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THEOLOGY

MASTER OF DIVINITY (MDIV)

Employment Prospects:

Students in Theology training for ordained ministry are selected by their respective churches. In addition teachers in church schools need to do some Theology. Other employment prospects exist as church youth workers and chaplains in government schools.

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Humanities

Admission Requirements (Onshore):

Recognised Bachelor's degree in any discipline. Consideration will be given to previous studies in Theology for possible advanced standing of up to 24 points of credit toward the Master of Divinity.

Restriction: All graduate courses are subject to restriction.

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Master of Divinity (MDiv)

This course explores one of the world's oldest learning disciplines and immerses students in the history, beliefs and practices of the Christian tradition. In this three-year course, students will explore history, literature, social sciences and philosophy to gain an in-depth understanding of how the Christian tradition has developed and its meaning and value today. Students will study units in Biblical Studies, Church History, Systematic Theology and Practical Theology.

Availability:

- Murdoch campus (internal)
Murdoch campus (external)

Unit Selection:

The Coursework option of the Master of Divinity is appropriate for those who wish to study for a professional qualification as the academic component of preparation for ordination. It is also the best option for those seeking broad knowledge of the range of theological disciplines. The Research option is appropriate for those who wish to specialise in one or more specific areas of Theology, particularly those who may wish to progress to a higher degree by research.

Course Structure - 72 credit points

Year 1 - 24 credit points

Core Units - 18 credit points

THE506 Old Testament and its World - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

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MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

THE505 Introduction to Theology - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

THE509 Turning Points in Church History - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

THE528 Spirituality - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-external

THE510 Emerging Christian Theology: The Creeds (100-500 CE) - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

Specified Electives - 6 credit points

REL207 Biblical Hebrew I - 3 points
Not available this year

REL208 Biblical Hebrew II - 3 points
Not available this year

REL209 New Testament Greek I - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal

REL210 New Testament Greek II - 3 points

Not available this year

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

THE513 Chaplaincy in Theory and Practice - 3 points

Murdoch: S2-internal, S2-external

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

THE511 Teaching Religion in Schools - 3 points

Murdoch: S2-internal, S2-external

COD545 Community Development Theory and Practice - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

or select from any other 500-level unit in the School of Arts with the Academic Chair's approval.

Coursework Option - 48 credit points

Year 2 - 24 credit points

Core Units - 24 credit points

THE620 Old Testament Exegesis - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

THE621 New Testament Exegesis - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

THE615 Worship and Liturgy - 3 points

Murdoch: S2-internal, S2-external

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

THE625 Christology - 3 points

Murdoch: S1-internal, S1-external

THE623 History of the Reformation Era - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

THE663 Church, Ministry and Sacraments - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

THE618 Homiletics - 3 points

NA 2019

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

THE617 Advanced Biblical Interpretation Seminar - 3 points

NA 2019

Year 3 - 24 credit points

Core Units - 24 credit points

THE620 Old Testament Exegesis - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

THE621 New Testament Exegesis - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

THE622 Globalisation of Modern Christianity - 3 points

NA 2019

THE619 Triune God - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

THE645 Pastoral Care - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-external

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

THE614 Apologetics - 3 points
NA 2019

The following unit is no longer available - contact the Academic Chair for advice:

THE616 History of Missions - 3 points
NA 2019

THE624 Ethics - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-external

Research Option - 48 credit points

Years 2 and 3 - 48 credit points

Core Units - 48 credit points

Select a Research Option from those listed below of up to 15 points and select the balance of the points for Years 2 and 3 Core Units from the Coursework Option Year 2 and Year 3 units listed above.

Research Option 1 - 6 credit points

ART6401 Masters by Coursework Research Project - 6 points
MURDOCH: H-internal, H-external, S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external, SUM-internal, SUM-external, Y-internal, Y-external

Research Option 2 - 12 credit points

ART604 Advanced Research Methods - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external
and

ART6402 Masters by Coursework Research Project - 9 points

Research Option 3 - 15 credit points

ART604 Advanced Research Methods - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external
and

ART610 Masters by Coursework Research Dissertation - 12 points
MURDOCH: H-internal, H-external, S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external, Y-internal, Y-external

History of the Reformation Era (THE623)

Nil.

Introduction to Theology (THE505)

Enrolment in graduate-level study.

Masters by Coursework Research Dissertation (ART610)

A Distinction average in coursework and approval of the Academic Chair.

New Testament Exegesis (THE621)

THE507 New Testament and its World

New Testament Greek I (REL209)

Nil.

New Testament Greek II (REL210)

THE103 New Testament Greek I or REL209 New Testament Greek I.

New Testament and its World (THE507)

Enrolment in graduate-level study.

Old Testament Exegesis (THE620)

THE506 Old Testament and Its World.

Old Testament and its World (THE506)

Enrolment in graduate-level study.

Pastoral Care (THE645)

Enrolment in graduate-level study.

Spirituality (THE528)

Enrolment in graduate level study.

Triune God (THE619)

THE505 Introduction to Theology

Turning Points in Church History (THE509)

Enrolment in graduate level study.

PREREQUISITES

Advanced Research Methods (ART604)

Enrolment in Honours or a graduate-level (AQF level 9) course.

Biblical Hebrew I (REL207)

Nil.

Biblical Hebrew II (REL208)

REL207 Biblical Hebrew I.

Church, Ministry and Sacraments (THE663)

THE505 Introduction to Theology

Community Development Theory and Practice (COD545)

Enrolment in a Graduate course.

Emerging Christian Theology: The Creeds (100-500 CE) (THE510)

Enrolment in graduate level study.

Ethics (THE624)

Enrolment in graduate level study.