

Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (Liturgy)



Campus

Adelaide, Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Strathfield (muti-mode), online

Duration

2 years (part-time)

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“By studying the GCTS (Liturgy) I have been able to refine my knowledge and skills in liturgy... The interactive mode of the course meant that students came from all over the country which led to fantastic discussion and interaction. The final intensive live unit was the culmination of a wonderfully planned and well taught course.”

Josie Ryan

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The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (Liturgy) provides specialised training for liturgists, religious educators, musicians, clergy, pastoral associates and others preparing and celebrating liturgy in parish, school, campus and chaplaincy settings. This certificate provides a focused, postgraduate qualification specially designed to:

- introduce the fundamentals of liturgical studies
- promote an up-to-date understanding of the Church's official teaching on liturgical celebration
- provide training for catechesis and celebration of sacraments
- teach the principles underlying appropriate and effective use of music in the liturgy
- explore the Christian conception and celebration of time.

HOW IS THE COURSE STRUCTURED?

The course consists of a total of 40 credit points (cp) comprising four compulsory units, each worth 10 cp: Foundations in Liturgy; Sacraments of Initiation; Liturgical Music; and Celebrating Feasts and Seasons.

HOW IS THE COURSE OFFERED?

The program is offered in a variety of flexible learning modes: intensive face-to-

face units on weekends, vacation schools, and interactive online units. These online units use web-seminars so you can watch, listen to and speak with the presenter in real-time; respond and interact via instant-chat facilities; work in small groups; and give presentations online.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You will need to have completed an undergraduate degree in any discipline. We do also consider other applications on merit. International students must meet the University's English language and other requirements.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Please visit the website for the most up to date information on unit fees. Eligible students can apply for FEE-help.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

The course is designed for part-time study over two years, with two units offered each year.

WHAT ABOUT FURTHER STUDY?

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (Liturgy) can provide a pathway to the graduate diploma and Master of Theological Studies.

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UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

THCP514 Foundations in Liturgy

10 cp

Prerequisites: Nil

This unit will introduce you to the fundamentals of liturgical studies. It explores the rituals and symbols of contemporary Roman Catholic liturgy. It introduces the languages of the liturgy and liturgical books and documents, and outlines the theological and pastoral principles governing liturgical celebration. It presents the scriptural and historical foundations of liturgy, and draws forth principles for preparing and evaluating effective liturgies.

THCT502 Sacraments of Initiation

10 cp

Prerequisites: Nil

This unit concerns the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist—within the Catholic tradition. It introduces the idea of sacraments and sacramentality and outlines the scriptural, historical, ritual and theological underpinnings of the Church's initiatory practices. It focuses on both the theoretical and practical aspects of celebrating these sacraments in the Church today and considers the different patterns of initiation for children and adults (RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

THCP516 Liturgical Music

10 cp

Prerequisites: THCP514 Foundations in Liturgy

Music forms an integral part of the Church's liturgy as an artistic expression of the Church's prayer and theology. This unit will sketch the history of liturgical music and explore official Church teaching on music from Vatican II forward. It will concentrate on the use of music in liturgy today exploring its function, forms and purpose, and will draw forth theological and pastoral principles to guide the choice of appropriate music for liturgical use.

THCP510 Celebrating Feasts and Seasons

10 cp

Prerequisites: Nil

This unit examines the Christian conception and celebration of time by exploring the major feasts and seasons of the Church's Liturgical Year. It also studies the purposes of prayer, the Liturgy of the Hours, other types of non-sacramental celebrations, popular devotions and blessings.



Source: Sydney Catholic Schools, Kitty Beale.

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