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| Group | Course | Offerings |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| Graduate Coursework Degrees and Professional Doctorates | | |
| Theology | Master of Theological Studies (MTS) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murdoch campus (internal) • Some units only: Murdoch campus (external) |

THEOLOGY

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (MTS)

Duration: 2 years Full-time or part-time equivalent. Mid year commencement may result in a longer duration due to unit availability.

Availability:

- Murdoch campus (internal) Some units only: Murdoch campus (external)

Other:

The MTS can be completed in 2 years FT if enrolling in S1. Students commencing in S2 will require an additional semester to complete required pre-requisites.

THE620 and THE621 are repeatable units. Students are required to complete these units twice.

For specified electives in year one, students will take either a language or a combination of 2 other units from the specified electives list.

Students enrolled as part of their professional training for ordination in the Anglican church are required to take two language units (from REL207, REL208, REL209, REL210).

Core units are offered every year. Some electives are offered in alternative years. For example, REL207 and REL208 alternates with REL209 and REL210. THE510 alternates with THE663.

This course explores one of the world's oldest disciplines by immersing students in the history, beliefs, texts, and practices of the Christian tradition. Students will gain in-depth and critical knowledge of the main branches of theological study by undertaking units in biblical studies, church history, systematic theology, and practical theology. Students are taught by research-active scholars, embark on a variety of learning experiences, and are challenged to develop their intellectual independence.

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Employment Prospects:

Murdoch graduates of Theology acquire a range of skills which are of interest to employers in a number of industries. Students in Theology training for ordained ministry are selected by their respective churches. In addition, teachers in church schools may be required to study some Theology. Other employment prospects exist within charities and non-governmental organisations, or as youth workers and school chaplains.

Admission Requirements (Onshore):

Recognised Bachelor's degree in a cognate discipline or recognised Honours degree in any discipline. Entry is also possible once satisfactory progress has been made towards the Graduate Diploma in Theology, subject to the approval of the Academic Chair. Consideration will be given to prior learning in Theology for possible advanced standing of up to 24 points of credit toward the Master of Theological Studies.

Master of Theological Studies (MTS)

Main Research Areas:

Old Testament Studies, New Testament Studies, Post-Reformation Church History, Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Spirituality, Sociology of Religion.

Humanities

Restriction: All graduate courses are subject to restriction.

Course Structure - 48 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

THE507 New Testament and its World - 3 points

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

THE620 Old Testament Exegesis - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

THE621 New Testament Exegesis - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

Specified Electives - 6 credit points

Select from the following:

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

THE528 Spirituality - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-external

ART503 Honours Seminar in Arts - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external

TLC501 Communication Skills for Postgraduate Study - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal, S2-internal

Year 2 - 24 credit points

Core Units - 18 credit points

THE620 Old Testament Exegesis - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

THE621 New Testament Exegesis - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

THE619 Triune God - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

THE624 Ethics - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-external

THE623 History of the Reformation Era - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

THE627 Understanding Religion in Australian Society - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

Specified Electives - 6 credit points

Select from the following:

THE510 Emerging Christian Theology: The Creeds (100-500 CE) - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

THE645 Pastoral Care - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-external

THE663 Church, Ministry and Sacraments - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

ART604 Advanced Research Methods - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external

PREREQUISITES

Advanced Research Methods (ART604)

Students should ensure they are familiar with the University's internal regulations, including provisions specifically relevant to their studies. See the University Regulation overview in this Handbook and view legislation online at <http://goto.murdoch.edu.au/legislation/>

Students need to have access to and be able to use computing devices with Internet browsing capability: see <http://goto.murdoch.edu.au/InternetStudy>

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

Communication Skills for Postgraduate Study (TLC501)

Nil.

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

Enrolment in graduate level study.

Ethics (THE624)

Enrolment in graduate level study.

History of the Reformation Era (THE623)

Nil.

Honours Seminar in Arts (ART503)

Enrolment in an Honours degree course.

Introduction to Theology (THE505)

Enrolment in graduate-level study.

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.

Understanding Religion in Australian Society (THE627)

Enrolment in a graduate course.