



Transforming Faith and Life

Study at
Yarra Theological Union

2018
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We seek to promote and resource the participation of all people in the mission of God, for the building up of a healthy church and for the transformation of the world.

The Yarra Theological Union 2018 Prospectus is intended as an introductory guide to students who may wish to apply to study at the College.

Interested students should first seek an appointment with the Yarra Theological Union Dean to discuss what is the best program of studies to suit their needs.

Students who are ready to enrol may either fill out an application in person at the initial interview, or download a form from the University of Divinity website (divinity.edu.au) and return the completed form with the relevant documentation to the Yarra Theological Union office.

Potential students who wish to find out more about theological education at the University of Divinity, or who would like to discuss their application, are encouraged to contact the Yarra Theological Union Office.

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About Yarra Theological Union

Yarra Theological Union (YTU) is a College of the University of Divinity, Australia's only specialised university.

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION IS

- a centre for theological education and ministerial formation for men and women and seminarians, especially religious and lay people;
- a College in the Catholic tradition, under the auspices of eight religious orders;
- open to all who would wish to enrol from any church background;
- a place of hospitality and welcome;
- committed to being a community of scholarship, prayer and pastoral care.

Yarra Theological Union was originally founded in 1971 by the Carmelites, the Franciscans, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and the Passionists. Over the years other orders joined: the Redemptorists (Australian and New Zealand Provinces), Pallottines, Dominicans, Divine Word Missionaries, the Discalced Carmelites and the Blessed Sacrament Congregation. Graced by the generosity of the Franciscan Friars YTU is located at St. Paschal Friary.

On 18th January 1973, YTU was granted formal recognition as an institute of priestly formation by the then Archbishop of Melbourne, James Cardinal Knox. In September 1973, YTU, together with the Catholic Theological College in Clayton and the United Faculty of Theology in Parkville, was approved by the University of Divinity (then MCD) as a College with the right to teach for the degree of Bachelor of Theology. This was extended to approving the right to teach towards the postgraduate degrees of Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology in 1975.

Over recent years YTU, together with the other colleges of the University of Divinity (UD), has extended its teaching program to provide postgraduate units for candidates for the degrees of Master of Theological Studies, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy, and, from 2018 Master of Education and Theology.

Building a Healthier Church

YTU aims to contribute to the building up of healthy models of ministry and church life through theological teaching and research.

Carrying forward this aim has two aspects: healthy practice and cultural change.

To build a healthy church, we need to promote and resource healthy practice of being church and doing ministry.

To build a healthy church also requires us to change and transform the culture of the church, to move away from clericalism

to a more participatory and collaborative mode of being church. We believe this renewed way of being church can be found and resourced from within the Catholic tradition.

YTU seeks to progress both these aspects of its project by its formational practices with seminarians, and through workshops and events aimed at the wider church public. It seeks to embed this aim in its curriculum.



Why study theology?

People study theology for all sorts of reasons. Some study theology to train for ministry whether lay or ordained. Some study theology to help clarify where God is calling them to be. Some study theology to gain a deeper personal understanding of their faith, of the scriptures, or of the traditions of the church. For some people, theological study is like study in the liberal arts, providing a training in thinking and argumentation, and in the breadth and depth of Christian culture. All of these are valid reasons to study theology, and this list is not exhaustive!

Theological graduates use their qualifications as preparation for ministry, as further qualifications to enrich careers in teaching, pastoral care, educational leadership, mission, welfare and many other roles within the churches and beyond.

Whatever your reasons for wanting to study theology I encourage you to come and have a chat with us about how YTU can help you achieve your goals in theological studies.

Reverend Dr Ross Fishburn (Academic Dean)

What our students say

“Studying theology feeds my need to understand the Christian faith I live, to give words to it and to help me recognise the transformation that it affects in my life and the life of my community. YTU is a great place to study theology because over the semester each class becomes a small inclusive learning community that respects, encourages and challenges me in my learning.”

Matthew Tonini O Carm

“I wanted to inform my faith after going through the RCIA programme before baptism. I want my faith to be well-informed, to be challenged and grow, and

to make sense in today’s world. My study is helping me to be more confident, practical and loving as a Christian.”

Elissa Roper

“From the extensive help we received for our applications, to being heartily greeted and oriented on our first day in college; from the provoking theological discussions in the classrooms, to the casual banter in the common room; the vibrancy and spirit of hospitality has made our college experience a standout one. YTU has been for us a life-giving, expansive and inclusive learning community.”

Cassilda Lim and Leonard Koh

Entry Level Units at YTU 2018

NN1000Y | Introduction to Tertiary Studies in Theology

[Associate Professor Michael A. Kelly CSsR]

This not for credit unit introduces students to the methods and skills needed to begin tertiary level study in theology.

BA1000Y/8000Y | Entering the world of the Old Testament: Survey and Method

[Dr Mary Reaburn NDS, Dr Janina Hiebel]

This unit is an introduction to the Old Testament. It consists of a study of the history and geography of biblical Israel, as well as a survey of the literature of the Old Testament and its formation. It includes an introduction to the contemporary critical methodologies used to explore biblical texts and an application of these to specific texts.

BN1000Y/8000Y | Entering the world of the New Testament

[Sr Glenda Bourke SGS]

This unit aims to provide students with a comprehensive overview of the formation, socio-historical setting and literary forms of the New Testament literature. Whilst studying the various books of the New Testament, students will be introduced to contemporary methods of critical biblical interpretation

CH1001Y/8001Y | A Survey of Early and Medieval Church History

[Dr Matthew Beckmann OFM]

This unit introduces students to modern skills in the discipline of history. It also introduces students to the broad sweep of church history from the end of the apostolic era (c.100CE) to the first flowerings of the Renaissance in the mid fourteenth century

CT1003Y/8003Y | Beginning with Jesus

[Dr Ross Fishburn]

This unit introduces the study of theology, its sources and methods, through the study of Christology. It focusses on Jesus Christ, his life and ministry, his death and resurrection, and the subsequent reflection of the Church on his identity.

DM1330Y/8330Y | Introduction to the Theology of Mission

[Associate Professor Jacob Kavunkal SVD]

The unit will begin with the conceptual clarification of the terms mission and missiology followed by an analysis of the biblical foundations of mission and its historical developments leading to the contemporary issues.

DP1001Y/8001Y | Foundations for Pastoral Practice

[Dr David Leary OFM]

This unit will explore two areas underpinning good pastoral practice: human development theory, and theological notions of the self. After exploring theories of human psychological development, the unit will explore how we come to understand the self within a pastoral setting.

DS1000Y/8000Y | Foundations for Christian Spirituality

[Dr Robyn Reynolds OLSH et al]

The unit addresses understandings of spirituality and various approaches to its study (e.g. (i) historical, (ii) theological and (iii) anthropological). Traditional Christian spiritualities, both apostolic and mystical are examined, as well as other selected spiritualities, including indigenous and eco-spiritualities. The unit invites students to relate the study of spirituality to their own personal contexts.

DT1000Y/8000Y | Introduction to Moral Theology: The God I believe in is the God I respond to

[Fr Philip Malone MSC]

This unit explores the essential components for understanding and appreciating Moral Theology as a theological discipline, and its integration with other theological disciplines. Particular emphasis is given to Covenant relationship: the human person made in the image and likeness of God and transformed in the new life of the Risen Christ, and consequently on the principles and processes for making responsible moral choices as a Christian in the context of everyday life.



Undergraduate programs

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

24 units; 3 year full time equivalent

This degree gives students opportunity for both breadth and depth in the range of theological disciplines.

BACHELOR OF MINISTRY

24 units; 3 year full time equivalent

This degree is similar to the Bachelor of Theology, but has a greater emphasis on practical and ministry oriented subjects.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

16 units; 2 year full time equivalent

This is a shorter award in which a student undertakes some basic studies in the key disciplines, and extends those in areas of their choice.

DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

8 units; 1 year full time equivalent

This course is a short award requiring basic study in scripture, theology and church history, together with opportunity to study other units according to choice. It is available as an entry point for those who do not have the usual university entrance requirements.

UPFRONT FEES

\$1548 per 15 point unit of study
AUDIT ENROLMENTS (not for credit study) are available at \$500 per unit

FEE HELP

Students in any University of Divinity course who are Australian citizens, or hold a permanent humanitarian visa, can have their tuition fees met by a loan from the Commonwealth Government.

The scheme is called the Higher Education Loan Program: FEE-HELP for short.

For further details of these awards please consult our website, www.ytu.edu.au, or our 2018 Handbook, which is available from the YTU Office.



Postgraduate coursework programs

Many of these awards are available to those who are university graduates in disciplines other than theology. They allow students who have an undergraduate degree to study theology from the beginning, but at postgraduate level, in a way which honours their educational background and skill.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY

3 units; 6 months full time equivalent

This is a short award, which requires a student to take 3 foundational units in different disciplines, giving a basis for further study.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY [GENERAL]

6 units; 1 year full time equivalent

This one year equivalent award is a good way to explore the basics of theology and delve deeper in a chosen area or areas.

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

12 units; 2 year full time equivalent

This degree offers a great balance between laying a solid foundation for theological study and allowing a depth of study in chosen areas, without needing to cover the whole curriculum.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY (COURSEWORK)

10 units; 1.5 - 2 year full time equivalent

This award is open to theological graduates only, and provides an opportunity to further extend the range of studies already begun in one's primary degree. It's often used by seminarians to complete the range of study required by the church.

MASTER OF EDUCATION AND THEOLOGY

5-9 units (135 points with up to 60 points of credit available); 1.5-4.5 years part-time

This award is designed for teachers as a coursework Master's degree. It offers a high degree of flexibility in the choice of units, and enables teachers to complement and extend their previous learning in both theology and education.

MASTER OF DIVINITY

18 units; 3 year full time equivalent

This is a postgraduate award somewhat similar in scope to the Bachelor of Theology degree.

UPFRONT FEES

\$2400 per 15 point unit of study
AUDIT ENROLMENTS (not for credit study) are available at \$500 per unit

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Specialised Programs

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (GCTRE)

This is a specialised program designed to provide trained teachers with an introduction to theology and biblical studies for the purpose of gaining accreditation to teach religious education in Catholic schools. Four units are taken over a two year period, with each unit requiring 4 days of class time.

UPFRONT FEES

GCTRE unit
\$1600 per 10 point unit of study

GCTRE Integrative unit
\$800 per 5 point unit of study

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

This award is offered through the Siloam program at the Heart of Life Spirituality Centre located on YTU's campus. It may be done full time over one year or part time over two years.

For further details of these awards please consult our website, www.ytu.edu.au, or our 2018 Handbook, which is available from the YTU Office.

RESEARCH AWARDS

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

This degree may be taken by coursework and thesis (2 units and a thesis of 25,000 words) or by thesis alone (thesis of 40,000 words).

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

This degree may be taken by coursework and thesis (2 units and a thesis of 25,000 words) or by thesis alone (thesis of 40,000 words).

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

This degree requires a major piece of directed research, usually through a thesis of 100,000 words.

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

This degree requires a major piece of directed research, usually through a thesis of 100,000 words.



Libraries

Yarra Theological Union has access to no less than five libraries in Melbourne. The principal campus library is St Paschal Library, located underneath the main friary chapel on site. It is the provincial library of the Franciscans and also houses the YTU collection. As well as providing specialist resources in Franciscan studies, the collection is strong in patristic and medieval studies, ancient languages, contemporary theology and art history.

In addition, the libraries of the Carmelites, the Redemptorists and the Divine Word Missionaries provide added resources and may be accessed by YTU students by appointment. The Carmelite Library in Middle Park has a special strength in spirituality. The Redemptorist Library has

a special social justice collection housed in the YTU Study Centre, as well as a library in Kew. The Divine Word Missionaries missiology collection is housed within the St Paschal Library. [Further details can be found in our Handbook, and on the YTU website.] The libraries of the other University of Divinity Colleges may also be used by YTU students enrolled in University of Divinity courses. Recently we have been able to take advantage of the University's Library Hub to provide electronic resources.

The Librarians at St Paschal Library conduct introduction sessions to that library, and to the services offered through the University of Divinity Library Hub at the start of each academic year.

2018 Timetable | Semester One

Monday

9:30am	BA2/3/9017Y	The Twelve Prophets
	CT3/9012Y	The Christian Doctrine of God: The Holy Trinity
1:30pm	NN1000Y	Introduction to Tertiary Studies in Theology
6:00pm	BN1/8000Y	Entering the World of the New Testament
	CH2/3/9230Y	Catholic Social Thought in Australia and Overseas
	DT2/3/9230Y	

Tuesday

9:30am	DL2/3/9010Y	Liturgy: Presiding and Participating in Community Celebrations
	DM2/3/9016Y	Liberating Mission: When Gospel meets Culture
6:00pm	AL1/8011Y	New Testament Greek A
	CT2/3/9016Y	In Search Of A Humbler Church
	DS2/3/9215Y	From Perpetua to Dorothy Day: Women's Spiritual Experience from the Early Church to today
	CH2/3/9215Y	
	DT1/8000Y	Introduction to Moral Theology: The God I believe in is the God to whom I respond

Wednesday

9:30am	DC2/3/9011Y	Canon Law A
6:00pm	AL1/8031Y	Theological German A
	BA2/3/9020Y	Jewish Apocalyptic Literature
	CH1/8001Y	A Survey of Early and Medieval Church History

Thursday

9:30am	CT2/3/9511Y	Martyrs, Minds and Mystics: The Birth of Christian Thought
	CH2/3/9511Y	
6:00pm	BN2/3/9012Y	Matthew
	CH2/3/9011Y	Foundations of Australian Catholicism
	CT3/9017Y	Jesus: Name of Our Salvation
	NR1006Y	Reading the Christian Classics VI

GCTRE Course: 2018 Schedule, see page 12.

INTENSIVE UNITS

DP1/8001Y Foundations for Pastoral Practice, 9:00am-4:00pm, Friday and Saturday: 2 and 3 March; 13 and 14 April; 11 and 12 May.

DP2/9010Y DS2/9010Y Faith, Religion and Spirituality in Contemporary Society, 9:00am-4:00pm, Saturday and Sunday: 24 and 25 February; 24 and 25 March; Saturday 28 April and 19 May.

DR9663Y Leadership for Mission in a Catholic School (MEdTheol), St Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield, 9:00am-4:00pm, Thursday and Friday: 8 and 9 March; 3 and 4 May; and two days online.

2018 Timetable | Semester Two

Monday

9:30am	BA2/3/9018Y	Justice Mercy and Theodicy in the Old Testament
	DM/CT 1/8330Y	Introduction to the Theology of Mission
1:30pm	NN1000Y	Introduction to Tertiary Studies in Theology
6:00pm	BA1/8000Y	Entering the World of the Old Testament
	BN2/3/9018Y	The Gospel of Mark
	DT2/3/9016Y	Equity and Sustainability

Tuesday

9:30am	CT3/9019Y	Human Person: Community and World
	DS1/8000Y	Foundations for Christian Spirituality
6:00pm	AL1/8012Y	New Testament Greek B
	DL/DP/DS 1/8430Y	Doing and Living the Church's Liturgy
	DT2/3/9012Y	Justice and Human Rights
	XS9991Y	A Faith to Live By

Wednesday

9:30am	DC2/3/9012Y	Canon Law B
	DM3/9014Y	Inter-Religious Dialogue in a Multi-Religious Society
6:00pm	AL1/8032Y	Theological German B
	CH2/3/9212Y DS2/3/9212Y	Art History and Spirituality in Western Europe
	CH2/9002Y	A Survey of Early Modern and Modern Church History
	DP3/9005Y	Trauma - A Contemporary Issue Within the Pastoral Setting

Thursday

9:30am	BA2/3/9012Y	Wisdom Literature
	BN2/3/9010Y	The Corinthian Correspondence
6:00pm	CH2/3/9010Y	Reformation Histories and Theologies
	CT1/8003Y	Beginning with Jesus
	CT2/3/9310Y	Signs and Gifts of God: Sacraments of Life and the Church
	DR2/3/9310Y	
	DT2/3/9011Y	Major Issues in Contemporary Moral Theology

INTENSIVE UNITS

BS9662Y Interpreting Biblical Texts (MEdTheol), St Francis Xavier College, Beaconsfield, 9:00am-4:00pm, Thursday and Friday: 23 and 24 August; 20 and 21 September; and two days online.

CT3/9019Y Human Person: Community and World, Eight weeks commencing Tuesday 31 July; and two 9:00am-4:00pm Saturdays: 11 August and 8 September.

DM2/3/9015Y Recent Approaches to Mission, 9:30am-12:30pm, Friday and Saturday: 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 August; and 1, 7 and 8 September.

DP3/9006Y Professional Issues in Pastoral Ministry, 9:00am-4:00pm, Friday and Saturday: 3 and 4 August; 31 August and 1 September; 12 and 13 October.

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education (GCTRE)

2018 Schedule

Box Hill (YTU) Classes | 9:00am-4:00pm

Semester One

DR8601Y | 1st year Introduction to Scripture for Religious Educators
Dates: Sat 17 Feb; Sat 3 Mar; Sat 5 May; Sat 12 May

DR8603Y | 2nd year Foundations of Religious Education
Dates: Sat 17 Feb; Sat 3 Mar; Thu 12 Apr; Fri 13 Apr

Semester Two

DR8602Y | 1st year Jesus Christ Today: Church, Mission, and Sacraments
Dates: Sat 28 July; Sat 11 Aug; Fri 5 Oct; Sat 6 Oct

DR8604Y | 2nd year Making our (Christian) Choices in Life: A Value Added Approach
Dates: Sat 28 July; Sat 11 Aug; Fri 5 Oct; Sat 6 Oct

DR8605Y | 2nd year Integrative Exercise

Mildura Classes | Friday and Saturday | 9:00am-4:00pm

Semester One

DR8623Y | 2nd year Foundations of Religious Education
Dates: Fri 23 Feb; Sat 24 Feb; Fri 20 Apr; Sat 21 Apr

Semester Two

DR8624Y | 2nd year Making our (Christian) Choices in Life: A Value Added Approach
Dates: Fri 27 July; Sat 28 July; Fri 14 Sept; Sat 15 Sept

DR8605Y | 2nd year Integrative Exercise

Ballarat Classes | Thursday and Friday | 9:00am-4:00pm

Semester One

DR8643Y | 2nd year Foundations of Religious Education
Dates: Thu 15 Mar; Fri 16 Mar; Thu 10 May; Fri 11 May

Semester Two

DR8644Y 2nd year Making our (Christian) Choices in Life: A Value Added Approach
Dates: Thu 2 Aug; Fri 3 Aug; Thu 6 Sept; Fri 7 Sept

DR8605Y 2nd year Integrative Exercise



Enrolments for 2018 Academic Year

COURSEWORK STUDENTS' ENROLMENT DATES

Monday 27 November –
Friday 15 December 2017

Monday 22 January –
Wednesday 14 February 2018

HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH (HDR) ENROLMENT DEADLINES

Wednesday 15 November 2017
Sunday 15 April 2018

INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday evening 14 November 2017
(7:30pm – 9:00pm)

Please phone to make an appointment for
an alternative time.

All students need to
enrol personally by
appointment through
the Yarra Theological
Union Office.

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03 9890 3771



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Visit our website to find out more about Yarra Theological Union, or to look at the online version of our 2018 Handbook.

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Tawny Frogmouth: detail of two tawny frogmouths in the St Paschal cloister, page 1; **Holy-water font in St Paschal Chapel:** detail of the marble statue of a kneeling angel, made in Italy and imported to Melbourne some time before 1935, by Herbert

Credgington & Co., page 1; **St Francis of Assisi:** statue in the cloister garden, St Paschal Friary; and in the foreground, a garden ornament of birds, page 1; **Tau Cross:** crafted by Paul Shields, using four different Australian timbers (2015), reproduced with permission, page 2; **Cloister – Joseph McKay, OFM:** in St Paschal Friary, page 8; **The Recording Angel:** detail of the bronze figure from the 19th century French mantle clock in St Paschal Library, page 9; **St Francis of Assisi (detail),** statue in the cloister garden, St Paschal Friary, page 14; **Students in the cloister garden, St Paschal Friary,** page 15; **Processional Cross (detail), St Paschal Chapel,** page 16.

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