SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

What will I learn?
The Master of Theological Studies is a coursework degree for students with some background in Theology. It enables them to develop advanced knowledge and skills in one or more theological disciplines, and to develop skills in communicating that knowledge.

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.

How long will it take?
1 year full-time (or equivalent part-time)

What does the course look like?
The Master of Theological Studies consists of 80 credit points (cp) of study which can be drawn from the following areas: Biblical Studies, Christian History, Interfaith Relations, Liturgy, Ministry, Moral Theology, Philosophy, Practical Theology, Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry (available to special cohorts only), and Systematic Theology. Students are also required to complete at least a 10 cp research project unit.

Students may elect to complete the Master of Theological Studies with a specialisation by completing 40cp in that discipline.

What are my career options?
Graduates in Theology can pursue leadership in a range of careers in areas such as teaching, work in church agencies and ministries, chaplaincy, social inclusion, pastoral work, and social work. They can also pursue careers in other areas that utilise the skills they have acquired in their degree, such as research, journalism and media, administration, and public relations.

What are my options for further study?
Graduates may be eligible to apply for a PhD.

What does it cost?
The cost of the course for local students is borne by the University as part of its Higher Degree Research student program. Students may be eligible for a Research Training Scheme (RTS) place.

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MASTER OF THEOLOGY (RESEARCH)

What will I learn?
The Master of Theology (Research) is a higher degree by research that can be undertaken either by thesis, or by coursework and thesis. It provides students with substantial background in Theology and preliminary research training with the opportunity to undertake a major piece of theological research in a specialised area.

How will the course be offered?
Preparation of the thesis is under the guidance of a supervisor recommended by the Research Committee of the School of Theology. Those students undertaking the thesis plus coursework option complete a smaller thesis and select two units relevant to the thesis. These units are 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.

How long will it take?
1 year full-time (or equivalent part-time)

What does the course look like?
To qualify for the degree, a student must complete 80 credit points, consisting either of a thesis of 35,000 words, or 2 coursework units and a thesis of 25,000 words.

What are my career options?
Graduates in Theology can pursue a range of careers in areas such as teaching, social inclusion, work in church agencies and ministries, chaplaincy, pastoral work, and social work. They can also pursue careers in other areas that utilise the skills they have acquired in their degree, such as research, journalism and media, administration, and public relations.

What are my options for further study?
Graduates may be eligible to apply for a PhD.

What does it cost?
The cost of the course for local students is borne by the University as part of its Higher Degree Research student program. Students may be eligible for a Research Training Scheme (RTS) place.

Details of the course are available at www.acu.edu.au/316284