for further details on course structure. units listed below are 4 cps unless stated.

Languages- 8 cps needed	
LA004A & B	New Testament Greek A & B (4 cps each)
Old and New Testament Introduction - 16 cps needed	
OT501	Formative Old Testament Traditions
OT502	From Israel to Judea
NT501	Content and Setting of the Gospel Tradition
NT502	Early New Testament Church
Old and New Testament Exegesis - 16 cps needed including 8cps in original language exegesis	
OT621	Former Prophets (English)
or OT631	Former Prophets (Hebrew)
OT626	Psalter (English)
or OT636	Psalter (Hebrew)
OT625	Apocalyptic (English)
or OT635	Apocalyptic (Hebrew)
OT630	Pentateuch (Hebrew)
OT689	OT Seminar
NT630	Synoptic Gospels (Greek)
NT634	Fourth Gospel (Greek)
NT638	Other Writings (Greek)
NT639	Romans (Greek)
NT689	New Testament Seminar
Church History - 8 cps needed	
CH505	Early Church History (30-451)
CH624	Reformation
CH625	History of Evangelical Christianity
CH689	CH Seminar
PNC61	Australian Presbyterianism
Theology - 12 cps needed	
TH601	Doctrine of God & Work of Christ
TH603	Grace and Eschatology
or TH689	Theology Seminar (Eschatology)
TH604	Church, Sacraments and Ministry
TH610	Westminster Confession of Faith
TH689	Theology Seminar (Covenant Theology)
TH602	Knowledge of God

Ministry and Practice - 8 cps needed	
EM603	Biblical Theology of Mission
PC501	Ministry Formation
PC603	Pastoral Skills and Methods
PC641	Principles of Homiletics
PC642++	Congregational Field Education
PC649++	Spiritual Development (SEBL)
Project - 8 cps needed	
--690++	Project (8 cps) ++ May be from any field
Electives - 16 cps needed	
LA003A&B	Biblical Hebrew A&B (4 cps each)
LA610++	Intermediate Greek
PE510	Christian World View
PE525	Philosophy of Religion

Select also from any other units which have not been counted towards the requirements of another field or from 700 level (MA Theol) units (8 cps each). For 700 level units, see under Master of Arts in Theology. For admission to 700 level units a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0 is required in the course to that point.

++Note that 24 cps must be taken in units which are exclusively taught at 600 level (marked above) or higher. The category of units taught exclusively at 600-700 level may vary from year to year and you are advised to consult the Registrar for details. Once 64 cps (or the last 32 cps) have been completed with a GPA of 2.0, units at 700 level may be taken.

3. GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY (GradDipTh)

Duration: One year full-time or equivalent.

Credit points: 32

Purpose: This is a postgraduate coursework diploma designed for those in ministry as in-service education.

Admission: A primary degree in theology (BTh or equivalent). Consult the ACT Postgraduate Manual for details.

Modes: Full-time (would require enrolment in units at another college), Part-time.

Austudy: Not available.

FEE-HELP: Available to qualifying students.

Overseas students: Available to overseas students.

Course structure: Units are drawn from the 700 level pool. Consult the ACT Postgraduate Handbook for further details on course structure. Each unit is normally worth 8 cps. Some units are offered as intensives.

4. MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY (MA[Th])

Duration: Two years full-time or equivalent. Maximum part-time is six years.

Credit points: 64

Purpose: This is a postgraduate coursework degree designed for those in ministry as in-service education.

Admission: A primary degree in theology (BTh or equivalent). Consult the ACT Postgraduate Manual for details.

Modes: Full-time (would require enrolment in units at another college), Part-time.

Austudy: Not available.

FEE HELP: Available to qualifying students.

Overseas students: Available to overseas students.

Course structure: Units are drawn from the 700 level pool. Consult the ACT Postgraduate Handbook for further details on course structure. Each unit is worth 8 cps, with the exception of a Research Project which is worth 16 cps. Some units are offered as intensives.

5. MASTER OF THEOLOGY (MTh)

Duration: Two years full-time or equivalent.

Credit points: 64

Purpose: This is a postgraduate research degree in theology which might form a suitable qualification to teach in a theological discipline.

Admission: Minimum of (four year) BTh Hons IIB or MDiv or equivalent. Consult the ACT Postgraduate Handbook for details.

Modes: Full-time Part-time.

Austudy: Not available.

FEE-HELP: Available to qualifying students.

Overseas students: Available to overseas students.

Course structure: Research only (50000-word thesis) or combination of coursework (two coursework units) and research (35000-word thesis). The PTC offers supervision to a restricted number of students in the areas of Old and New Testaments and Church History. The unit on Research Methods (RM095) is required before commencing thesis. Consult the ACT Postgraduate Handbook for further details on course structure.

6. DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY (ThD)

Duration: Minimum two years full-time, normally three and maximum of eight (part-time).

Purpose: This is a postgraduate research degree in theology designed to equip teachers and research supervisors in theological colleges or other tertiary institutions.

Admission: Minimum of (four year) BTh Hons I. Consult the ACT Postgraduate Handbook.

Modes: Full-time, Part-time.

Austudy: Not available.

FEE-HELP: Available

Overseas students: Available to overseas students.

Course structure: Research leading to submission of a 100,000 word thesis. The PTC offers supervision to a restricted number of students in the areas of Old and New Testaments and Church History. The unit on Research Methods (RM095) is required before commencing thesis. Consult the ACT Postgraduate Handbook for further details on course requirements and procedures.