

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND PRACTICE

AWARD SUMMARY

Abbreviation:	AssocDegChThPr
Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF):	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)• Mature Age and Special Entry Admissions for those who have reached the age of 21; or• articulation from other Sydney College of Divinity programs.
Admission:	Annual admission intake only. Applications should be received by mid-December of the year prior to admission. Please check the website for 'Important Dates'.
Duration:	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time.
Mode:	Full-time or part-time.
Structure:	16 units (144 credit points), taken at 7100-7300 level.
Enrolment Options:	<i>On-Campus Weekly Lectures</i> : full time and part time study available <i>Distance Education (Online)</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.
Tuition Fees and Financial Support:	Tuition Fees are invoiced <u>each semester</u> as follows: \$950 for the first unit (9 credit points) in a given semester \$250 for each subsequent unit taken in a given semester (up to four course units, 36 credit points, per semester) Scholarships are available (see page 4) FEE-HELP is available (conditions apply)
Prescribed Units (2017)	<i>Semester 1</i> B7120A Introduction to the Old Testament H7110A History of the Early Church L7100A Introduction to Christian Worship T7101A Introduction to Theology* <small>compulsory</small> <i>Semester 2</i> B7130A Introduction to the New Testament E7100A Sources and Principles of Christian Ethics* <small>compulsory</small> [Special Intensive Classes by Visiting Professor, 28-31 August 2017] H7230A Byzantium: Empire of New Rome T7281A Early Church Fathers

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.

ENROLMENT

1. Enrolment into a unit or units is preceded by an application for admission into the actual award. This application for admission should be made by contacting the Registrar directly via telephone or email during November and early December (for entry in mid-February for Semester 1). Late applications may still be considered in the last week of January but only after consultation with the Registrar and at the discretion of St Andrew's.
2. 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 a 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 at 7100 level, 7200 level and 7300 level 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 (sixteen 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 level 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 level 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.

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.

ASSESSMENT

1. The assessment of units shall be in the manner approved by the Academic Board of the Sydney College of Divinity in line with its established guidelines for assessment packages at bachelor level.
2. Students may be required by the Academic Board of the Sydney College of Divinity to present themselves for oral examination.
3. Academic and non-academic misconduct will be penalised severely in accordance with the regulations of the Sydney College of Divinity.

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 primarily by weekly evening lectures on campus during each semester. Please consult the 'Timetable' page on the website.
2. Units are also offered via distance education (online) mode within the parameters of the two regular semesters. Online 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. 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:

\$950 for the first unit (9 credit points) in a given semester

\$250 for each subsequent unit taken in a given semester

(up to four course units, 36 credit points, per semester)

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

For a clergyman and/or their spouse

Orthodox Christian clergymen serving within the jurisdictions of local hierarchs who belong to the Episcopal Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of Oceania may undertake the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice and pay only \$475 for the first unit (9 credit points) in a given semester, followed by \$250 for each subsequent unit taken in a given semester. Such clergymen must provide a reference letter from their local hierarch if they are not under the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia. The wife of such a clergyman may also access this same scholarship.

SAMPLE PROGRAM (FULL TIME STUDENT)

Year 1

Semester 1 Introduction to the Old Testament History of the Early Church Introduction to Christian Worship Introduction to Theology	Semester 2 Introduction to New Testament Greek Introduction to the New Testament Byzantium: Empire of New Rome Early Church Fathers
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Year 2

Semester 1 Four Gospels Introduction to Pastoral Counselling Byzantium: Resplendence and Twilight Early Byzantine Patristic Theology	Semester 2 Modern Orthodox Christian History Introduction to Pastoral Theology & Ministry The Church Liturgical Rites
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