

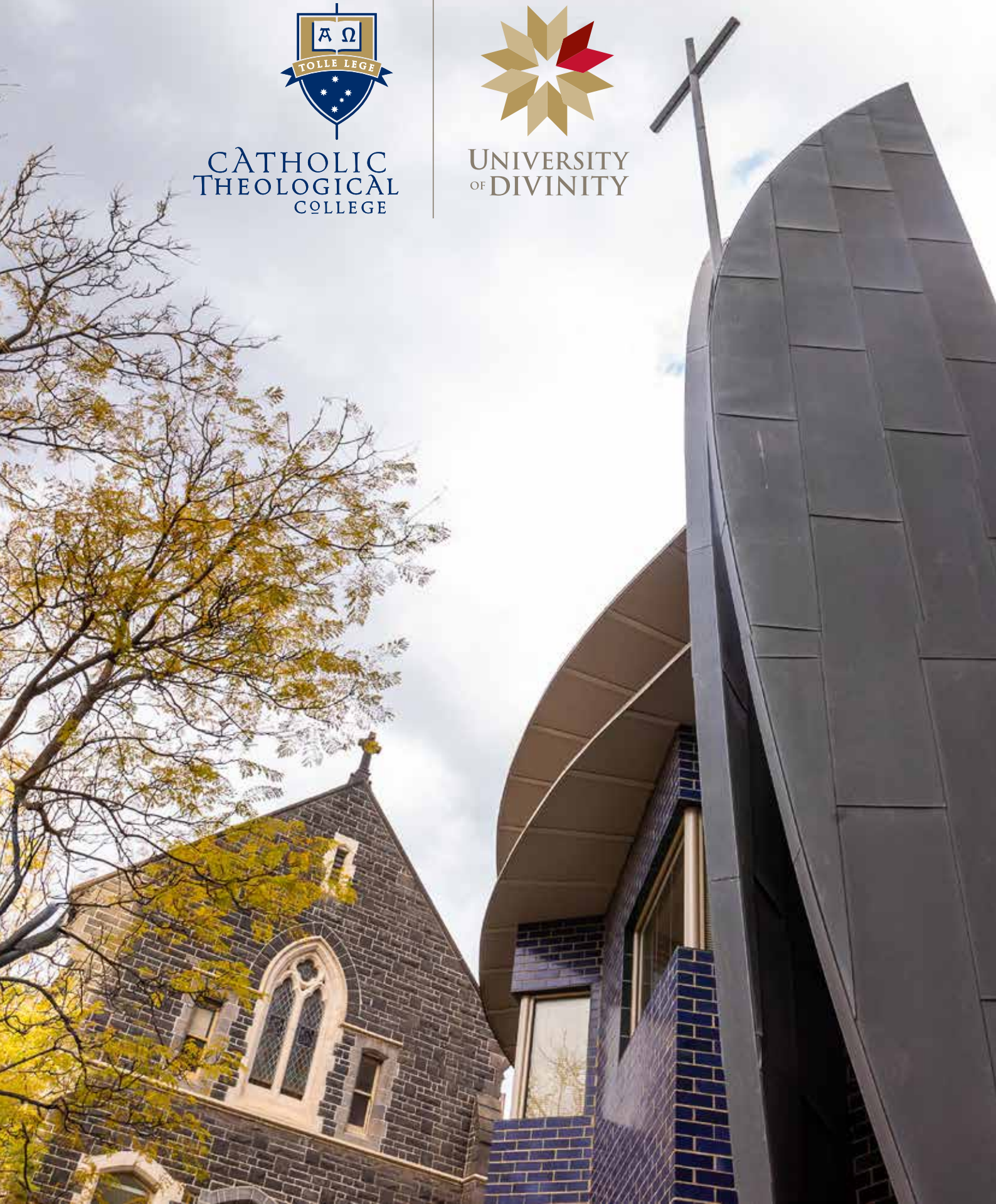
Prospectus 2025



CATHOLIC
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COLLEGE



UNIVERSITY
OF DIVINITY





Acknowledgement of First Nations

We acknowledge that the land on which we study, work, and pray is the sovereign and unceded country of the Wurundjeri and Bunarong nations. We pay our respects to their elders, past and present, who have cared for this country since its creation. We commit ourselves to working for a more just settlement between our First Nations peoples and settlers. In keeping with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, we support the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* and its call for recognition, truth-telling and indigenous voice in Australian society.

Catholic Theological College (CTC) is located in the Thomas Carr Centre whose buildings bring together the historic bluestone of the original Parade College and the award-winning architecture of Gregory Burgess. The back cover features the two merging circles, outlining a vesica pisces (fish bladder), which is an ancient Christian symbol for Jesus.

CTC holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults as a fundamental responsibility of the Church and its agencies. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

Welcome from the Master

It is my honour to present to you this information relating to the 2025 Academic Year at Catholic Theological College.

Catholic Theological College (CTC), a college of the University of Divinity, is a community of learning and research in a range of fields associated with the Christian tradition. It offers opportunities for critical reflection, deeper understanding and exploring ways this tradition can contribute to our contemporary world. We offer studies in philosophy and theology, church history and scripture, spirituality and pastoral studies. Teachers can take initial and continuing studies in religious education and Catholic mission.

CTC brings together a stimulating and supportive mix of private students, men and women religious, and those preparing for the priesthood, with students of all ages and backgrounds. Some attend just a few lectures for personal interest and professional development, others complete undergraduate or postgraduate awards, with growing numbers pursuing research in masters or doctoral degrees. CTC faculty are highly qualified and internationally recognised in their fields.

You may wish to audit lectures for personal interest, participate in professional development offerings, undertake undergraduate or postgraduate awards, or pursue higher research. CTC offers a wide range of in person, online and blended learning options.

At the heart of CTC is the Mannix Library, which continues to add new scholarly resources to a collection that has been built up over one hundred years. Its collection of books, journals and archival materials is surrounded by open and airy study spaces, which encourage its users to 'take up and read' (*Tolle Lege*, St Augustine), as the College motto suggests. It continues to add new digital and print resources and provides information services to students and faculty.

Graduates of the College will use their knowledge and skills in interpreting Christian texts and traditions, in pastoral ministry and spiritual care, in Christian discipleship and the Gospel mission for a just and inclusive society, and to enhance their employment in ministry, education, health, welfare and chaplaincy.

To all of you – enquirers, beginning students and returning students, researchers and auditors – I extend a warm welcome to the learning community that is Catholic Theological College.



Very Rev. Dr Kevin Lenehan
Master

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Why study with us?

CTC is committed to the highest standards of teaching and research in philosophy and theology within the Catholic tradition. It shares in the Church's mission to spread the Gospel, and provides academic formation for people committed to the pastoral service of the Church and the broader community.



#1 University for highest quality overall educational experience.



Customised programs to meet your individual needs.



High quality delivery and support by our experienced staff.



Flexible study options:
Fulltime or part time
Face-to-face or online
or a combination.

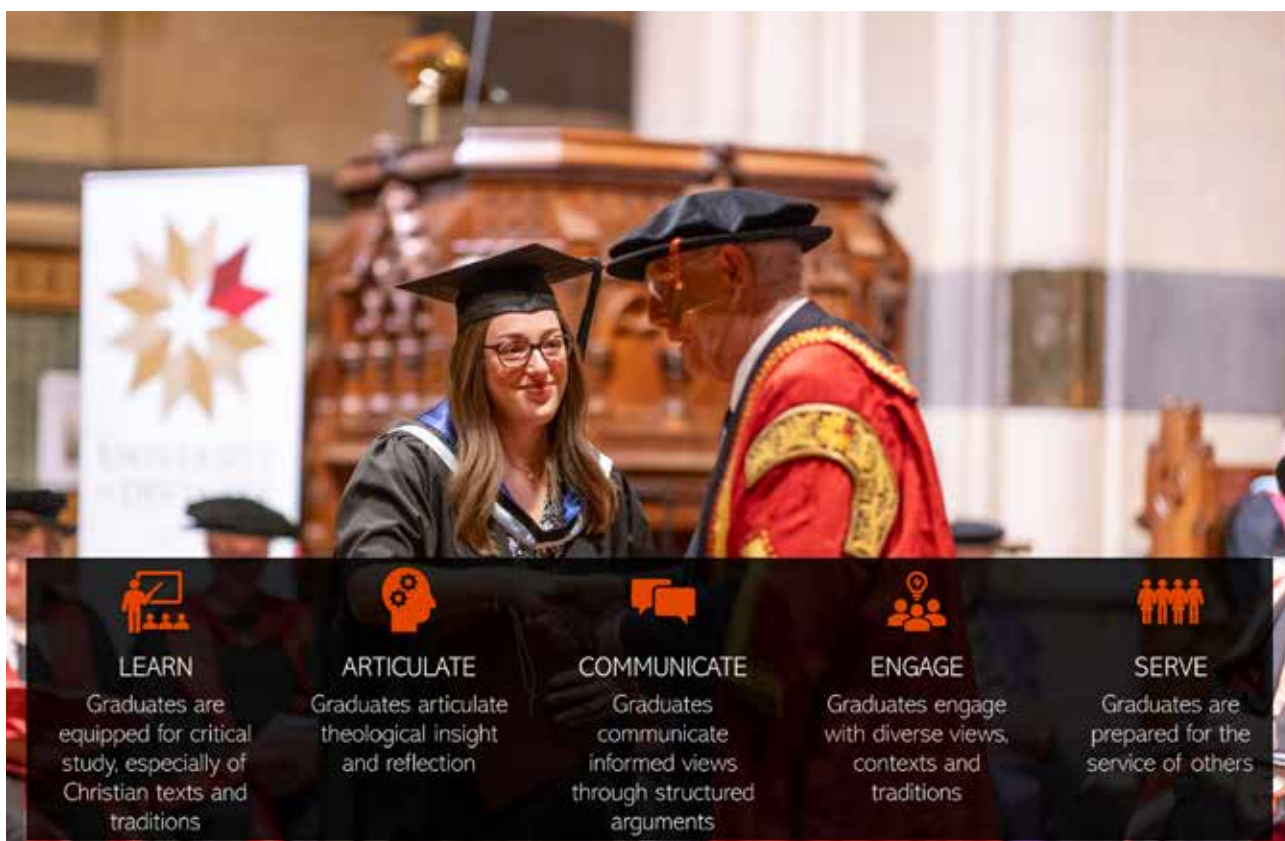


Our campus in East Melbourne is a welcoming space, close to public transport.



CTC offers a range of services available to help make the most of your student experience.

Graduate attributes



Careers and vocations

Our graduates are able to use their skills in many different areas, including:



2024 at a glance

Students

- 35% Undergraduate courses
- 54% Postgraduate courses
- 4% Higher degrees by research
- 6% Audit students

Student types

- 20% Lay
- 69% Seminarian
- 8% Diaconate
- 3% Religious orders

Gender

- 41% Male
- 59% Female

Domestic vs overseas

- 83% Domestic
- 17% Overseas

Unit study modes

- 57% On campus
- 43% Online

1689 alumni since 1977

Affiliated seminaries



Diocesan seminary for
Victoria and Tasmania



Conventual Franciscan Friars



Dominican Friars



Missionaries of God's
Love



Oblates of Mary
Immaculate



Salesians of
Don Bosco



Society of the
Divine Saviour



Society of Jesus



My time at Catholic Theological College has invited me to investigate the early traditions of the Church and discover the depths of spirituality.

The discussions in class (and in the Common Room) provide students with an invitation to learn, critique, discern and broaden one's own thinking.

The support of staff in the holistic development of students demonstrates a particularly compassionate and considerate approach to their operations.

From the moment you walk into the Thomas Carr Centre, you are often greeted with a smile and welcomed by name — not many universities can offer you a personalised experience like that.

Gerry Vytilingam

Undergraduate courses

CTC offers a wide and stimulating program of undergraduate studies in theology and related areas. These studies can be undertaken either for the highly regarded awards of the [University of Divinity](#), or by audit (without assessment or credit) for personal or professional enrichment.

You can study
full-time or part-time
face-to-face, or online, or a combination
weekly or in intensive mode, or on demand

All courses are available to be completed fully online.



Diploma in Theology

Explore a range of theological, philosophical and ministry related studies. Develop new knowledge and skills for your vocation and profession.

Advanced Diploma in Philosophy

Deepen your understanding through a specialised focus on philosophy and theology.

Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry

Deepen your understanding of the key theological disciplines of biblical studies, Christian thought and history, and ministry studies and pastoral practice.

Bachelor of Ministry

Prepare a practical foundation for ministry and deepen understanding of your identity and place in the world.

Bachelor of Theology

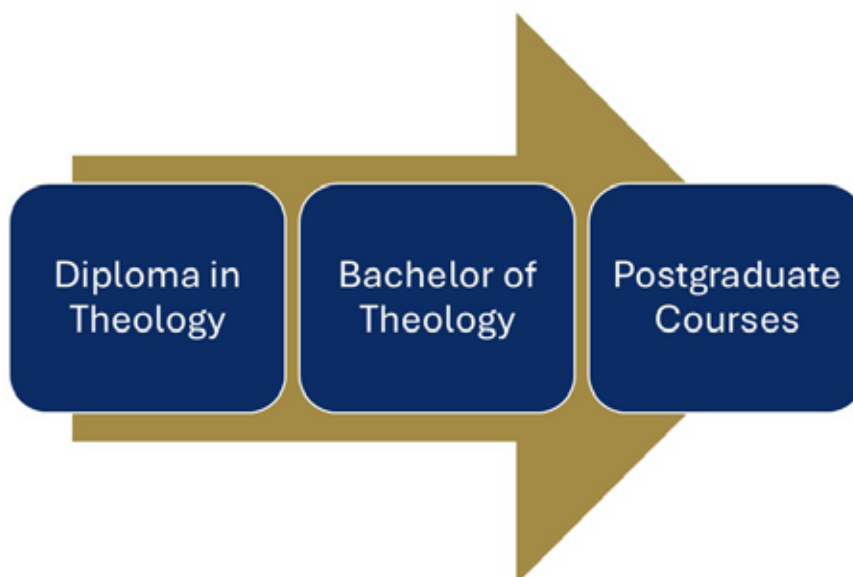
Examine life and faith through the study of scriptures, theological tradition and historical contexts.

Compare our courses

	Duration (full-time)	Duration (part-time)	Entry	Number of units	Cricos registered
Diplomas					
Theology	1 year	4 years	Sem 1 or 2	8	Yes
Advanced Diplomas					
Philosophy	2 years	8 years	Sem 1 or 2	16	Yes
Theology and Ministry	2 years	8 years	Sem 1 or 2	16	Yes
Bachelors					
Ministry	3 years	9 years	Sem 1 or 2	24	Yes
Theology	3 years	9 years	Sem 1 or 2	24	Yes

All courses are available to students studying outside of Australia.

Possible pathway



To find out more scan the QR code or visit: ctc.edu.au/study/undergraduate-courses/



A snapshot of student life



My time at CTC has been both educational and enlightening, the smaller class sizes and experienced lecturers have nurtured my learning as well. Bradley Proud



Studying at CTC is peaceful and reflective. The staff and lecturers are always supportive of my faith learning journey. Simeon Anthony



Being a student at CTC has been a blessing. From the depth of interactions between the students, to the support of the lecturers, it has been grace-filled. Olek Stirrat





Through the years of my faith journey, finding CTC was the best gift that I could ever receive. I learned that our Catholic faith is deep in truth and wisdom, thanks to CTC's amazing lecturers that have guided me through my studies. I am forever grateful. Grateful to meet so many theologians, brothers, sisters, priests and lay.

Thanks be to God.

Juliet Oei

Postgraduate courses

The wide range of postgraduate studies available at CTC makes further study in theology and philosophy accessible to students with varying undergraduate backgrounds and diverse interests. **All courses are available to be completed fully online.**

Graduate certificates

- **Divinity:** Introduces you to the fields of divinity, theology, and philosophy.
- **Theology:** Introduces you to theological study by developing or deepening your knowledge and skills in theological disciplines.
- **Research Methodology:** Prepares you for a higher degree by research by learning methods of theoretical and empirical research and completing a Minor Thesis (of 16,000 words).
- **Spirituality:** Introduces you to the study of Christian spiritual texts and practices which enables you to understand your own spiritual experiences.
- **Teaching Meditation:** Develops your skills of teaching meditation and meditative prayer in a variety of situations.
- **Teaching Religious Education:** Develops and deepens educators' understanding of scripture, theology and religious education for classroom practice.

Graduate diplomas

- **Divinity:** Provides foundational studies in theology or philosophy and associated disciplines.
- **Theology:** Explores the area of theology and Christian theological traditions and practices.
- **Pastoral and Spiritual Care:** Develops your skills and strategies for effective pastoral mission and practice.
- **Philosophy:** Examines the interplay between philosophy and Christian theological traditions.
- **Spirituality:** Explores your own spiritual experience in light of key theological themes and approaches in spirituality.

Masters

- **Education and Theology:** Educators learn and apply advanced knowledge and skills in education and theology in faith-based school context.
- **Theological Studies:** Learn or broaden your knowledge of theology and its associated disciplines.
- **Theology:** Develop advanced knowledge and skill and prepare for research in theology and its associated disciplines for students with an undergraduate degree in theology or ministry.
- **Pastoral and Spiritual Care:** Learn and apply knowledge and skills in the areas of pastoral and spiritual care, and theology, in preparation for professional practice.
- **Philosophical Studies:** Broaden your philosophical knowledge in relation to theological studies and be prepared for further learning.
- **Spirituality:** Acquire advanced understanding of the theological and spiritual foundations, spiritual growth, and apply these new skills in individual and community life in the Christian tradition.

Compare our courses

	Duration (full-time)	Duration (part-time)	Entry	Number of units	Cricos registered
Graduate Certificates					
Divinity	6 months	2 years	Sem 1 or 2	3	No
Research Methodology	NA	2 years	Sem 1 or 2	2	No
Spirituality	6 months	2 years	Sem 1 or 2	3	No
Teaching Meditation	NA	2 years	Sem 1	3	No
Teaching Religious Education	NA	2 years	Sem 1	4	No
Theology	6 months	2 years	Sem 1 or 2	3	Yes
Graduate Diplomas					
Divinity	1 year	3 years	Sem 1 or 2	6	Yes
Pastoral and Spiritual Care	1 year	3 years	Sem 1 or 2	6	No
Philosophy	1 year	3 years	Sem 1 or 2	6	No
Spirituality	1 year	3 years	Sem 1 or 2	6	No
Theology	1 year	3 years	Sem 1 or 2	6	Yes
Masters					
Education and Theology	1.5 years	4.5 years	Sem 1 or 2	9	Yes
Pastoral and Spiritual Care	2 years	6 years	Sem 1 or 2	12	No
Philosophical Studies	2 years	6 years	Sem 1 or 2	12	No
Spirituality	2 years	6 years	Sem 1 or 2	12	No
Theological Studies	2 years	6 years	Sem 1 or 2	12	Yes
Theology	2 years	5 years	Sem 1 or 2	10	Yes

All courses are available to students studying outside of Australia.

To find out more scan the QR code or visit: ctc.edu.au/study/postgraduate-courses/



Research at CTC

As a college of the [University of Divinity](#), CTC has a long tradition of research excellence, and produces world-class research in all theological disciplines. The University actively fosters a vibrant research culture through publications, conferences, seminars, and visiting scholars.

Many of our graduates have gone on to academic positions in Australia and overseas, and CTC along with the University of Divinity has a success rate well above the national average.

As a research student you will be part of this vibrant and dynamic research culture that opens up new possibilities for future employment, collaboration, conferences and publications.

Research Units

- [Research Methodologies](#)
- [Minor Thesis](#) (16,000 words)

Research Degrees

- [Master of Philosophy \(MPhil\)](#): 40,000 word thesis
- [Doctor of Philosophy \(PhD\)](#): 100,000 word thesis
- [Doctor of Professional Practice \(DPP\)](#): 65,000 word thesis and advanced coursework units

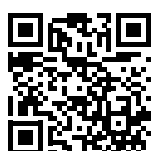


Current research topics include:

- Book of Revelation
- The church in Sandhurst
- Ignatian spirituality
- John of the Cross and the contemporary desire for authenticity (Charles Taylor)
- Contemplation and spiritual authority
- Unity of body and mind
- Unity of language, thought, and symbol
- Charism and Catholic identity
- Charismatic dynamic of the Catholic church in Australia
- Marian spirituality
- Young Christian Workers
- Von Balthasar and Rahner
- Intimacy of suffering
- Transcendental ego and intersubjectivity in Husserlian literature

To find out more scan the QR code or visit:

ctc.edu.au/study/research/



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Admission



Every applicant's program is customised to meet their individual needs.
Students apply directly with us.

How to apply

You will need to attend an interview with a course advisor to discuss your options, choose your course and units of study.

Contact the Registrar who will refer you to the appropriate course advisor.

2025 fees

Audit:	\$650 per unit	Higher Degrees by Research*:
Single unit:	from \$2,109 per unit	Full-time: \$19,608 per annum
Undergraduate*:	from \$2,109 per unit	Part-time: \$9,804 per annum
Postgraduate*:	\$3,268 per 24-pount unit	

* These courses are eligible for [FEE-HELP](#).

To find out more scan the QR code or visit:
ctc.edu.au/study/apply/



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Enrolment categories



Domestic

- An Australian citizen
- An Australian Permanent Resident
- A New Zealand citizen and is residing in Australia or studying from overseas.

Overseas

- A temporary resident of Australia
- A permanent resident of New Zealand
- A resident or citizen of any other country
- For more information see page 17.

On-shore

Residing in Australia for the semester and is undertaking a program of study.

Off-shore

Residing overseas for the semester and is undertaking a program of study.

Undergraduate

Undertaking an undergraduate course.

Postgraduate

Undertaking a postgraduate course.

Higher degrees by research

Undertaking either the Master of Philosophy, the Doctor of Philosophy, or the Doctor of Professional Practice.

Audit

Undertaking a unit without assessment or academic credit.

Single unit

Undertaking a unit with assessment, and without enrolling in a degree.

Cross-institutional

Students from other universities can undertake units at CTC and have them credited to the award in their home university.

Overseas students

CTC welcomes overseas students and provides students with a safe, enjoyable and rewarding place to study. You will be provided with a quality education.



Onshore

Studying in Australia

- On a Student Visa: Must study full-time and face-to-face
- On another type of visa: May study full-time or part-time (*some restrictions apply*)

Offshore

Studying outside of Australia

- Do not need a visa
- Do not need to study full-time

Language requirements

All overseas students must meet the requisite English language proficiency level for admission to their course, as specified in the University of Divinity Admission Policy, Schedule A: divinity.edu.au/documents/admissions-policy/

Coursework students

IELTS test result with an overall score of 6.5 and no individual band score under 6.0, or an equivalent test.

Higher Degrees by Research

IELTS test result with an overall score of 7.0 and no individual band score under 6.5, or an equivalent test.

To find out more scan the QR code or visit: ctc.edu.au/study/overseas-students/



Mannix Library

provides learning resources and information services in all fields of theology, philosophy and ministry. The library provides access to over 130,000 print and over 150,000 electronic book and journal volumes, as well as a range of other online resources.

It serves the education and research needs of Catholic Theological College faculty and students, other members of the University of Divinity, and subscribed members of the public.

Founded in 1923 as part of Corpus Christi College in Werribee, it is now owned and operated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne in East Melbourne.



In focus



Explore areas particular to your interest or for career opportunities:

Pastoral and spiritual care

Mission and ministry

Education

Professional development

Pastoral and spiritual care

CTC offers an approach to Christian pastoral anthropology that encompasses the whole person

We offer foundation or enrichment courses for formation in the areas of pastoral and spiritual care, and for leadership in safeguarding.

We can help you develop your skills and knowledge as carers, and to explore your research interest in pastoral theology, chaplaincy, spiritual or pastoral practice.



Ideal For

- Pastoral workers
- Chaplaincy
- Lay ministry formation
- Wellbeing officers
- Spiritual and pastoral carers
- Teachers
- Pastoral associates
- Safeguarding officers
- Counsellors and psychologists
- Spiritual directors

Courses

- [Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry](#)
- [Bachelor of Ministry](#)
- [Clinical Pastoral Education](#)
- [Graduate Diploma in Pastoral and Spiritual Care](#)
- [Master of Pastoral and Spiritual Care](#)

To find out more scan the QR code or visit:

ctc.edu.au/future-students/pastoral-and-spiritual-care/



Mission and ministry

CTC offers a range of units and courses tailored to parish life and liturgical ministries suitable for experienced and beginning leaders, staff, and volunteers.

We offer introductory and enrichment programs in areas of parish ministry, liturgy and catechesis, pastoral and spiritual. You can develop your skills and pursue your research interests.



Ideal For

- Pastoral associates
- Pastoral workers
- Parish leadership team
- Parents and catechists
- Sacrament teams
- Liturgy and RCIA coordinators
- Bereavement and funeral teams
- Safeguarding committees

Courses

- [Diploma in Theology](#)
- [Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry](#)
- [Bachelor of Ministry](#)
- [Bachelor of Theology](#)
- [Graduate Certificate in Divinity](#)
- [Graduate Certificate in Theology](#)

To find out more scan the QR code or visit: ctc.edu.au/future-students/mission-and-ministry/



For educators

Learning opportunities for teachers and leaders in Catholic Schools

CTC offers a range of tertiary awards and professional learning programs to enable students to gain and maintain Accreditation to Teach in Catholic Schools, and Accreditation to Teach Religious Education and Lead in Catholic Schools.

Teachers should check with diocesan school authorities to ensure particular courses meet local accreditation requirements.



The **Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education** is ideal for teachers new to teaching religious education or seeking accreditation to teach RE in a Catholic school.

Duration and load

4 units

Teachers typically complete one unit per semester over two years.

Benefits

May fulfil requirements for diocesan accreditation to teach RE in a catholic school. Consult your local education office.

The **Master of Education and Theology** is ideal for teachers with at least two years' experience who wish to develop their understanding of theology in an education context.

Duration and load

9 units

With credit for previous study, typically completed over 3 years.

Benefits

Enhances graduate capacity for leadership in faith in Catholic education sector.

To find out more scan the QR code or visit: ctc.edu.au/future-students/for-educators/



Professional development

Engaging Your Faith

Engaging Your Faith (EYF) is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world.

Experienced academics from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as:

- Religion and ethics
- Philosophy
- Scripture/biblical studies
- Moral theology
- Spirituality
- Science and religion
- Ecumenism
- Artificial intelligence
- Church history
- Education



Accreditation

These sessions are eligible for **maintaining accreditation** in Catholic schools in all Victorian and Queensland dioceses. In other dioceses, teachers should check with their education office.

Fees

- \$25 per session: General audience
- \$40 per session: Teachers applying for Catholic school accreditation

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