GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GREEK PHILOSOPHY

AWARD SUMMARY

Abbreviation:	GradCertGkPhil
AQF Level:	Level 8
Entry Requirements:	A three-year bachelor award (AQF Level 7) or equivalent in any discipline.
Course Duration:	0.5 year full-time or 2 years (maximum) part-time.
Course Structure:	4 units (36 credit points)
Study Modes:	*On-Campus Weekly Lectures in Sydney* In 2027, only part time study is available. *Distance Education (Live Webinars and/or Webinar Recordings)* In 2027, only part time study is 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) score of 7.0 and no less than 6.5 in all bands of the 'academic format' of the test.
2027 Tuition Fees:	$1680.00 per unit (incl. Australian University College of Divinity capitation fee of $670.00) FEE-HELP is available (eligibility criteria apply). Visit www.studyassist.gov.au. See page 5 for details.
How to Apply	Please contact the Registrar for an application interview.

COURSE RATIONALE, PROFILE & OUTCOMES

The Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy is designed for those holding an AQF Level 7 undergraduate degree in any field who wish to acquire focused, transferable knowledge and skills in the study of Greek philosophical thought as part of their continuing professional development or preparation for further learning. Through a coherent program engaging the key figures, texts, and ideas of the ancient and Byzantine philosophical traditions, the award introduces and cultivates critical and analytical abilities and provides an ideal pathway to further postgraduate study in philosophy, theology, or the humanities.

The Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy focuses on cultivating the capacity to engage critically with the key figures, texts, and ideas of the ancient and Byzantine Greek philosophical tradition, equipping graduates to apply these insights in further study, education, ministry, or other cultural and professional contexts.

Knowledge
Graduates will:

- demonstrate specialised and advance theoretical and technical knowledge of ancient and Byzantine Greek philosophy, including its principal figures, texts, and concepts, and its influence on later philosophical and theological traditions.

Skills
Graduates will demonstrate specialised cognitive and technical skills in Greek philosophy so that they are able independently to:

- critically analyse and interpret primary philosophical texts and arguments;
- evaluate and synthesise complex philosophical ideas across diverse schools and periods;
- formulate, substantiate and communicate well-reasoned responses to philosophical and interdisciplinary questions.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills
Graduates will have the ability to:

- apply their knowledge and skills with autonomy, well-developed judgement, adaptability, and responsibility in academic, educational, cultural, or related professional contexts.

ARTICULATION TO OTHER AWARDS

Students who satisfactorily complete this award will be eligible to:

- be admitted to the Master of Greek Philosophy.
- articulate with full credit to the Australian University College of Divinity Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy on condition that the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy will be surrendered prior to graduation in the further award.
- articulate to other Australian University College of Divinity Graduate awards, provided that they meet the entry requirements of that award.

EXIT AWARDS

Not applicable.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDATURE

1. An applicant for admission to candidature for a degree of Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy will:
   (a) have qualified for admission to a three-year AQF Level 7 award from an accredited Australian tertiary institution; or
   (b) hold, from a university or other tertiary institution, qualifications approved by the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity as equivalent to such an award
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this regulation the Academic Board of the Australian University 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 Academic Board may determine.
3. A candidate for a Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy 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.
4. Application for admission into the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy program is made through the Registrar of St Andrew's.
5. Units in the 8100 series and 9200 series may be available to cross-institutional students, non-award students, and auditors after consultation with the Registrar.

COURSE STRUCTURE

1. The Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy requires the completion of 36 credit points (4 units).
2. Compulsory Units: There are no compulsory units.
3. Specified Electives:
   (a) at least 27 credit points of Specified Electives from Schedule 1; AND
   (b) one 9 credit point unit, if required, of Specified Electives from Schedule 2.

   Schedule 1

W8105	The Philosophy of the Ancient Greek Tradition
W8106	Analytical Foundations of Ancient Greek Philosophy
W8107	The Pre-Socratics and the Sophists
W8108	The Philosophy of Plato
W8109	Aristotle and Philosophical Foundations
W8114	Greek Philosophy: The Hellenistic Schools
W9206	Hermeneutics and Classical Text: Reading Plato and Aristotle Today
W9215	Plotinus and Neo-Platonism
W9240	Greek Philosophy and Early Christian Thought

   Schedule 2

H8110	Early Church History
H8132	Byzantium: Empire of New Rome
T8101	Introducing Theology
T8171	Church Fathers: An Introduction

4. Each unit has a 9 credit point value unless otherwise stated.
5. Check unit descriptions for any applicable prerequisites.

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 may not be accredited for this course:

1. Modern Greek language studies (not available online);
2. Byzantine chanting lessons (not available online);
3. 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, some of these activities may be offered to current students with discounted, or no, additional fees.

PERIOD OF CANDIDATURE

1. The period of candidature for the degree shall normally be one semester full time and one year part time, with a maximum period of up to two years if required. In 2027 only part time study is available.
2. In certain circumstances the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity may grant extensions.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. The Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity, at the recommendation of St Andrew's, may grant leave of absence from the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy. 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.

CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS STUDY

A candidate may seek credit up to a maximum of 18 credit points in the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy. Credit will be granted in accordance with the Australian University College of Divinity Credit Policy.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy provides students with the opportunity to undertake AQF Level 8 study in the history of ideas and philosophical inquiry. It is suited to those seeking to enrich their professional practice in education, theology, or the humanities, or to prepare for further postgraduate study and research in philosophy and related fields.

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 available either in real-time (through Zoom video conferencing) or asynchronously (by accessing video/audio recordings within 24hrs after the lecture).
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

Tuition Fees are invoiced each semester as follows:

$1,680 per unit (9 credit points) Up to 4 units, 36 credit points, per semester.
$6,720 yearly indicative fee (36 credit points)
$6,720 indicative total course cost (36 credit points)

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