

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY DEGREE

MCD REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE

Each candidate should gain a copy of the Handbook, Part II, of the Melbourne College of Divinity which contains full details of the Regulations and Working Principles for the BTheol degree. Among other things, the Regulations state:

- The Bachelor of Theology degree consists of a minimum of 360 points (24 semester units worth 15 points each).
- A candidate must complete two majors, or one (1) major and two (2) sub-majors.
- A major is a progressive course of study of 90 points in a discipline, eg. BH, BN, BS, CH, CT, etc, with at least 30 points at third level.
- A sub-major is a progressive course of study of 60 points with at least 30 points at second level.
- Majors may be taken in any Field, but a major in Field A must be accompanied by a major from within Fields B, C or D.
- A sub-major can be completed in any of the Fields of study.

- The course must include the following core requirements:

30 points (2 units)

Old Testament (Field B)

30 points (2 units)

New Testament (Field B)

30 points (2 units)

Church History (Field C)

30 points (2 units)

Systematic Theol (Field C)

60 points (4 units)

Practical Theology (Field D)

- No more than 120 points can be taken in Field A
- No more than 180 points can be taken in each of Fields B, C and D
- Unless otherwise determined (eg. because of credit for units at other tertiary institutions), the course of study shall extend over not less than three years and not more than nine years.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The BTheol is recognized as a degree by legislation of the Parliament of Victoria, under terms of the Melbourne College of Divinity Act (1910-1979).

The BTheol has been accepted by a number of post-secondary institutions in Victoria and interstate for the purpose of credit towards their courses. It is the responsibility of those institutions to determine the

grounds on which such credit will be given and, in particular, the equivalence or otherwise of units in the BTheol course to those offered in their courses. The BTheol is also recognised by the Secondary Teachers' Registration Board for the purposes of registration as a secondary teacher in the State of Victoria. In order to obtain such registration an appropriate course in education must be completed in addition to a recognized degree such as the BTheol.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

(1) NORMAL ENTRY:

Satisfactory completion of a Year 12 Course of Study at a Secondary School in accordance with the requirements of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Board.

(2) EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS ENTRY:

Qualifications enabling admission to a University in Victoria or equivalent qualifications.

(3) PROBATIONARY ENTRY:

The MCD has adopted a scheme of probationary entry for mature age students who are 21 years of age or over at the beginning of the semester in which they enter the scheme. Such students are required to complete a "Qualifying Year" of study consisting of the equivalent of

eight BTheol units of 15 points each from at least two of the four Fields of Study. (Not more than two units may be taken from Field A and not more than four units may be taken from any of the other Fields.) The "Qualifying Year" may be undertaken full or part-time.

Students who have passed in the eight units of the "Qualifying Year" may be admitted as candidates for the BTheol degree and be given credit for the units passed.

STUDY LOAD:

It is a BTheol regulation that a student's workload normally should not exceed 60 points per semester (four semester units). Any exceptions to this requirement must be approved by the ETA Dean.

GRADES

In common with other Associated Teaching Institutions of the MCD, results are published according to the following grading system.

HD	= High Distinction	= 85%+
D	= Distinction	= 75-84%
C	=Credit	= 65-74%
P	= Pass	= 50-64%
F	= Fail	= 0-49%
PP	= Pass where marked on	Pass/Fail basis only
WD	= Withdrawn	
E	= Extension	

[Only two 'E' results will normally be allowed for the duration of the course.]

In order for the degree to be awarded with Honours, candidates are normally required to achieve a standard of H2B or higher.

BTHEOL (HONS)

Students may apply for candidature within the honours programme in a particular discipline or combination of disciplines. All requirements of the BTheol (Pass) are to be met, except that up to 210 points may be taken from the field to which the chosen discipline belongs. The Honours degree comprises 420 points, consisting of a final honours year in addition to the pass degree programme. For full details see MCD Handbook, Part II, which can be obtained from the ETA office.

Applications for entry as an Honours candidate can be made at any time. The Honours Subcommittee meets four times each year. Application should be made in consultation with the ETA Dean.

Students wishing to undertake Honours must ensure that their enrolment for specified units is at Honours level, so that the appropriate grading and second-examining can proceed.

The following grading scale applies:

H1 = 85+
H2A = 75-84
H2B = 65-74
Pass = 50-64

