SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (LITURGY)

Commencing in 2012

The GCTS (Liturgy) has been developed in response to the Catholic Church’s ongoing need for trained liturgists within dioceses, parishes and school communities. This certificate provides a specialised, post-graduate qualification specifically designed to:

- introduce the fundamentals of liturgical studies
- emphasise an up-to-date understanding of the Church’s official teaching on liturgy
- train liturgists in the use of the third edition of the Roman Missal
- provide training for catechesis and celebration of sacraments
- promote appropriate and effective use of music in the liturgy
- explore the Christian conception and celebration of time.

What does the course look like?

The course consists of a total of 40 credit points (cp) comprising 4 compulsory units, each worth 10 cp: Foundations in Liturgy; Sacraments of Initiation; Liturgical Music; and Celebrating Feasts and Seasons.

How will the course be offered?

It will be offered in a variety of flexible learning modes: intensive face-to-face units on weekends, vacation schools, and interactive online units using a combination of real-time online web-seminars and independent online student learning. For its interactive online units, ACU utilises specialist software that enables students to watch, listen and speak to the presenter in real-time, respond and interact via instant-chat facilities, work in small groups, and offer presentations from wherever there is access to a broadband internet connection.

What are the entrance requirements?

To be eligible for admission to the GCTS (Liturgy), an applicant must normally have completed an undergraduate degree in any discipline. Other applications will be considered on merit. International Students must also meet the University’s English language and other requirements.

What will the course cost?

The GCTS (Liturgy) is a fee-paying course. The fee for each unit in 2012 is $1500.00. For some students, this fee can be claimed as an expense against taxable income (see your financial advisor). You may be eligible for FEE-HELP (see http://www.acu.edu.au/276252).

How long does it take?

The course will be offered part-time over 2012-2013, with two units offered each year.

What are my options for further study?

The GCTS (Liturgy) can provide a pathway to the Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies or Master of Theological Studies programs.