

## The Very Revd Professor John Behr

Fr John Behr is Regius Professor of Humanity at the University of Aberdeen. He previously taught at St Vladimir's Seminary, where he served as Dean from 2007-17; he is also the Metropolitan Kallistos Chair of Orthodox Theology at the Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam Center for Orthodox Theology.

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## Prof. Paul Blowers

Paul Blowers is the Dean E. Walker Professor of Church History. He is a scholar of patristics and early Christianity and has written also on the Stone-Campbell heritage.

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## Assoc. Prof. Adam Cooper

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## Accreditation

St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College is accredited through the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD), a Higher Education Provider owned by an ecumenical consortium of private colleges, which are its Member Institutions.

The Sydney College of Divinity is listed on the National Register for Providers and Courses as an Institute of Higher Education with Self-Accrediting Authority. It is approved by the Commonwealth for FEE-HELP to eligible students.

St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College offers undergraduate and postgraduate units of study towards SCD courses of study.

## Cross-Institutional Study

Students studying at university or any recognised tertiary institution may be eligible for cross-institutional enrolment whereby units completed through St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College (Sydney College of Divinity) may be credited towards their own undergraduate or postgraduate awards, subject to the written approval of the relevant academic authority in their own home institution.

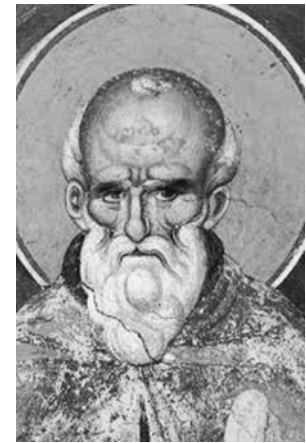
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# PATRISTIC STUDIES

## T9274

## Saint Maximus the Confessor



*Guest Lecturers:*

[The Very Revd Professor John Behr](#)

University of Aberdeen, UK

[Prof. Paul Blowers](#)

Milligan University, USA

[Assoc. Prof. Adam Cooper](#)

University of Divinity, Melbourne

Semester 2, 2022

## Unit Objective

This postgraduate unit (AQF Level 9) advances the study of the patristic phenomenon by focusing on the crucial contributions of St Maximus the Confessor. It enables students to appreciate these contributions within a complex framework, theological, spiritual, literary, and historical.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Appraise the historical, ecclesial, and cultural contexts of St Maximus the Confessor.
2. Reflect critically on the ways in which St Maximus assimilated and transformed the earlier Christian tradition
3. Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of the theological, exegetical, and spiritual legacy of St Maximus
4. Analyse the selected writings of St Maximus from the viewpoint of their theological, exegetical, and spiritual significance
5. Contextualise and critique recent scholarship.

## Prerequisite Unit

T7171 Early Church Fathers or T8171 Church Fathers: An Introduction  
(or equivalent foundational knowledge in patristic studies)

## Enrolment Requirement

This unit will comprise eight (8) lecture sessions delivered by three eminent scholars in the field of St Maximus studies in a “multi-modal” format which includes:

- three (3) periodic Zoom lectures, plus
- five (5) intensive sessions on campus, plus
- symposium attendance in Sydney (2 & 3 September 2022)

Students are required to participate in all aspects of this course unit as outlined in the “Teaching Schedule.”

## Teaching Schedule (according to Sydney time)

[1.] **Wed 27 July**, 10:00am – 12:00pm (Zoom only)  
*Life, Times and Writings of St Maximus the Confessor* (Blowers)

[2.] **Wed 10 Aug**, 6:00 – 9:00pm (Zoom only) *Dying Well?: The trials and deaths of Maximus and Pope Martin I.* (Cooper)

[3.] **Wed 24 Aug**, 6:00 – 9:00pm (Zoom only)  
*Developing Christology: Ambiguum 5 versus the later Opuscula* (Cooper)

**Compulsory On-Campus Intensive Seminars** by the Very Revd Prof. John Behr and Prof. Paul Blowers.  
Texts to be covered during the five intensive sessions:  
*Ad. Thal.* 21, 22, 60 and 61, and *Ambig.* 14.

[4.] **Thu 1 Sept**, 2:00 – 5:00pm (Behr) / Dinner  
[5.] 6:00 – 8:00pm (Behr)

**Fri 2 Sept**, Symposium Day 1, incl. Keynote #1  
**Sat 3 Sept**, Symposium Day 2, incl. Keynote #2 (up to 1:00pm)

[6.] **Sat 3 Sept**, 2:00 – 5:00pm (Behr)

[7.] **Sun 4 Sept**, 2:00 – 5:00pm (Behr & Blowers)

[8.] **Mon 5 Sept**, 10:00am – 1:00pm (Blowers, *On Mystagogia*)

## Enrolment Period and Assessment Tasks

This unit is offered in Semester 2, 2022, which runs from 25 July until 4 November 2022. The two academic assessment tasks will be due at appropriate intervals throughout the duration of the semester. Audit students are not required to complete assessment tasks but do have access to all available material.

## Tuition Fees

Degree Students:  
\$1,440  
(this includes registration fee for Symposium)

Non-Degree Students & Cross-Institutional Students:  
(as above)

Fees may be paid by credit card (VISA or MasterCard, over the phone), or direct deposit (using bank details on your invoice).

FEE-HELP is available, subject to eligibility criteria.

## Enrolling as an Audit Student

Audit Students:  
\$450

Discounts are available for audit students who are Orthodox Clergymen (incl. wives & children), St Andrew’s Alumni, and Church Volunteers. For audit student regulations and an enrolment form please visit: [www.sagotc.edu.au/admission/audit-students](http://www.sagotc.edu.au/admission/audit-students)

Fee for Symposium is extra for audit students. Please download registration form online at <http://www.sagotc.edu.au/patristic-symposium-2022>

**Enrolment closes Monday 22 July 2022**

## For Further Information

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