

MASTER OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY

AWARD SUMMARY

- **For students residing outside Australia and studying via distance education.**

Abbreviation:	MGkPhil
AQF Level:	Level 9
Entry Requirements:	Satisfactory completion of an AQF Level 8 award in Greek Philosophy or equivalent from an institution recognised by the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity.
Course Duration:	1 year full-time or 4 years (maximum) part-time.
Course Structure:	8 units (72 credit points)
Study Modes:	<i>On-Campus Weekly Lectures in Sydney</i> In 2027, only part-time study is available. <i>Distance Education (Live Webinars and/or Webinar Recordings)</i> 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:	\$1,680.00 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 Master of Greek Philosophy is designed for those holding an AQF Level 8 Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy—or an equivalent qualification—who wish to consolidate and deepen advanced, transferable knowledge and skills in the study of Greek philosophical thought, whether for continuing professional development or for preparation for doctoral-level research.

Through a coherent and intensive program engaging the seminal figures, texts, and ideas of the ancient Greek and Byzantine philosophical traditions, the award further cultivates high-level critical and analytical abilities and fosters independent scholarly inquiry. It thereby provides an ideal pathway to further postgraduate study in philosophy, theology, or related areas in the humanities at the highest levels.

The Master of Greek Philosophy cultivates advanced capacity for critical engagement with the key figures, texts, and ideas of the ancient and Byzantine Greek philosophical tradition, preparing graduates to integrate these insights in further scholarly research, higher education, ministry, or other cultural and professional spheres.

Knowledge

Graduates will:

- demonstrate comprehensive and advanced theoretical and technical knowledge of ancient and Byzantine Greek philosophy—its principal figures, texts, and concepts—and critically evaluate its influence on subsequent philosophical and theological traditions;
- analyse and appraise the historical transmission, reception, and transformation of Greek philosophical thought from antiquity through the Byzantine era to modern intellectual contexts, displaying a nuanced understanding of key scholarly debates, interpretive methods, and current research frontiers.

Skills

Graduates will demonstrate specialised, high-level cognitive and technical skills in Greek philosophy, enabling them to:

- independently and critically interpret primary philosophical texts and arguments in their historical and linguistic settings;
- evaluate, integrate, and synthesise complex philosophical ideas across diverse schools, periods, and disciplinary interfaces;
- formulate and communicate original, well-reasoned responses to philosophical and interdisciplinary questions in a variety of scholarly and professional formats.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- apply their advanced knowledge and skills autonomously and with well-developed judgement, adaptability, and ethical responsibility in academic, educational, cultural, or related professional contexts;
- design, execute, and present a substantial and sustained research or text-based project in an area of Greek philosophy, demonstrating independent inquiry, critical engagement with primary and secondary sources, and capacity for original contribution to the field.

ARTICULATION TO OTHER AWARDS

Not applicable.

EXIT AWARDS

Students enrolled in the Master of Greek Philosophy may exit with the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy or the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy provided they have met the requirements of the award.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDATURE

1. An applicant for admission to candidature for a degree of Master of Greek Philosophy will:
 - (a) hold an AQF Level 8 award in Greek Philosophy 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 Master of 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 Master of 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 Master of Greek Philosophy requires the completion of 72 credit points (8 units).
2. Compulsory Units: One (1) research unit, namely W9293 Minor Independent Guided Study in Greek Philosophy.
3. Specified Electives:
 - (a) at least 36 credit points of Specified Electives from Schedule 1; AND
 - (b) at least 27 credit points from Schedule 2; AND
 - (c) one (9 or 18 credit point) research units (IGS, research essay or project) focused on a topic in Greek philosophy.

Schedule 1

W8105	The Philosophy of the Ancient Greek Tradition
W8106	Analytical Foundations of Ancient Greek Philosophy
W8107	The Pre-Socratics and the Sophists
W9240	Greek Philosophy and Early Christian Thought
W9206	Hermeneutics and Classical Text: Reading Plato and Aristotle Today
W9293	Minor Independent Guided Study in Greek Philosophy
W8108	The Philosophy of Plato
W8109	Aristotle and Philosophical Foundations
W8114	Greek Philosophy: The Hellenistic Schools
W9246	Greek Political Philosophy: Justice, Law and the Ideal Polis
W9221	Philosophy and Tragedy: Ethics and Fate in Classical Literature
W9215	Plotinus and Neo-Platonism
W9267	Byzantine Philosophy

Schedule 2

H8110	Early Church History
H8132	Byzantium: Empire of New Rome
H8133	Byzantium: Resplendence and Twilight
H9232	Byzantine Studies
T8101	Introducing Theology
T8171	Church Fathers: An Introduction
T9270	Byzantine Patristic Theology 4th – 9th Century
T9272	Byzantine Patristic Theology 9th – 15th Century

AND/OR any Australian University College of Divinity units at AQF Levels 8 or 9.

4. The award must include:
 - (a) at least two 9200-series units.
 - (b) a specialisation in Greek philosophy with 54 credit points, which will include units in the Graduate Certificate entry.
5. Each unit has a 9 credit point value unless otherwise stated.
6. 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 Master of 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 36 credit points in the Master of Greek Philosophy. Credit will be granted in accordance with the Australian University College of Divinity Credit Policy.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Master of Greek Philosophy provides students with the opportunity to undertake AQF Level 9 study in the history of ideas and philosophical inquiry. It is suited to those seeking to deepen and enrich their professional practice in education, theology, or the humanities, and to those preparing for advanced academic pursuits. The award also offers a direct pathway to the highest postgraduate research degrees, including doctoral (PhD) studies in philosophy, theology, or 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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