

DIPLOMA OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

AWARD SUMMARY

Abbreviation:	DipChSt
TEQSA Course ID:	CRS1200481
Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF):	Level 5 (comprised of units at AQF Level 7)
Entry Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Year 12 (no ATAR required) • Mature Age and Special Entry Admissions for those who have reached the age of 21; or • articulation from other Sydney College of Divinity programs.
Duration:	1 year full-time or 2 years part-time.
Mode of Study:	Full-time or part-time.
Structure:	8 units (72 credit points), taken at 7100-7200 level.
Study 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 \$300 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)
Units of Study:	<p><i>Core Units</i></p> Either B7120A or B7130A or both, plus T7101 Introduction to Theology
	<p><i>Elective Units</i></p> B7120 Introduction to the Old Testament B7130 Introduction to the New Testament H7110 History of the Early Church H7230 Byzantium: Empire New Rome L7100 Introduction to Christian Worship L7200 Liturgical Rites P7101 Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Ministry P7272 Pastoral Ministry in Context T7181 Early Church Fathers

GRADUATE PROFILE AND RATIONALE

The Diploma of Christian Studies is an undergraduate award based wholly on Bachelor of Theology units. It is designed to introduce students to Christian studies within higher education. Graduates will have acquired basic knowledge, skills, and values of Christian relevance to their professional, family, church, social, or personal lives and have deepened their awareness of the nature and scope of theology and their affinity with it as a field of study within higher education. Some graduates may have taken the opportunity to focus their elective studies in such a way as to complete a major. In this case, they will have acquired the skills, knowledge, and values outlined for the respective majors as set out for the Bachelor of Theology.

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 Diploma of Christian Studies is both a stand-alone award and a nested award in the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice and the Bachelor of Theology. As a result, it articulates directly into either of these awards. On completion of either of these further awards the student would surrender their Diploma of Christian Studies. The exception would be if there was no credit granted into the further awards for the units in the Diploma.
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 Diploma of Christian Studies shall: (a) have completed Year 12 (no ATAR required), 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 Diploma of Christian Studies 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 Diploma of Christian Studies 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 Diploma of Christian Studies program is made through the Registrar of St Andrew's.

6. Units at 7100 level and 7200 level may be available to cross-institutional students, non-award students, and auditors after consultation with the Registrar.

COURSE STRUCTURE

1. The Diploma of Christian Studies requires the completion of 72 credit points (eight bachelor level units, AQF Level 7).
2. Every program for the award shall include: (a) at least 9 credit points within Biblical Studies, and (b) at least 9 credit points within the discipline of Theology, and (c) 54 credit points of electives or units specifically prescribed by St Andrew's.
3. Units are described in the 'Timetable' page on the website.
4. Each unit has a 9 credit point value unless otherwise stated.
5. 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 diploma 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 Diploma of Christian Studies. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the diploma.
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 45 credit points in the Diploma of Christian Studies.
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 Diploma of Christian Studies.

DELIVERY OF UNITS

1. Units are offered 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

\$300 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.

Additional scholarship assistance is available to persons who meet the following descriptions:

<i>Scholarship Category:</i>	<i>First Unit / Subsequent Unit</i>
(a) full-time students (defined as being enrolled in at least 27 credit points in a given semester);	\$300 / \$300
(b) part-time students enrolled in 18 credit points in a given semester and whose home residence is located outside the Sydney metropolitan area;	\$475 / \$300
(c) Orthodox Christian clergymen serving within the jurisdictions of local hierarchs who belong to the Episcopal Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of Oceania;	\$475 / \$300
(d) the wife or child of a clergyman noted in (c);	\$475 / \$300
(e) employees of schools and health care facilities operating under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia;	\$475 / \$300
(f) church volunteers (e.g. Parish Committee, Ladies Auxiliary, Chaplaincy Volunteers, Chanters, Scripture Teachers, Sunday School Teachers)	\$475 / \$300

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