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ask the eternal questions*

Coursework

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Master of Divinity



MCD postgraduate studies in theology

Postgraduate studies in theology provide enriching and enhancing education for students at advanced academic levels.



Course Information

The MCD Master of Divinity (MDiv) offers a high level of theological study providing an appropriate foundation for further postgraduate study in theology, especially for candidates who complete the degree with Honours.

The innovative and distinctive approach to the theological curriculum of MDiv aims at an integrative, holistic approach to theological study. The study of at least one biblical language (either Greek or Hebrew) is required for all students.

For ordination candidates, the MDiv offers an alternative to the Bachelor of Theology degree, with study in greater depth, and a distinctive

emphasis on integrative studies.

Eligibility for the MDiv

The MDiv is open to candidates with a degree from an Australian University, or to persons who hold equivalent professional qualifications.

International applicants must score 7.0 across all bands with no band under 6.5 of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Details of the MCD MDiv

MDiv students may study full or part time and must complete the course in nine years. The degree may be awarded at pass or honours level. At either level, a total of 18 units (270 points) is required.

The course comprises three types of study:

- **Foundational studies (seven units)** provide a basic introduction to the disciplines of theological study and lay the foundations for further work.
- **Integrative studies (four units)** build on this foundation by taking up questions 'across the curriculum', to encourage a holistic view of the theological disciplines.
- **Specialised studies (seven units)** provide students with the opportunity to engage in detailed study of one or more particular theological disciplines.

All candidates may include a research essay of 12,000

words (30 points). The essay may focus in the area of specialisation, or be of an integrative nature. This option is recommended for those wishing to undertake higher level research.

Honours Degree

The MDiv can be completed with Honours. The following requirements apply in Specialised Studies:

- two of the units (30 points) must be undertaken at postgraduate level, with at least a Distinction grade obtained in both
 - a 12,000 word research essay (30 points, as described above) must be included
- The above studies will be in the area of specialization for Honours. The level of Honours awarded – First, Upper Second or Lower Second – is determined by the Coursework Studies Committee on the basis of the overall results in the honours units and essay. A student who does not obtain at least a Lower Second Class Honours may be awarded the Pass degree.

Students interested in the possibility of Honours should discuss this with the RTI Coursework Studies Coordinator.

Fees

Refer to MCD website, www.mcd.edu.au

FEE-HELP

If you are an Australian citizen, or hold a Permanent Humanitarian visa, you are eligible for a Commonwealth Government FEE-HELP loan. The Commonwealth pays the MCD for your studies. Your loan is repaid through the tax system once their taxation income reaches around \$40,000.

The MCD recommends that all eligible MDiv students consider FEE-HELP and students who make early voluntary repayments to their FEE-HELP loan receive a 10% discount from the Commonwealth.

Further details about FEE-HELP are available on the MCD web site.



Governance and Accreditation

The MCD Coursework Studies Committee manages the MDiv, and each RTI Coursework Coordinator is a member. The Committee reports to the MCD Academic Board, which is responsible to the MCD Council for all matters of academic policy and procedure.

All RTI faculty are approved by the MCD Academic Board to ensure that each is qualified and experienced for their teaching and research work.

Each RTI is audited every five years, reviewing units and courses offered, staff development, and library and learning facilities, in each case with student feedback and planning for future needs and opportunities. The MCD is audited every five years by the Australian University Quality Agency (AUQA): the first took place in 2005, and the AUQA Report on the MCD is on

<http://www.auqa.edu.au>. The MCD is recognized by both Federal and State Governments as a self-accrediting institution. The audits assure students of the quality of their course of study and that it is recognized across the academic world.

Application Process

- Obtain a Postgraduate Coursework Application Form from the MCD website (www.mcd.edu.au) or from one of the Recognised Teaching Institutions.
- Discuss your proposed course of studies with the Coursework Co-ordinator at the RTI of your choice.
- Submit the completed Application form to the MCD office, having ticked the MDiv box and had the form signed by the Coursework Coordinator.

- Unless articulating immediately from an MCD award, the Application fee, and certified photocopies of previous relevant academic qualification(s) and transcripts must accompany the application.

The Associate Registrar will bring the Application to the Coursework Studies Committee for consideration. Approved candidates will then be offered a place in the programme.

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