

GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF ARTS

AWARD SUMMARY

Abbreviation:	GradDipA
Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF):	Level 8
Entry Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A three-year bachelor award (AQF Level 7) or equivalent in any discipline; or• a Graduate Certificate in Arts from the Sydney College of Divinity
Admission:	Annual admission intake only. Applications should be received by early December of the year prior to admission. Please check the website for 'Important Dates'.
Duration:	1 year full-time or 2 years part-time.
Mode:	Full-time or part-time.
Structure:	8 units (72 credit points). The Graduate Diploma of Arts has nested within it the Graduate Certificate in Arts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate Certificate in Arts requires 4 units (36 credit points)• Graduate Diploma of Arts requires an additional 4 units (36 credit points) giving a total of 72 credit points
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
Exit Point:	Graduate Certificate in Arts (36 credit points).
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 7.0 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: \$1350 for the first unit (9 credit points) in a given semester \$550 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)

Semester 1

H8510A The Early Church*

T8501A Introducing Theology*

plus the choice of 2 units from the following:

B8520A Introduction to the Old Testament

C8546A Pastoral Counselling in Ministry

L8501A Introducing Christian Worship

Semester 2

B8530A Introduction to the New Testament*

E8594A Introduction to Christian Ethics*

[Special Intensive Classes by Visiting Professor, 28-31 August 2017]

H8530A Byzantine Studies*

T8581A Church Fathers: An Introduction*

* compulsory for all students in 2017

COURSE OUTCOMES

The Graduate Diploma of Arts course is designed for those who hold a tertiary qualification in a non-theological discipline, who wish to pursue a graduate qualification in theology, and who are seeking skills in theological studies to enhance their professional work. Graduates will be able to apply a body of theological knowledge in a range of contexts relating to ministry and/or further learning. Graduates will have:

Knowledge

- an advanced understanding, within a coherent body of knowledge, in one or more theologically related disciplines or areas of practice; this may include the acquisition and application of knowledge and skills in a new or existing discipline or professional area.

Skills

- cognitive and technical skills in a theologically-related body of knowledge, so that they are able independently to:
 - review and synthesize theological information and identify and reflect on complex problems
 - think critically and evaluate complex ideas
 - demonstrate an understanding of theoretical concepts in one or more theological disciplines
 - transmit theologically-related knowledge, skills and ideas to a variety of audiences

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

- the ability to make high level, independent judgments related to a range of issues pertaining to Christian living and / or ministry.

ASSESSMENT

Graduate students are expected to give evidence of a breadth and a depth of understanding beyond that of an undergraduate student. In particular, their work should manifest the higher order skills of:

- *Analysis* - the ability to recognize the distinctive aspects of a topic, and the inter-relationships between them.

- *Synthesis* - the ability to integrate the various aspects of a topic and see them in the light of the whole.
- *Evaluation* - the ability to think critically and originally, making judgments based on relevant evidence and methods.

ARTICULATION TO OTHER AWARDS

Students are eligible to articulate to the Master of Arts (MA).

ADMISSION TO CANDIDATURE

1. An applicant for admission to candidature for a degree of Graduate Diploma of Arts shall:
 - a. have qualified for admission to a three-year degree from an accredited Australian tertiary institution; or
 - b. hold, from a university or other tertiary institution, qualifications approved by the Student Support and Administration Committee of the Sydney College of Divinity as equivalent to an accredited three-year degree; or
 - c. hold a Sydney College of Divinity Graduate Certificate in Arts (to receive the award a student is required to complete a further 36 credit points, and hand back the GradCertA upon graduation); or
 - d. hold a Vocational Graduate Certificate (VET accredited) and be granted provisional admission.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this regulation the Student Support and Administration Committee of the Sydney College of Divinity may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission as a candidate for this degree by carrying out such work and/or sitting for such examinations as the Student Support and Administration Committee may determine.
3. In exceptional cases an applicant may be admitted as a candidate for a Graduate Diploma of Arts if the applicant submits evidence of other academic and professional attainments to the Student Support and Administration Committee of the Sydney College of Divinity.
4. A candidate for a Graduate Diploma of Arts 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 part-time if enrolled in less than three units (27 credit points) per semester.
5. No candidate for the award 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.
6. 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 7.0 in all bands of the test and may be required to attend such English language courses as prescribed by the Sydney College of Divinity.
7. Application for admission into the Graduate Diploma of Arts program is made through the Registrar of St Andrew's.
8. Units at 8500 level and 9600 level may be available to cross-institutional students, non-award students, and auditors after consultation with the Registrar.

COURSE STRUCTURE

1. The Graduate Diploma of Arts requires the completion of 72 credit points (eight units).
2. The course shall include those units nominated as compulsory by St Andrew's, as noted above under 'Prescribed Units'.

3. This course may be taken with or without a specialisation. A specialisation in the Graduate Diploma of Arts comprises 36 credit points in a sub-discipline with at least one unit at 9600 level. Please consult the 'Timetable' page on the website for 9600 level units.
4. Students who enter this program from a Bachelor of Theology or equivalent cannot enrol in units whose content is similar to those covered in their undergraduate studies.
5. Each unit has a 9 credit point value unless otherwise stated.

PERIOD OF CANDIDATURE

1. The period of candidature for the degree shall normally be one year full-time and two years part-time, with a maximum period of up to three 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 Graduate Diploma of Arts. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the 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 graduate diploma 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

A candidate may seek credit up to a maximum of 36 credit points in the Graduate Diploma of Arts. Credit can be granted only from units at graduate level where the outcomes, content, demand hours and assessment are equivalent to that of units in the Sydney College of Divinity award.

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:

\$1350 for the first unit (9 credit points) in a given semester

\$550 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 Graduate Diploma of Arts and pay only \$675 for the first unit (9 credit points) in a given semester, followed by \$550 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.