

NZDCS: NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Qualification structure - general

Provisional; awaiting NZQA approval.

NZDCS information:

- This is a Level 6 qualification on the National Qualification Framework
- The qualification is 120 credits
- If studied full-time, it will take 1 year to complete the qualification = 1 EFT
- The NZDCS is made up of 8 papers; each paper is worth 15 credits
- To gain entry into this qualification there is a prerequisite: students will need a level 5 qualification in Theology, Religious Education or related field before enrolling in the NZDCS.

New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 6) - stream: Christian Leadership

This stream has

- Eight compulsory papers
- No electives

New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 6) - streams: Pastoral Ministry, Religious Education and Theological Studies

Each of these streams are structured as follows:

- Three specialist papers
- One History paper
- Two Scripture papers
- Two Theology papers



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Detailed qualification structure for each stream

These are provisional until the qualification is NZQA approved.

NZDCS - Christian Leadership

All EIGHT Core Papers:

- LD601 Leadership and Ministry
- LD602 Liturgical Leadership and Practice
- SC636 Models of Biblical Leadership
- LD603 Values and Ethics in Leadership
- TH601 The Sacraments Today
- TH602 Jesus the Christ
- TH603 Renewing the Church
- TH609 He Turanga Whakaaro - A place from which to share

Note: there are no electives for this stream.

NZDCS - Pastoral Ministry

All THREE Core Pastoral Ministry Papers:

- PM601 Traditions of Prayer
- PM602 Celebrating Liturgy
- PM603 Christian Initiation

History Elective: ONE of the following:

- TH606 The Church in Time and History
- TH620 Studies in Church History
- Or choose one History paper from Schedule 1

Scripture Elective: TWO papers required:

- Choose two Scripture papers from Schedule 2

Theology Elective: TWO papers required:

- Choose two Theology papers from Schedule 3

NZDCS - Religious Education

TWO Core Religious Education Papers:

- RE601 What Makes a School Catholic?
- RE602 Exploring the Religious Education Curriculum

Religious Education Elective: ONE of the following:

- RE603 Issues in Catholic Education
- RE604 Leadership in Catholic Schools

History Elective: ONE of the following:

- TH606 The Church in Time and History
- TH620 Studies in Church History
- Or choose one History paper from Schedule 1

Scripture Elective: TWO papers required:

- Choose two Scripture papers from Schedule 2

Theology Elective: TWO papers required:

- Choose two Theology papers from Schedule 3

NZDCS - Theological Studies

All THREE Core Theology Papers:

- TH600 Contemporary Catholic Theology
- TH610 Issues in Catholic Theology
- TH607 Church and Social Context

History Elective: ONE of the following:

- TH606 The Church in Time and History
- TH620 Studies in Church History
- Or choose one History paper from Schedule 1

Scripture Elective: TWO papers required:

- Choose two Scripture papers from Schedule 2

Theology Elective: TWO papers required:

- Choose two Theology papers from Schedule 3

See next page for Schedules 1, 2 & 3



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Schedule of Courses

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Schedule 1 - History Courses

- TH621 The Early Church
- TH622 The Medieval Church
- TH623 The Reformation
- TH624 The Church in the Modern Age
- TH625 The Church in Aotearoa New Zealand

Schedule 2 - Scripture Courses

- SC630 The Synoptic Gospels
- SC631 Gospel of Mark
- SC632 Gospel of Matthew
- SC633 Luke/Acts
- SC634 Gospel of John
- SC635 The Letters of Paul
- SC637 New Testament Letters
- SC638 Women in the New Testament
- SC639 Apocalyptic Literature
- SC640 The Pentateuch
- SC641 The Prophets
- SC642 Biblical History and Characters

Schedule 3 Theology Courses

- TH601 The Sacraments Today
- TH602 Jesus the Christ
- TH603 Renewing the Church
- TH604 Social Justice and Catholic Teaching
- TH605 Feminist Theology
- TH608 Comparative Religion
- TH609 He Turanga Whakaaro - A place from which to share
- TH611 The Liturgical Year
- TH612 Biblical Theology
- TH613 Catholic Spiritual Tradition
- TH614 Christian Values and Ethics
- TH615 Christian Art and Architecture

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