Master of Arts (Theology)

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WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?
The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its postgraduate coursework offerings and caring community atmosphere. Committed to excellence, social justice and the pastoral care of students and staff, the University offers a uniquely personal approach to teaching and learning. Notre Dame empowers students to build on their knowledge and experience, sharpen their skills and challenge them to succeed in their chosen field. Notre Dame’s academic staff are specialists in their field and provide students with best practice content and a practical approach to teaching and learning.

The University emphasises the Catholic intellectual tradition through the twin roles of faith and reason. This Tradition values the whole person and promotes the ‘examined life’ as a means to an ethical and informed way of living.

INTRODUCTION
Theology has always held a central place in the life and mission of the Christian community. Its central importance to the life of the community derives from the fact that it is through Theology, that the Church comes to understand its own faith and explains that faith to others.

Education in Theology is indispensable to a person’s development of faith as it is central to the exercise of all ministries, lay and ordained, directed toward the communication and sharing of that faith. It explores important issues such as, among others, the nature of God, the kind of God revealed for us in Jesus Christ, the nature of personal identity and of humanity, human origins and destiny, Christian community and God’s presence with us now in the Spirit.

As a formal discipline, Theology has developed within the Christian tradition as a critical study and interpretation of the sources and forms of that tradition in its significance for the world. Units available in the Master of Arts (Theology) cover five discipline areas:

A) Scripture
B) Church History
C) Systematic Theology
D) Moral Theology
E) Pastoral Theology.

COURSE STRUCTURE
The Master of Arts (Theology) course involves 13 units of coursework and a Supervised Research Project. The 13 units of Theology include four compulsory units and nine other 500-level units chosen from the School of Philosophy and Theology Student Handbook.

The supervised research project involves a close reading and analysis of a particular text in Theology.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
This course is available to applicants who have a recognised Bachelors degree in any discipline. Applications should be received at least one month prior to commencement although early application is encouraged.

MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT
Students may undertake study on a full-time or part-time basis, commencing in first Semester, Winter Term, or second Semester. A full-time equivalent load consists of four units per semester for four semesters.

WHAT IS THEOLOGY?
"Theology comes in two forms, philosophical and religious. Philosophical theology ("natural theology") is a subdivision of philosophy. It uses natural human reason to explore the greatest of all questions, the questions about God. Religious theology (or "revealed theology") is a rational exploration of the meaning and consequences of faith in a revealed religion – in our case, the "deposit of faith" or "Sacred Tradition" of the Catholic Church which comes from Christ and His apostles, and the scriptures they wrote" (Peter Kreeft, 2009).

FURTHER INFORMATION
The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. Further information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself can be found in the Notre Dame Course Guide.

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