



# Study at Trinity College Theological School

Faithful learning for faithful living



**TRINITY COLLEGE**  
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL



**UNIVERSITY**  
OF DIVINITY





## FROM THE DEAN

Trinity College Theological School was founded in 1877 and we are proud to be one of Australia's leading providers of theological education, offering accredited courses through the University of Divinity. Our teaching staff are leaders in their fields, and we pride ourselves on the quality of our teaching.

Trinity offers programs tailored to both lay and ordained ministry, as well as to those interested in theology purely as an academic study. Our Continuing Education program also offers seminars for anyone interested in topics such as the Bible, the modern church and social justice.

We would be delighted to welcome you for a visit or to chat about your future at any time.

**The Revd Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacher**  
Dean, Trinity College Theological School



## FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Trinity is one of 10 colleges within the University of Divinity. Founded in 1910 with Trinity College as an inaugural partner, the University brings together students, staff and researchers from more than 30 churches and religious orders. As a student, you can access the rich library resources across the University and enrol in units taught at any of the colleges.

For a number of years, the University of Divinity has been the highest ranked university in Australia for student satisfaction (see [qilt.edu.au](http://qilt.edu.au)), while our research is regularly assessed as world standard. If you are thinking about studying any aspect of theology, we invite you to join our diverse community as we address contemporary issues through critical engagement with Christian theological traditions.

**Professor Peter Sherlock**  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Divinity

## STUDY IN MELBOURNE OR ONLINE

- Official training college of the Anglican Province of Victoria
- University of Divinity accredited diploma, bachelor, master and research qualifications
- Seminars and single-unit courses
- Ordination training for all, regardless of gender or background
- World-renowned teachers
- Supportive and welcoming community

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## THE FLEXIBILITY TO STUDY IN A WAY THAT SUITS YOU

- Take courses on campus, online or both
- Study full-time or part-time, or even take a single unit of study
- Intensive classes available to fast-track your study
- FEE-HELP available to eligible students





## OUR COMMUNITY

Studying at Trinity College means joining a diverse and welcoming community of people from many backgrounds and with many different experiences of church and faith. While our teaching is based on Anglican traditions, we welcome people of all faiths and none.

Whether you're new to theological study or are an experienced academic, we invite you to join our friendly and supportive community.

## OUR APPROACH

Our units cover all fields of theological education including the Bible, theological thought, church history and practical theology. At Trinity, you will encounter sound theology that appreciates tradition but looks to the future.

## OUR ALUMNI

Trinity's alumni have gone on to make significant contributions to the wider church. This includes undertaking parish ministries across the country, leading church agencies, becoming heads of theological colleges and being appointed as deans or elected as bishops, archbishops and primates of the Anglican Church of Australia.

Read alumni stories at [trinity.edu.au/theology-profiles](https://trinity.edu.au/theology-profiles)

## OUR STAFF

Our lecturers are committed to providing academically rigorous and personalised teaching. They conduct their own research and their work regularly appears in respected publications. Most importantly, they are committed to providing the best learning experience possible to help you grow in faith and knowledge.

Meet our faculty and staff at [trinity.edu.au/theology-staff](https://trinity.edu.au/theology-staff)

# **STUDENT SUPPORT**

## **PASTORAL CARE, ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND MENTORING**

Access specialist support for course planning, mentoring, essay writing, thesis preparation and career advice, as well as chaplaincy services. Language skills support may be arranged on request.

## **LIBRARY SERVICES**

Use Trinity's own Leeper Library and the nearby Dalton McCaughey Library, which holds a world-class theology collection. Online resources are also available via the University of Divinity's Library Hub.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Trinity College offers a range of academic, financial need and research higher degree scholarships, as well as studentships for ordinands.

For more details, visit [trinity.edu.au/scholarships](https://trinity.edu.au/scholarships)

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

International students are welcome to join us in the classroom or online. Visit [divinity.edu.au/study/overseas-student-resources](https://divinity.edu.au/study/overseas-student-resources) for information about enrolment dates and visa requirements.





# COURSES

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

### CERTIFICATE IN DIVINITY

- Explore a range of theological, philosophical and ministry-related studies at an entry level.
- Pathway to further undergraduate studies.
- One semester full-time or up to two semesters part-time.

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### DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

- Entry-level award that introduces the Bible, theology and ministry. Eight units designed for those new to university study.
- Ideal for any Christian who wants to deepen their faith.
- Helps those considering a call or preparing for ministry to develop the skills needed to serve the church and world.
- Pathway to further study, especially for those without formal university entrance qualifications.

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### ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

- Builds on Diploma of Theology.
- 16-unit course, equivalent to two years full-time.
- Graduates can proceed, with credit, to Bachelor of Theology.

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### BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

- Examine life and faith through the study of scriptures, theological traditions and historical contexts.
- Develop research and communication skills, and prepare for further theological study.
- Covers most of the academic requirements for ordination within the Anglican Church of Australia.
- Provides necessary knowledge and experience to be a lay leader or church worker.
- Three years full-time or up to nine years part-time.

# GRADUATE COURSES

## **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY OR GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DIVINITY**

- Three-unit introductory awards for those who already hold a degree in another field.
- Serves as an introduction to the broad field of study of theology or philosophy.
- Graduate Certificate in Theology lays sound foundations in selected theological disciplines within Biblical Studies, Systematic Theology, Church History, Mission and Ministry, while the Graduate Certificate in Divinity allows broader subject choices.

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## **GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY OR GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DIVINITY**

- Introductory awards for those who already hold a degree in another field.
- Serves as a foundation for the study of theology or philosophy.
- Graduate Diploma of Theology is a six-unit course, where three units must be foundational, while the Graduate Diploma in Divinity allows exploration of multiple areas of interest.
- Graduates can proceed, with credit, to any master degree program.

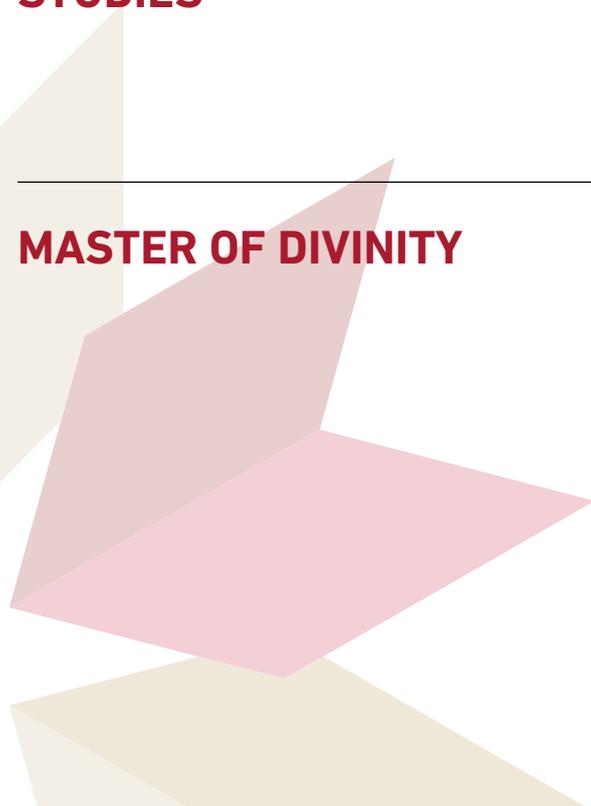
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## **MASTER OF THEOLOGY (COURSEWORK) OR MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

- Advanced awards that deepen engagement with selected areas of theology.
- 10 or 12-unit award respectively, including a capstone unit or a 16,000-word minor thesis.
- Coursework students prepare for professional practice and further learning.
- Theological studies graduates can proceed, with partial credit (up to nine units), to the Master of Divinity.

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## **MASTER OF DIVINITY**

- Lays sound foundations in key theological disciplines of Biblical studies, Christian thought and history, and Christian life and ministry.
  - Requires in-depth study in at least one specialisation.
  - 18-unit award, including a capstone unit or a 16,000-word minor thesis.
  - Graduates are qualified as lay leaders and church workers, and complete most of the academic requirements for ordained ministry.
  - Graduates who complete a research essay to a specified standard may be eligible for admission to a higher degree by research.
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# COURSES

## GRADUATE RESEARCH DEGREES

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

- Study one unit in research methodology and a 16,000-word minor thesis (worth two units).
- Prepare for a higher degree by research.
- Survey a range of research methodologies and undertake a short piece of original research.

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### MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

- Write an extended thesis of 50,000 words and apply advanced knowledge in a range of contexts.
- Attend a minimum of eight hours of research seminars each year.
- Course usually completed over three semesters full-time or up to three years part-time.

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### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)

- Submit a thesis of not more than 100,000 words for external examination (a supervised publication portfolio or exegeted research project may also qualify).
- Attend a minimum of eight hours of research seminars each year.
- Course usually completed over three years full-time or up to six years part-time.

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### EVENTS AND SHORT COURSES

Engage critically with issues from a contemporary Anglican perspective. Suitable for lay and ordained community members.

# MINISTRY EDUCATION

## MONDAY PROGRAM

Regular classes in the Ministry Education Program (run by the Ministry Education Centre) are run every Monday. Join morning prayer, formal classes, guest lectures, break-out learning sessions, communal worship, ministry integration and the Eucharist. Informal drinks usually end the day.

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## SUPERVISED THEOLOGICAL FIELD EDUCATION (STFE)

Participate in a ministry placement with a trained supervisor within a parish, agency and school. Develop skills for ministry and a capacity to reflect theologically on ministry experience.

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## CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE)

Offered through the University of Divinity in partnership with the Association for Supervised and Clinical Pastoral Education in Victoria (ASACPEV), units are generally completed in hospital or clinical contexts, but some can be undertaken in other ministry contexts.

Visit [trinity.edu.au/theology](https://trinity.edu.au/theology) for more information about courses and units.

# APPLY AND ENROL

To apply, submit an application and make an appointment with us to discuss your proposed course or units.

For more details, visit:  
[trinity.edu.au/theological-school/apply-and-enrol](https://trinity.edu.au/theological-school/apply-and-enrol)

Of course, we're free to chat if you want some guidance on what to study. Email [tcts@trinity.edu.au](mailto:tcts@trinity.edu.au)



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