Visiting Scholar:

Professor Peter C. Bouteneff

Dr Peter Bouteneff teaches courses in ancient and modern theology and spirituality at St Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary, where he is Professor of Systematic Theology and Kulik Professor of Sacred Arts. After taking a degree in music in 1983, he lived and worked in Japan and traveled widely in Asia and Greece. He has an M.Div. from St Vladimir's Seminary and a doctorate from Oxford University, where he studied under the late Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia (Ecumenical Patriarchate). He worked for many years in theological dialogue, notably as executive secretary for Faith and Order at the World Council of Churches. He conceived of and edits the Foundations Series for SVS Press. He is founding director of the Institute of Sacred Arts, through which the Seminary offers public events, academic symposia, publications, and a curriculum infused with beauty.

www.svots.edu/people/dr-peter-c-bouteneff

Unit Co-ordinator & Local On-Campus Teaching Staff Member:

Associate Professor Philip Kariatlis

www.sagotc.edu.au/sub-dean/philip-kariatlis

Accreditation

St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College is a Member of the **Australian University College of Divinity (AUCD)** which is a collaboration of colleges from different Christian traditions who are its Member Colleges. Currently the AUCD has fifteen Member Colleges delivering its undergraduate and postgraduate coursework awards in English.

The AUCD is listed on the National Register for Providers and Courses as an Australian University College accredited by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA).
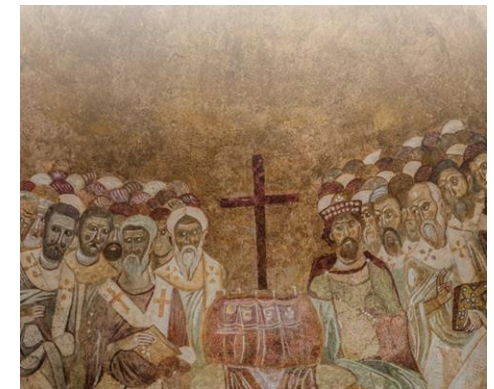
Cross-Institutional Study

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 (Australian University 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.

Please refer to:
http://www.sagotc.edu.au/admission/cross-institutional-study

ORTHODOX THEOLOGY

T7291 / T9291
The Nicene Creed

Guest Lecturer:
Professor Peter C. Bouteneff
St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, USA

Semester 2, 2025

Unit Objective

This unit is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students. It examines the major doctrines found in the fourth century 'Nicene Creed' with a view to demonstrating the slow emergence of what came to be defined as pro-Nicene orthodoxy. In so doing students will have been immersed deeply in those doctrines which lie at the very heart of the Christian faith and been exposed to the perennial power latent in that ancient text.

Learning Outcomes

1. Display a broad understanding of the development of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed;
2. Demonstrate sound knowledge of pro-Nicene theology;
3. Evaluate recent scholarly literature on Nicene orthodoxy;
4. Critically analyse the major doctrines formulated in the Creed within the broader historico-theological phenomenon of the time;
5. Assess the relevance of the creed to contemporary Christian.

Prerequisite Unit

T7101 / T8101 Introduction to Theology

Enrolment Requirement

This unit will comprise eight (8) lecture sessions delivered in a "multi-modal" format which includes:

- Four (4) periodic Zoom lectures, plus
- Four (4) intensive sessions on campus (or join via Zoom), plus
- optional [but recommended] symposium attendance in Sydney (22 & 23 August 2025)

Students are strongly encouraged to participate in all aspects of this course unit as outlined in the "Teaching Schedule." All sessions will be recorded using Zoom, for student-use only.

Teaching Schedule (according to Sydney time)

[1.] **Fri 25 July**, 9:30am – 11:30am
(On-Campus & Zoom *Kariatlis)
Introductory Remarks; Nicene Creed as Summary, Statement Symbol and Standard of Faith
[2.] **Fri 1 Aug**, 8:00am – 10:00am
(Zoom *Bouteneff) *The Nicene Faith—Knowing Christ*
[3.] **Fri 8 Aug**, 8:00am – 10:00am
(Zoom *Bouteneff) *Christ and Creation*

On-Campus Intensive Seminars by Prof. Bouteneff to be covered during the four intensive sessions, [4.] to [7.] inclusive:

[4.] **Thu 21 Aug**, 10:00am – 1:00pm
Christ and the Father
[5.] **Thu 21 Aug**, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Christ and the Trinity

Fri 22 Aug, Symposium Day 1, incl. Keynote(s)
Sat 23 Aug, Symposium Day 2, incl. Keynote(s)
(up to 2:00pm)

[6.] **Sat 23 Aug**, 3:00 – 6:00pm
Christ and Salvation
[7.] **Sun 24 Aug**, 2:00 – 5:00pm
Christ and the Church

[8.] **Fri 5 Sep**, 8:00am – 10:00am
(Zoom *Bouteneff)
Christ and Death and the Age to Come

Enrolment Period and Assessment Tasks

This unit is offered in Semester 2, 2025, which runs from 21 July until 31 October 2025. The 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

Undergraduate Degree Students: $1,230
Postgraduate Degree Students: $1,512
(this includes registration fee for Symposium)

Non-Degree Students & Cross-Institutional Students:
(as above, depending on level)

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:
$480

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

Fee for Symposium is extra for audit students.
Register online via TryBooking at
https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1352928

Enrolment closes Monday 14 July 2025

For Further Information
Please contact:

The Registrar
St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College
242 Cleveland Street, Redfern NSW 2016
(02) 9549 3100
registrar@sagotc.edu.au
www.sagotc.edu.au