ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

AWARD SUMMARY

Abbreviation:	AssocDegThMin
CRICOS Course Code:	112541F
AQF Level:	Level 6 (comprised of units at AQF Level 7)
Entry Requirements:	• Completion of Year 12 (ATAR of 65 or equivalent); or • Mature Age and Special Entry Admissions for those who have reached the age of 21; or • articulation from the Diploma of Christian Studies
Course Duration:	2 years full-time or 4 years part-time (max. of 8 years)
Course Structure:	16 units (144 credit points)
Study Modes:	*On-Campus Weekly Lectures in Sydney* Full time and part time study available *Distance Education (Live Webinars and/or Webinar Recordings)* 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.
2027 Tuition Fees and Financial Support:	$1,380.00 per unit (incl. AUCD capitation fee $395.00) FEE-HELP is available (eligibility criteria apply). Visit www.studyassist.gov.au. See page 6 for details.
How to Apply	Please contact the Registrar for an application interview.

GRADUATE PROFILE AND RATIONALE

The Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry is an undergraduate award that provides an opportunity to undertake some theological study with special focus on Theology or Christian Ministry. The special focus is achieved by completing a major in the area of interest. Graduates will be theologically reflective participants alongside others in a variety of Christian ministry settings.

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 will the Registrar who is responsible for guiding the student's study pathway.

ARTICULATION TO OTHER AWARDS

The Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry 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 Theology and Ministry. The exception would be if there was no credit granted into the Bachelor of Theology for the units in the Associate Degree.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDATURE

1. An applicant for admission to candidature for an Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry shall:
   (a) have an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 65, or its equivalent (e.g., OP ≤ 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 Australian University College of Divinity programs.
2. A candidate for an Associate Degree of Theology and Ministry 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 Theology and Ministry may be concurrently enrolled in any other undergraduate or postgraduate course within the Australian University College of Divinity or any other tertiary institution, unless approval has been granted by the Academic Board of the Australian University 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 Theology and Ministry 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 Theology and Ministry 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 sub-discipline of Systematic Theology (units coded 'T'), and
   (c) at least one major (54 credit points) in theological studies (the disciplines of Biblical Studies, Theology, and Humanities in the Christian Tradition), or the discipline of Christian Life and Ministry (or one of its sub-disciplines).
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 coded 'A' are not counted towards a major/sub-major in any discipline or sub-discipline.
5. Units are described in the Timetable page on the website.
6. Each unit has a 9 credit point value unless otherwise stated.
7. The website of the Australian University 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**
Theological Studies	Biblical Studies	Biblical Studies ('B')	Biblical Studies
	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 Ministry	Christian Life and Ministry	Mission ('M') 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
L7101A Introduction to Christian Worship
L7221A Eastern Christian Hymnology
L7250A Liturgical Rites
L7291A Iconography: The Art of Seeing

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
P7192A Studies in Eastern Orthodox Canon Law
P7293A Canon Law Themes
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 eight years if required.
2. In certain circumstances the Student Support and Administration Committee of the Australian University College of Divinity may grant extensions.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. The Student Support and Administration Committee of the Australian University College of Divinity, at the recommendation of St Andrew's, may grant leave of absence from the Associate Degree of Theological and Ministry. 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 Theological and Ministry.
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 Theology and Ministry.

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.

SAVING CLAUSE

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity may, in any case in which it may deem it appropriate to do so, vary, dispense with or suspend any requirement or prescription by these regulations, and report forthwith to the Council of the Australian University College of Divinity.

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 have changed minimally since 2021.

Tuition Fees are invoiced each semester as follows:

$1,380 per unit (9 credit points) Up to 4 units, 36 credit points, per semester.
$11,040 yearly indicative fee (72 credit points)
$22,080 indicative total course cost (144 credit points)

FEE-HELP is available (eligibility criteria apply). Visit 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:

Scholarship Category	*Scholarship Coverage*
A. Full Time Student Scholarship 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.	30%
B. Orthodox Christian Clergymen 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.	40%
C. Clergy Family Scholarship 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.	40%
D. Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Scholarship 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.	20%
E. Church Volunteer Scholarship 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.	20%

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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