



Learning a Language

To understand the power of great religious texts of one of the world's major religions, it must be read in its original language. Every undergraduate degree at St Andrew's includes the opportunity to study the Greek language.

Few tertiary institutions offer the level of support for language learning, as St Andrew's. Through classes, tutorials and personal study, the student develops knowledge of vocabulary, grammar, form and syntax, enabling the student to explore the meaning of religious texts in compelling detail.

Accreditation

St Andrew's is accredited within the higher education sector through the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD), a tertiary education institution providing high quality, accredited awards in theology and related areas through teaching colleges that are its member institutions.



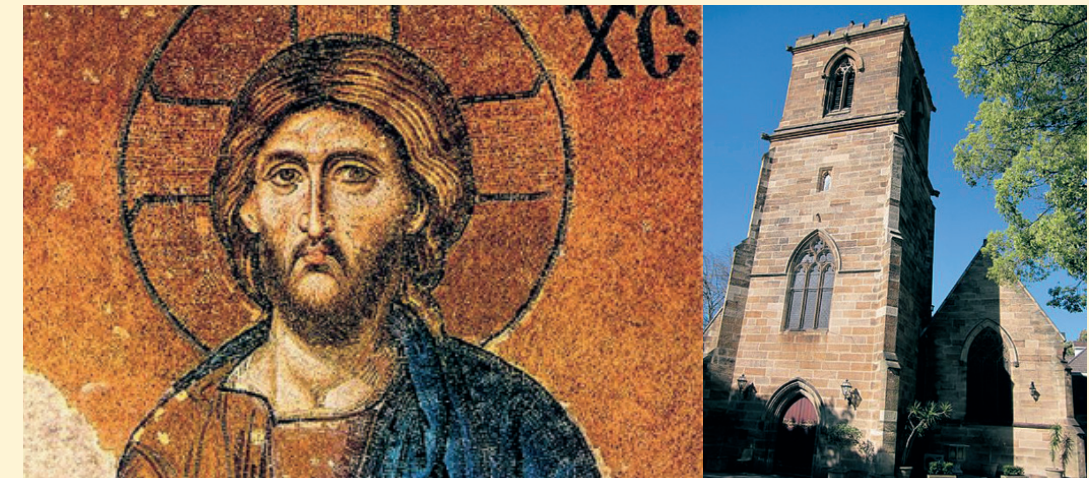
The SCD is approved by the Australian Commonwealth Government as a registered Higher Education Provider under the Higher Education Support Act 2003 and is regulated by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) which assures the quality of Australia's large, diverse and complex higher education sector. Eligible students are able to access Fee-Help.

Continuing Studies

Whether a graduate wants to join the next generation of academic researchers and teachers, or build a successful career in other fields, a graduate course from St Andrew's will serve as a strong foundation. Continuing studies may be either as an undergraduate moving to postgraduate study, undertaking further course units or a research degree.

A doctorate in theology will allow you an exciting career in research enabling you to:

- contribute to the well-being of society by continued involvement in the construction of knowledge;
- teach in academic institutions where theology is taught;
- be involved in the formation of those who engage in church ministries;
- be involved in teacher/professional development in systems of education;
- participate in community discussion of topical matters
- participate in government consultations.



What can I do after I finish my degree?

Our different degrees will prepare you for a wide ranging choice of careers: not only will these degrees give you the necessary education for active ministry in the Church (whether as priests or laypersons), but it will also allow you to work in the many different institutions of our Church including

- our parishes either as priests or youth ministers
- our day schools
- aged care facilities
- as administrative personnel for both our Archdiocesan and College offices.

Beyond this you will be able to serve

- as chaplains in hospitals
- as police, army, navy or university chaplains.

A degree from St Andrew's can equip you with a range of transferrable skills attractive to many employers. With further study, you will be able to opt for alternative lines of work including:

- civil service
- law
- publishing and the media
- charities
- public sector administration

Financial Support
St Andrew's is committed to admitting the most able and committed students to its courses, regardless of their financial means or background.

Full time students may apply for financial support. All students can access a basic level of support to cover their fees and assist with their living costs.

This support is by way of loans through the Theological College or the Commonwealth Government through its Fee-Help where the Australian Government provides a repayable loan for financing tertiary study.

Those students who graduate and are employed by Greek Orthodox Parishes in Australia or other institutions which come under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in Australia may have their student loans repaid by their employer.

This will be in addition to the salary they will be paid and is not to be taken as part of their 'salary package'

Get in Touch

INQUIRIES ARE WELCOME
If you are finishing Year 12 or a tertiary course of study this year, or looking for a new and meaningful path, why not consider applying for theological studies at St Andrew's. Current university students may also inquire about cross-institutional enrollment.

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Ever considered studying at St Andrew's?

In studying at St Andrew's not only will you graduate with a fully accredited and recognised award, but you will have been exposed to a unique type of educational experience. Whilst it will demand of you the same intellectual rigour of any tertiary institution, you will be provided with a more comprehensive education: one dealing with your academic formation together with your personal, spiritual and liturgical development.

In whichever of our degrees you choose to enrol, you will be given a vast choice in a whole array of different subjects. Some of which will include: biblical studies, dogmatic theology, patristics, and church history to mention only a few. What's more, there are few other places that offer such emphasis on Greek language studies that allow you to be exposed to reading texts in their original language (especially the Scriptures, liturgical and Patristic texts together with dogmatic definitions of the Ecumenical Councils) thus allowing you to develop deeper insights into the theological enterprise.

What's the unique purpose of St Andrew's?



St Andrew's was established in 1986 by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia in order to provide tertiary level education and training for Christian Orthodox clergy, theologians, lay teachers and ministers in order to meet the catechetical and pastoral needs of the Orthodox Church in Australia. It is also intended to be a centre of ecumenical scholarship and learning.

As the only Eastern Orthodox theological college in Australia with civil accreditation, St Andrew's strives to bring an Orthodox Christian presence to the Australian theological scene as a whole.

What are the necessary qualifications that I will need?

For the Bachelor of Theology
You should have achieved, or be predicted to achieve an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 72.5 or its equivalent. There are also mature age and special entry admissions for those who have reached the age of 21.

For the Master of Arts
You will need a three year bachelor award or equivalent in any discipline.

How else can I study for my degree?

In order to broaden its outreach to students, St Andrew's offers units not only through attendance of weekly day lectures but it has also introduced evening classes, occasional intensives and online units.



"Theology is the deeper breath of the entire body of the Church, and has prayer as its incentive power, and the systematic doctrine concerning the truths of faith as its expression, according to the variety of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and needs of the times, to the glory of God and the salvation of the world."

Archbishop Stylianos
Dean of St Andrew's

What Resources does St Andrew's have?

St Andrew's provides its students with some of the best facilities for studying Theology available anywhere.

St Andrew's offers study resources for its undergraduates, including:

- a chapel for corporate and personal prayer
- an unparalleled library of Orthodox literature
- electronic resources with broad coverage of theological journals, book reviews and essays from all around the world
- classrooms with WiFi
- dormitory facilities for interstate male students
- computer facilities

With each of the undergraduate and graduate degree programmes, St Andrew's offers the opportunity to submit independent guided studies based on extensive, independent thought and study. Over the course of a year a student's research essay is supervised by an expert in the field who offers advice and guidance specific to the developing topic.

Student Life

Alongside involvement with ecclesial activities, students are offered a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Among these, noteworthy are the annual retreat and special events,

Library

The Library is a lending library and its collection reflects St Andrew's theology courses. It caters for undergraduate and graduate students, senior members and academic visitors.

The collection currently consists of 16,500 monographs and periodicals available in English and Greek with specialisation in (Greek) Patristic texts, Eastern Orthodox doctrine and spirituality, and liturgical and Byzantine Music transcripts, videos, DVD's, Music CD's, audio cassettes.



What is the unique role of the faculty at St Andrew's?

St Andrew's greatest asset is its faculty. They are a fellowship (a *koinonia*) of teachers whose role is not only to deliver lectures but also to inspire students to nurture their own personal zeal for God and to assist them in recognizing the awesome calling from God to which they have responded. Our faculty is there to stir the hearts of students to diligently seek God in the careful study of the Word, in their active participation in the life of the Church's sacred mysteries and in the people to whom they will be sent to minister. The College faculty, and all who work therein, are all too aware that the 'success' of students' formation depends also in the way they think and act. For this reason, all seek to give an account of the hope that is in them (cf. 1 Pt 3:15).

All subjects are taught not in the way they would be taught at a university, but rather from the perspective of the Church's faith: an interpretative confession and contemplation of who God is, as He has revealed himself in his Son and through his Spirit; what He has done for us and what is required of us. The key, therefore, to the College's pedagogy is fundamentally that theological study and research become genuine and able to bear fruit only when undertaken within the context of the Church: namely, through participation in the sacramental mysteries and through each person striving to live a Christian life. It is when theology has become personally transformative that students will be able to effectively serve their fellow human beings in a meaningful way.

Employment of Graduates at the Completion of their Studies on a Suitable Salary

A degree from St Andrew's equips a graduate with a range of transferable skills attractive to many employers.

analyse many different forms of information and approach issues from a variety of perspectives.

These include the proven ability to think clearly and critically, to assess the validity of evidence and complex arguments, and to articulate and defend their own ideas in a rigorous and convincing way.

In several professions the in-depth knowledge of theories and traditions of thought, provided by a Bachelor of Theology degree will be especially valued.

The intellectual demands of a degree from St Andrew's is well-recognised for preparing graduates for the pressures and opportunities of many varied careers. In addition to the research and writing skills developed in most degrees at this level, graduates of St Andrew's demonstrate an ability to

These not only include religious institutions, but also the secondary and higher education sector and specific areas such as charitable institutions.

A sensitivity to cultural differences and diversity has a distinct appeal for a growing number of employers in Australia and across the world.

such as: trips to the local monasteries, visits to museums and exhibitions etc. From this viewpoint, the College's proximity to Sydney CBD is a bonus!