



Transforming Faith and Life

Study at
Yarra Theological Union

2019
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 2019
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 2019

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

[Fr Albano Da Costa 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.

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 to whom I respond

[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

\$1584 per 18 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 2019 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

\$2448 per 24 point unit of study

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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
\$1632 per 16 point unit of study

GCTRE Integrative unit
\$816 per 8 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.

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.

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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.

The Library Hub - www.divinity.edu.au/library provides access to an extensive range of online resources and a wealth of other library-related information. A Libraries Brochure available online via the Library Hub provides further information about all available libraries. Please note that your ID card and contact details need to be added to each individual library's Management System. This will generally already be done for you at the primary library associated with your home institution. If you wish to access any other library collections, please remember to register at each additional library before you borrow for the first time.

UDCat - <https://divinity.on.worldcat.org/discovery> This is a combined library catalogue that allows the simultaneous searching of multiple University library catalogues.

In addition to St Paschal Library, 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.

All members of the University are entitled to access the University Library Hub, visiting and borrowing rights at all associated libraries, and to receive a **University ID Card**. The same card can be used to borrow from all libraries associated with the University.

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.

Further details can be found in the YTU Handbook and on the YTU website. Any enquiries about University-wide library resources and services can be emailed to library@divinity.edu.au

2019 Timetable | Semester One

Monday

9:30am	CT2/3/9020Y	The Cosmos as Creation
1:30pm	NN1000Y	Introduction to Tertiary Studies in Theology
6:00pm	BN1/8000Y	Entering the World of the New Testament
	BS2/3/9501Y	Exploring the World of Jesus
	CH2/3/9230Y/ DT2/3/9230Y	Catholic Social Thought in Australia and Overseas

Tuesday

9:30am	BA2/3/9010Y	Pentateuch
	DM2/3/9470Y	Social Teaching and Indigenous Persons
6:00pm	CH/DS2/3/9322Y	Mystery as the Heart of the Church
	DM2/3/9011Y	A Comparative Study of Religions
	DT1/8000Y	Introduction to Moral Theology: The God I believe in is the God to whom I respond

Wednesday

9:30am	DL/DP2/3/9432Y	Proclaiming the Word of God
6:00pm	AL1/8001Y	Hebrew A
	BN2/3/9011Y	Luke-Acts
	CH1/8001Y	A Survey of Early and Medieval Church History (100-1450)
	DP2/3/9004Y	Loss and Grief within a Contemporary Pastoral Setting

Thursday

9:30am	DL2/3/9422Y DP2/3/9422Y	Ritual and Pastoral Care: In Sickness and Life's Ending
6:00pm	AL1/8031Y	Theological German A
	CT/DR2/3/9350Y	Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
	CT3/9024Y	Theological Methods

GCTRE Course: 2019 Schedule, see page 12.

INTENSIVE UNITS

CH/CT/DS 2/3/9320Y Mary in the Christian Tradition 9.30am-4.30pm Saturdays 1, 16, 30 March, 4, 18 May and 1 June - Gallery Excursion

DP/DS 2/9010Y Faith, Religion and Spirituality in Contemporary Society, Saturday and Sunday: 30 and 31 March, 4, 5, 18 and 19 May

DR9663Y Leadership for Mission in a Catholic School (METH), 9:00am-4:00pm Saturdays 23 February, 16 March, 4 and 18 May. Plus online learning (12 hours equivalent)

2019 Timetable | Semester Two

Monday

9:30am	-	-
1:30pm	NN1000Y	Introduction to Tertiary Studies in Theology
6:00pm	BA1/8000Y	Entering the World of the Old Testament: Survey and Method
	BN2/3/9013Y	The Gospel of John
	DC/DP9410Y	Principles and Practice for Church Governance
	DT2/3/9016Y	Action for a Fairer World

Tuesday

9:30am	DS1/8000Y	Foundations for Christian Spirituality
	DT2/3/9011Y	Major Issues in Contemporary Moral Theology
6:00pm	BS3/9116Y	Biblical Justice and the Reign of God
	CH2/3/9015Y	Religion in the Age of Faith
	DM/CT1/8330Y	Introduction to the Theology of Mission
	XS9992Y	Pastoral Leadership

Wednesday

9:30am	-	-
6:00pm	AL1/8002Y	Hebrew B
	CH2/9002Y	A Survey of Early Modern and Modern Church History
	CT2/3/9310Y	Signs and Gifts of God: Sacraments of Life and Church
	DR2/3/9310Y	

Thursday

9:30am	BA2/3/9011Y	Psalms
	AL1/8032Y	Theological German B
6:00pm	CH2/3/9011Y	The Foundations of Australian Catholicism
	CT1/8003Y	Beginning with Jesus
	CT2/3/9025Y	Sent to Serve

INTENSIVE UNITS

BN2/3/9017Y Romans - see www.ytu.edu.au for details

BS9662Y Interpreting Biblical Texts (METH), 9:00am-4:00pm, Saturdays 17 and 31 August, 12 and 26 October. Plus online learning (12 hours equivalent).

CH/DS 2/3214Y Death, Dying and Grief: Through the Lens of Art and Spirituality, 9:30am-4:30pm, Saturdays 3,17 and 31 August, 21 September, 12 and 26 October.

DP3/9006Y Professional Issues in Pastoral Ministry - see www.ytu.edu.au for details

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education (GCTRE)

2019 Schedule

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

Semester One

DR8601Y | 1st year Introduction to Scripture for Religious Educators
Dates: Sat 16 Feb; Sat 2 Mar; Mon 8 April, Tues 9 April

DR8603Y | 2nd year Foundations of Religious Education
Sat 23 Feb; Sat 2 Mar; Mon 8 Apr; Tue 9 April

Semester Two

DR8602Y | 1st year Jesus Christ Today: In Church, Mission, and Sacraments
Dates: Sat 27 July; Sat 10 Aug; Mon 7 Oct; Tues 8 Oct

DR8604Y | 2nd year Making our (Christian) Choices in Life: A Value Added Approach
Dates: Sat 27 July; Sat 10 Aug; Mon 7 Oct; Tues 8 Oct

DR8605Y | 2nd year Integrative Exercise

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

Semester One

DR8651Y | 1st year Introduction to Scripture for Religious Educators
Dates: Fri 22 Mar; Sat 23 Mar; Fri 10 May; Sat 11 May

Semester Two

DR8652Y | 1st year Jesus Christ Today: In Church, Mission, and Sacraments
Dates: Fri 16 Aug; Sat 17 Aug; Fri 11 Oct; Sat 12 Oct

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

Semester One

DR8641Y | 1st year Introduction to Scripture for Religious Educators
Dates: Fri 15 Mar; Sat 16 Mar; Fri 3 May; Sat 4 May

Semester Two

DR8642Y | 1st year Jesus Christ Today: In Church, Mission, and Sacraments
Dates: Fri 16 Aug; Sat 17 Aug; Fri 11 Oct; Sat 12 Oct

(REAP) Same program as GCTRE



Enrolments for 2019 Academic Year

COURSEWORK STUDENTS' ENROLMENT DATES

Monday 26 November –
Friday 14 December 2018

Tuesday 14 January –
Wednesday 13 February 2019

HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH (HDR) ENROLMENT DEADLINES

Thursday 15 November 2018
Monday 15 April 2019

INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday evening 13 November 2018, 7:30pm

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
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 2019 Handbook.

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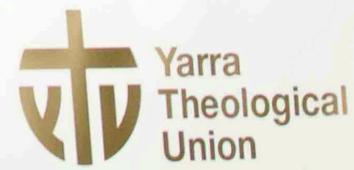
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Hospitality



A place of
hospitality
and welcome

