



Transforming Faith and Life

Study at
Yarra Theological Union

2017
PROSPECTUS



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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 2017 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 and, from 2000, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy.

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.

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Revd 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

“When I started studying theology I realized how awesome the whole concept of faith is. Theology changed my very life! YTU has a sense of family and community, of journeying together, of sharing our faith questions.”

-- Erick Niyiragira CP

“I study theology because it gives me enjoyment and pleasure. I’ve always had a faith and I’d like to explore that faith further. YTU is not a hurried place. It’s relaxed and allows for me to get to know other students.”

-- John Varney

“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

“YTU is a very friendly place and lecturers are very helpful. There is a sense that we walk together here.”

-- Agedo Bento O Carm

“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 2017

NN1000Y | Introduction to Tertiary Studies in Theology

[Ass. Prof. Michael 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 Burke, 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 | Early/Medieval Church History (100-1450)

[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

[Ass. Prof. 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

\$1470.00 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 2017 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 ARTS (THEOLOGY)

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 THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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 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

\$2286.00 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
\$1524.00 per 10 point unit of study

GCTRE Integrative unit
\$762.00 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 2017 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).

YTU is in the process of developing a Master of Education and Theology for experienced teachers.

The award will be available in 2018.

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.

2017 Timetable | Semester One

Monday

9:30am	BA2/3/9010Y	Pentateuch
1:30pm	NN1000Y	Introduction to Tertiary Studies in Theology
6:00pm	BN1/8000Y	Entering the World of the New Testament
	CT2/3/9020Y	Cosmos as Creation
	DM2/3/9011Y	A Comparative Study of Religions
	CH2/3/9230Y	Catholic Social Thought in Australia and Overseas
	DT2/3/9230Y	

Tuesday

9:30am	BN2/3/9013Y	The Gospel of John
6:00pm	DT1/8000Y	Introduction to Moral Theology: The God I Believe in is the God I Respond to
	CH2/3/9012Y	Introduction to Early Christian Art and Architecture
	BN2/3/9017Y	Romans
	CT2/3/9350Y	Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
	DR2/3/9350Y	

Wednesday

9:30am	DL2/3/9423Y	Proclaiming the Word of God
	DP2/3/9423Y	
	DM2/3/9470Y	Social Teaching and Aboriginal Australians
	DL2/3/9422Y	Ritual and Pastoral Care
6:00pm	CH1/8001Y	A Survey of Early and Medieval Church History (100-1450)
	DT2/3/9340Y	Human Sexuality and Marriage
	CT2/3/9340Y	
	AL1/8001Y	Hebrew A

Thursday

9:30am	DM1/8330Y	Introduction to the Theology of Mission
6:00pm	CT3/9024Y	Theological Methods
	AL1/8031Y	Theological German A
	DP3/9481Y	Leadership in a Faith Community
	DT2/3/9017Y	Theology and Social Reconciliation
	NR1005Y	Reading the Christian Classics V

INTENSIVE UNITS

DP3/9006Y Professional Issues in Pastoral Ministry *Intensive Fridays and Saturdays* 3-4 March; 7-8 April; 12-13 May.

2017 Timetable | Semester Two

Monday

1:30pm	NN1000Y	Introduction to Tertiary Studies in Theology
6:00pm	BA1/8000Y	Entering the World of the Old Testament
	DT2/3/9012Y	Justice and Human Rights
	DM2/3/9331Y CT2/3/9331Y	Theology in Asia: A Model of Development in Theology
	DT2/3/9016Y	Equity and Sustainability

Tuesday

9:30am	DS1/8000Y	Foundations for Christian Spirituality
	CT3/9019Y	Human Person: Community and World
6:00pm	XS9991Y	A Faith to Live By (<i>capstone unit</i>)

Wednesday

9:30am	DT2/3/9011Y	Major Issues in Contemporary Moral Theology
	BA2/3/9011Y	Psalms
6:00pm	CH2/9002Y	A Survey of Early Modern and Modern Church History (1450 - present)
	DP2/3/9111Y	Ministry in Contemporary Context
	AL1/8002Y	Hebrew B
	BA2/3/9013Y	The Book of Isaiah

Thursday

9:30am	BN2/3/9011Y	Luke-Acts
6:00pm	CT1/8003Y	Beginning with Jesus
	CH2/3/9015Y	Religion in the Age of Faith
	AL1/8032Y	Theological German B
	CT2/3/9310Y	Signs and Gifts of God: Sacraments of Life and Church

INTENSIVE UNITS

CT2/3/9320Y | CH2/3/9320Y | DS2/3/9320Y Mary in the Christian Tradition (team of lecturers)
Intensive Saturdays 5 Aug; 19 Aug; 2 Sept; 16 Sept; 14 Oct; 28 Oct.

DP1/8001Y Foundations for Pastoral Practice 4-5 August; 8-9 September; 20-21 October.

DP2/9010Y Faith Religion & Spirituality [R-M P] *Intensive Saturdays (and some Sundays)* 15-16 July; 29 July; 12 August; 26-27 August; 2 September.

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education (GCTRE)

2017 Schedule

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

Semester One

DR8601Y | 1st year Introduction to Scripture for Religious Educators
Dates: Sat 18 February, Sat 25 February, Mon 3 April, Tues 4 April

DR8603Y | 2nd year Foundations of Religious Education
Dates: Sat 25 February, Sat 4 March, Mon 3 April, Tues 4 April

Semester Two

DR8602Y | 1st year Jesus Christ Today: Church, Mission, and Sacraments
Dates: Sat 29 July, Sat 12 August, Mon 25 September, Tues 26 September

DR8604Y | 2nd year Making our (Christian) Choices in Life: A Value Added Approach
Dates: Sat 29 July, Sat 12 August, Mon 25 September, Tues 26 September

2nd year Integrative Exercise

Mildura Classes: 9:00am-4:00pm

Semester One

DR8621Y | 1st year Introduction to Scripture for Religious Educators
Enquire to the Office for dates

Semester Two

DR8622Y | 1st year Jesus Christ Today: Church, Mission, and Sacraments
Enquire to the Office for dates

Ballarat Classes: 9:00am-4:00pm

Semester One

DR8641Y | 1st year Introduction to Scripture for Religious Educators
Enquire to the Office for dates

Semester Two

DR8642Y | 1st year Jesus Christ Today: Church, Mission, and Sacraments
Enquire to the Office for dates



Enrolments for 2017 Academic Year

COURSEWORK STUDENTS' ENROLMENT DATES

Monday 28 November –
Friday 16 December 2016

Monday 23 January –
Thursday 16 February 2017

HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH ENROLMENT DATES

15 November 2016
Applications for (domestic) HDR admissions,
first semester 2017

15 November 2016
Applications for (international) HDR admissions,
second semester 2017

INFORMATION DAYS

Sunday afternoon 16 October 2016
(2:00pm – 4:00pm)

Tuesday evening 29 November 2016
(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.

Phone

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Want to find out more?

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Visit our website to find out more about Yarra Theological Union, or to look at the online version of our 2017 Handbook.

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