



# Trinity College Theological School

## Master of Divinity (MDiv)

### Course Overview

*The Master of Divinity is the main postgraduate 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 Master of Divinity degree, awarded by the University of Divinity, enables students to lay sound foundations in the key theological disciplines of Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History and Christian Life and Ministry, and requires in-depth study in at least one of these areas.

### ADMISSION

Admission to Masters-level degrees at the University of Divinity requires completion of an undergraduate degree in any discipline from a recognised institution, or of the Graduate Certificate in Theology from the University of Divinity. An alternative is through a Graduate Diploma in Theology.

### COURSE STRUCTURE

The MDiv degree can be completed in three years full-time or up to nine years part-time. The course consists of 270 points, usually made up of 18 15-point credit units:

- 30 points (2 Foundational units) in a single **Biblical Language** (usually Greek or Hebrew)
- 30 points (2 Foundational units) in Field B (**Biblical Studies**)
- 30 points (2 Foundational units) in Field C (**Systematic Theology**)
- 15 points (1 Foundational unit) in Field D (**Mission and Ministry**)
- up to 15 additional points at Foundational level in any discipline
- between 105 and 150 points (7 to 10 units) of **Electives** including one in each of Fields A, B, C and D
- either a 12,000-word **Research Essay** OR a **Capstone** unit worth at least 15 points.

### AIMS AND OUTCOMES

Graduates of the MDiv will show mastery of a coherent body of knowledge in theology, including an understanding of recent developments in ministry practice. They will show creativity and initiative in integrating knowledge and skills, and be able to apply these to new situations. They can communicate key ideas and techniques at an advanced level appropriate to the relevant discipline, be able to review, consolidate, extend and apply the knowledge and techniques learnt, including interpersonal and cooperative skills appropriate to a professional ministry context and/or further study or collaborative learning, and be able to plan and execute a substantial research essay, theological synthesis, or supervised ministry project.

### 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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## MDIV TYPICAL COURSE OVERVIEW (for a ministry candidate)

FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR
Biblical Greek A	Biblical Greek B	Capstone OR Research Essay
Introduction to the New Testament	Church History	Capstone OR Research Essay
Introduction to the Old Testament	Biblical Studies	Biblical Studies
Tools for Studying Theology	Christology	Christian Doctrine
Ministry Formation	Trinitarian Theology	Supervised Field Education
Liturgical Theology & Practice	Clinical Professional Education	Pastoral Care

NOTE: With suitable unit choices, students can exit after two years of study with an MA(Theol) degree.

## 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 excellence, 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).