



# Trinity College Theological School

## BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (BTheol)

### Course Overview

*The Bachelor of Theology is the main undergraduate degree program offered by the University of Divinity. Graduates will have completed most of the academic requirements for ordination within the Anglican Church of Australia, or have the necessary knowledge and experience to be lay leaders and church workers.*

### THE DEGREE (available both as a class-based and online program)

The Bachelor of Theology degree, awarded by the University of Divinity, examines life and faith through the study of scriptures, theological traditions and historical contexts. It aims to broaden self-understanding and facilitate cultural engagement. The degree assists students to develop knowledge across broad areas of theology and depth in particular areas of interest. It develops research and communication skills, and prepares graduates for further theological study.

### ADMISSION

Admission to Bachelors-level degrees at the University of Divinity requires completion of Year 12 (VCE) or equivalent. Students over 21 years of age or those who have completed school overseas may be eligible for admission as probationary students for the first semester, or should enrol for the Diploma of Theology.

### COURSE STRUCTURE

The BTheol degree can be completed in three years full-time or up to nine years part-time. The course consists of 360 points, usually made up of 24 15-point credit units:

- 60 points (4 units) in Field B (**Biblical Studies**), including at least 15 points (1 unit) in each Testament
- 30 points (2 units) in **Church History**
- 60 points (4 units) in Field C (**Systematic Theology**)
- 30 points (2 units) in Field D (**Mission and Ministry**)
- a further 180 points (12 units).

The course must not include more than 180 points (12 units) at Level 1, and must include at least 90 points (6 units) at Level 3, including 30 points (2 units) at Level 3 in either Field B or in Systematic Theology.

### AIMS AND OUTCOMES

Graduates of the BTheol will have a broad, coherent and critical knowledge of Christian theological traditions and methodologies, with focused knowledge in at least one area. They can articulate the knowledge they have acquired to generate insights and communicate them through clear reasoned argument, and are able to engage theological traditions and contemporary culture. They will have a theologically informed basis for engagement and service in community and world.

### FEES AND ASSISTANCE

The fees payable for all awards are set by the University of Divinity. All Australian residents and humanitarian visa holders are eligible to use the Federal Government's FEE-HELP loan scheme (a loan-fee applies for undergraduates only). Fees may also be paid up front, a requirement for all overseas students and permanent residents. Trinity may be able to offer Candidates for ministry some assistance with living expenses through the provision of Studentships and Bursaries.



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## **BTHEOL TYPICAL COURSE OVERVIEW (for a ministry candidate)**

<b>LEVEL 1 UNITS</b>	<b>LEVEL 1/2 UNITS</b>	<b>LEVEL 2/3 UNITS</b>
Introduction to the New Testament	Biblical Studies	Biblical Studies
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Christian Doctrine	Christology	Trinitarian Theology
Church History	Church History	Systematics
Ministry Formation	Mission	Ethics
Liturgical Theology & Practice	Pastoral Care	Prayer & Spirituality
Tools for Studying Theology	Preaching	Supervised Field Education
Biblical Greek A	Biblical Greek B	Anglican Studies

## **TRINITY COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL**

Trinity College opened in 1872. The first student enrolled was Jack Stretch, later to be ordained and become the first Australian-born Anglican bishop. Although envisaged by Bishop Perry as early as 1853, it was not until 1878 that Bishop Moorhouse established the Theological School, which since that time has been the Theological training institute for the Anglican Province of Victoria. The first theological students admitted Arthur Green (later Bishop of Grafton and Armidale, and then of Ballarat), and Reginald Stephen (later Bishop of Tasmania and then Newcastle).

The School pioneered online Theological education in Australia, and its students now come from all over the world. The School offers a unique approach and learning environment for students wishing to build tomorrow's church. We are committed to shaping men and women who wish to pursue ordination in the Anglican Church, develop skills for lay ministry, or explore Christian faith for personal or vocational enrichment. We are committed to academic excellent, quality pastoral care, ecumenical endeavour and Anglican comprehensiveness.

## **OUR COMMUNITY AND ETHOS**

- While most students are non-resident, there are opportunities and scholarships available to allow students to live on campus, and thus make it easier to complete their degrees full-time.
- We encourage people in their vocation, whether lay or ordained, to participate in the Theological School as a place of vibrant and quality theological and ministerial education, by offering world-class learning opportunities.
- We prepare students for the diversity of the emerging church, by the discussion of a variety of models of church in contemporary society.
- Students at Trinity come from many different backgrounds. They undertake study for many different reasons and in a variety of ways. Part-time and full-time students from the on-campus, online and parish programs are encouraged to engage in open discussion and lively debate about Anglican traditions, the scriptures and how these apply to contemporary life.

An Anglican organisation, the Trinity College Theological School engages with students from different religious traditions; it is a place where diverse beliefs and opinions are valued and respected. We offer a supportive environment where:

- students learn in small groups
- there are normally three class contact hours for each on campus unit each week
- on campus teaching methods typically include lectures, seminars and tutorials
- part-time study is an option for all courses
- flexible online courses are available for students who cannot attend face-to-face classes.

## **CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

All relevant information can be found on the Theological School website ([www.trinity.edu.au/theology](http://www.trinity.edu.au/theology)). For specific enquiries on our courses or admissions, please contact the Administrator on (03) 9348 7127 / [tcts@trinity.edu.au](mailto:tcts@trinity.edu.au) or the Registrar (03) 9348 7095 / [tctsregistrar@trinity.edu.au](mailto:tctsregistrar@trinity.edu.au).