

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND PRACTICE

AWARD SUMMARY

Abbreviation:	AssocDegChThPr
AQF Level:	Level 6 (comprised of units at AQF Level 7)
Entry Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of Year 12 (ATAR of 65 or equivalent); or• Mature Age and Special Entry Admissions for those who have reached the age of 21;• articulation from the Diploma of Christian Studies
Course Duration:	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time (max. of 6 years)
Course Structure:	16 units (144 credit points)
Study Modes:	<i>On-Campus Weekly Lectures in Sydney</i> Full time and part time study available <i>Distance Education (Live Webinars and/or Webinar Recordings)</i> Full time and part time study available
English Proficiency:	Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally require a minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS, or equivalent) score of 6.5 with no score less than 6.0 in all bands of the 'academic format' of the test.
2021 Tuition Fees and Financial Support:	Tuition Fees are invoiced <u>each semester</u> as follows: \$1,170 per unit (9 credit points) \$9,360 yearly indicate fee (72 credit points) Scholarships are available to most students (see below). FEE-HELP is available (eligibility criteria apply). Fees are subject to change from year to year.
How to Apply	Please contact the Registrar for an application interview.

GRADUATE PROFILE AND RATIONALE

The Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice course is an undergraduate award that provides an opportunity to undertake some theological study with special focus on Christian Thought (including Biblical Studies, Theology, and Humanities in the Christian Tradition) or on Christian Practice (including Christian Life and Ministry). All course units are undertaken at AQF Level 7 (i.e. bachelor level). The special focus is achieved by completing a major in the area of interest.

ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT

Enrolment into a unit or units is preceded by an application for admission into a course of study. Please check the website for [Important Dates](#) regarding application for admission and enrolment. Late applications may still be considered but only after consultation with the Registrar and at the discretion of St Andrew's. If the application for admission is approved, then enrolment takes place in conversation with the Registrar who is responsible for guiding the student's study pathway.

ARTICULATION TO OTHER AWARDS

1. The Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice is both a stand-alone award and a nested award in the Bachelor of Theology. As a result, it articulates directly into the Bachelor of Theology. On completion of the Bachelor of Theology, the student would surrender their Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice. The exception would be if there was no credit granted into the Bachelor of Theology for the units in the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice.
2. The Bachelor of Theology presently serves as the principal means of training men for ordination or active ministry within the Church and as such admission to this program is limited to male applicants aspiring to this end.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDATURE

1. An applicant for admission to candidature for an Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice shall: (a) have completed Year 12 (ATAR of 65 or equivalent), or its equivalent; or (b) have reached the age of 21 and so satisfy the requirements for Mature Age Entry; or (c) have adequate grounds for Special Entry.
2. A candidate for a Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice shall be designated as full time or part time. A student is designated as a full time if enrolled in three units (27 credit points) or more in a semester or else part time if enrolled in less than three units (27 credit points) per semester.
3. No candidate for the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice may be concurrently enrolled in any other undergraduate or postgraduate course within the Sydney College of Divinity or any other tertiary institution, unless approval has been granted by the Academic Board of the Sydney College of Divinity.
4. Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally will be required to demonstrate competency in English by an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 6.5 with no score of less than 6.0 in all bands of the 'academic format' of the test.
5. Application for enrolment in the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice program is made through the Registrar of St Andrew's.
6. Units in the 7100 series, 7200 series and 7300 series may be available to cross-institutional students, non-award students, and auditors after consultation with the Registrar.

COURSE STRUCTURE

1. The Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice requires the completion of 144 credit points (16 bachelor level units, AQF Level 7).
2. Every program for the award shall include: (a) at least 18 credit points within Biblical Studies, and (b) at least 18 credit points within the discipline of Theology, and (c) at least one major (54 credit points) in the domain of Christian Thought (drawn from Biblical Studies, Theology, and Humanities in the Christian Tradition) or in the domain of Christian Practice (drawn from the Christian Life and Ministry discipline and its sub disciplines).
3. A major is made up of 54 credit points with not more than 18 credit points from 7100 series units, or with the approval of the Academic Board of the Sydney College of Divinity up to 54 credit points from 7200 and/or 7300 and 8500 series units.
4. Units are described in the [Timetable](#) page on the website.
5. Each unit has a 9 credit point value unless otherwise stated.
6. The website of the Sydney College of Divinity may contain further details about this award. Please consult the Registrar for more information.

Units of Study:
(see [Timetable](#))

Completion of the units in the [Diploma of Christian Studies](#).

Completion of an additional 8 units (72 credits points) to be chosen from the following:

A7120A Introduction to New Testament Greek
 A7170A New Testament Greek
 B7231A Prophetic Literature
 B7273A The Four Gospels
 B7326A Psalms
 B7364A Pauline Literature
 E7100A Sources and Principles of Christian Ethics
 H7231A Byzantium: Resplendence and Twilight
 H7361A Modern Orthodox History
 P7101A Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Ministry
 P7277A Basic Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education 1 (18)
 T7217A The Church
 T7234A Self-Revealing God
 T7382A Early Byzantine Patristic Theology
 T7383A Later Byzantine Patristic Theology

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

In conversation with the Academic Director and Registrar, students may wish to also consider participating in the following additional extra-curricular opportunities which aim to complement their theological studies, but which are not accredited for this course:

1. Modern Greek language studies;
2. Byzantine chanting lessons;
3. Pastoral field education (including Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education);
4. Seminars, workshops and conferences, public lectures, bible study, and designated 'College Events' as available.

Please note that not all extra-curricular opportunities are available at all times. Whilst unaccredited, most of these activities are offered to current students without additional fees.

PERIOD OF CANDIDATURE

1. The period of candidature for the associate degree shall normally be two years full time and four years part time, with a maximum period of up to six years if required.
2. In certain circumstances the Student Support and Administration Committee of the Sydney College of Divinity may grant extensions.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. The Student Support and Administration Committee of the Sydney College of Divinity, at the recommendation of St Andrew's, may grant leave of absence from the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the associate degree.
2. The period of leave shall normally be one semester after which a candidate may apply for a further period of one semester or else be required to complete their candidature.

CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS STUDY

1. A candidate may seek credit up to a maximum of 72 credit points in the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice.
2. Credit will be granted for units that are from an equivalent award or institution and have outcomes, content, demand hours, and assessment equivalent to that of units in the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice.

DELIVERY OF UNITS

1. Units are offered by weekly lectures on campus in Redfern during each semester. Please consult the [Timetable](#) page on the website.
2. Units are also offered via distance education (online) within the parameters of the two regular semesters.
3. Distance education is delivered via live weekly webinars using Zoom™ (synchronous learning) and/or webinar recordings (asynchronous learning).
4. Some distance education units normally include a compulsory on-campus residential component and all students studying via distance education must account for the need to travel to the Redfern campus on certain key dates throughout the year unless otherwise stipulated. Please consult the [Distance Education](#) page on the website for more information, and well as the Academic Calendar.

TUITION FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

St Andrew's is committed to admitting the most able and dedicated students to its courses, regardless of their financial means or background. Most students are eligible for financial support as outlined below.

Tuition Fees are invoiced each semester as follows:

\$1,170 per unit (9 credit points) in a given semester
(up to 4 units, 36 credit points, per semester)

FEE-HELP is available (eligibility criteria apply). Visit www.studyassist.gov.au.

Scholarship assistance with regards to tuition fees is available to persons enrolled in a course through St Andrew's and who meet the following descriptions:

<i>Scholarship Category</i>	<i>Scholarship Coverage</i>
<p>A. Full Time Student Scholarship The applicant will be (i) an Australian citizen; (ii) endorsed by their local bishop and parish priest; and (iii) enrolled for 36 credit points in any given semester.</p>	66%
<p>B. Orthodox Christian Clergymen The applicant will be (i) a clergyman serving within the jurisdictions of local hierarchs who belong to the Episcopal Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of Oceania; (ii) endorsed by their local bishop; and (iii) enrolled for 18 or 27 credit points in any given semester.</p>	50%
<p>C. Clergy Family Scholarship The applicant will be (i) the wife or child of a clergyman noted above in [B]; (ii) endorsed by their local bishop; and (iii) enrolled for 18 or 27 credit points in any given semester.</p>	50%
<p>D. Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Scholarship The applicant will be (i) an Australian citizen; (ii) an employee of a school or health care facility operating under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia; and (iii) enrolled for 18 or 27 credit points in any given semester.</p>	25%
<p>E. Church Volunteer Scholarship The applicant will (i) be a volunteer in a parish within the jurisdictions of local hierarchs who belong to the Episcopal Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of Oceania (e.g. Parish Committee, Ladies Auxiliary, Chaplaincy Volunteers, Chanters, Scripture Teachers, Sunday School Teachers); (ii) present a reference letter from their parish priest; and (iii) be enrolled for 18 or 27 credit points in any given semester.</p>	33%

A student's scholarship eligibility is reviewed each semester or annually. Scholarship provisions are subject to change from year to year.

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