

# ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND PRACTICE

## AWARD SUMMARY

Abbreviation:	AssocDegChThPr
CRICOS Course Code:	071256K
AQF Level:	Level 6 (comprised of units at AQF Level 7)
Entry Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion of Year 12 (ATAR of 65 or equivalent); or</li><li>• Mature Age and Special Entry Admissions for those who have reached the age of 21; or</li><li>• articulation from the Diploma of Christian Studies</li></ul>
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.
2022 Tuition Fees and Financial Support:	See page 6 for details. <a href="#">FEE-HELP</a> is available (eligibility criteria apply). Visit <a href="http://www.studyassist.gov.au">www.studyassist.gov.au</a> .
How to Apply	Please contact the <a href="#">Registrar</a> 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 an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 65, or its equivalent (e.g., OP  $\leq$  16) with English proficiency; 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; or
  - (d) seek to articulate from other Sydney College of Divinity programs.
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
  - (a) achieving an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 6.5 with no score below 6.0 in all bands of the test, or

- (b) achieving an IELTS result of 6.0 with no score below 6.0 in all bands of the test, providing they pass all course units in the first two semesters of the course.
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 and 7200 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 study area of Christian Thought or in the study area of Christian Practice.
3. A major is made up of 54 credit points from 7100 and 7200 series units, with not more than 18 credit points from 7100 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.

Study Areas	Discipline	Sub-Disciplines	Majors / Sub-majors
	Biblical Studies	Biblical Studies ('B')	Biblical Studies
Christian Thought	Theology	Systematic Theology ('T') Christian Ethics ('E') Worship and Liturgy ('L')	Theology (discipline) Systematic Theology Worship & Liturgy
	Humanities in the Christian Tradition	Church History ('H')	Humanities in the Christian Tradition (discipline) Church History
Christian Practice	Christian Life and Ministry	Christian Spirituality ('S') Pastoral Theology ('P')	Christian Life & Ministry (discipline) Pastoral Theology

Available Units of Study  
at St Andrew's  
by Discipline:  
(see [Timetable](#))

Choose 16 units.

Check [unit descriptions](#) for any  
applicable prerequisites.

### *Biblical Studies*

A7122A New Testament Greek I  
A7222A New Testament Greek II  
B7110A Introduction to the Old Testament  
B7150A Introduction to the New Testament  
B7226A Psalms  
B7231A Prophetic Literature  
B7253A The Four Gospels  
B7260A Pauline Literature

### *Theology*

T7101A Introduction to Theology  
T7171A Early Church Fathers  
T7214A The Trinity  
T7228A The Church  
T7272A Early Byzantine Patristic Theology  
T7274A Later Byzantine Patristic Theology  
E7100A Sources and Principles of Christian Ethics  
L7101A Introduction to Christian Worship  
L7221A Eastern Christian Hymnology  
L7250A Liturgical Rites

### *Humanities in the Christian Tradition*

H7110A History of the Early Church  
H7232A Early Byzantine History  
H7233A Later Byzantine History  
H7234A Modern Orthodox Church History

### *Christian Life and Ministry*

S7102A Introduction to Christian Spirituality  
P7101A Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Ministry  
P7207A Pastoral Ministry in Context  
P7265A Basic Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education I  
(18 credit points)  
P7266A Basic Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education II  
(18 credit points)

## **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](http://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><b>A. Full Time Student Scholarship</b> The applicant will be (i) an Australian citizen; (ii) endorsed by their local parish priest; and (iii) enrolled in 36 credit points during the semester.</p>	66%
<p><b>B. Orthodox Christian Clergymen</b> 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 during the semester.</p>	50%
<p><b>C. Clergy Family Scholarship</b> 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 during the semester.</p>	50%
<p><b>D. Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Scholarship</b> The applicant will be (i) an Australian citizen; (ii) an employee of a school, health care facility, or other organisation operating under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia; and (iii) enrolled for 18 or 27 credit points during the semester.</p>	33%
<p><b>E. Church Volunteer Scholarship</b> 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 during the 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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