

SECTION FIVE

Associate Degree Program & Specific Regulations

Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice - AssocDegChThPr

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND PRACTICE - AssocDegChThPr

AWARD SUMMARY

Entry Requirements: An Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 72.5, or its equivalent; or
Mature Age and Special Entry Admissions for those who have reached the age of 21; or
articulation from other Sydney College of Divinity programs.

Duration: 2 years full-time or 6 years part-time

Mode: Full-time, part-time.

Structure: 144 credit points (16 bachelor level units).

English Proficiency: Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally require a minimum IELTS (or equivalent) score of 6.5 with no score less than 6.0 in all bands of the test. A student can be admitted provisionally into the AssocDegChThPr when they have an IELTS result of 6.0 with no score less than 6.0 in all bands of the test

Fees Contact the Member Institution with which you intend to enrol.

Contact The Registrar of one of the following Member Institutions:

- Australian College of Ministries
- Broken Bay Institute
- Catholic Institute of Sydney
- Emmaus Bible College
- Nazarene Theological College
- Saint Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College
- Salvation Army Booth College

Graduate Profile and Rationale

The Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice course is an undergraduate award which 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 Counselling, Liturgical Studies, Missiology, Pastoral Theology and Practice). The special focus is achieved by completing a major in the

area of interest. Majors come out of the sub-disciplines and disciplines across the SCD curriculum. The organisation of the disciplines / sub-disciplines / majors and the way they are linked is described in the following table.

	Discipline	Sub-disciplines	Majors / Submajors
Christian Thought	Biblical Studies	BB Biblical Studies Hebrew Greek	Biblical Studies* Old Testament* New Testament*
	Humanities in the Christian Tradition	AL Humanities SP Christian Spirituality HS Church History WH Philosophy	- Christian Spirituality Church History Philosophy
	Theology	ET Theological Ethics TH Theology Latin	Theological Ethics Biblical Theology* Historic Theology* Systematic Theology*
Christian Practice	Christian Practice	CN Counselling LS Liturgical Studies MS Missiology PT Pastoral Theology and Practice	Counselling Liturgical Studies Missiology Pastoral Theology and Practice

*Not to include language (Greek, Hebrew, Latin) units

The skills, knowledge and values acquired when completing the majors listed above are set out in the Bachelor of Theology section following.

Enrolment

The Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice is offered through individual Member Institutions. Details are available from the Member Institution offering the course.

Articulation to Other Awards

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 BTh the student would surrender their Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice. The exception would be if there was no credit granted into the BTh for the units in the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice.

Exit Points

Students enrolled in the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice may exit with a Diploma of Christian Studies provided they have met the requirements of the award.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS for the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice

1 *Admission to Candidature*

- 1.1 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 72.5, or its equivalent; 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
 - d) seek to articulate from other Sydney College of Divinity programs.
- 1.2 A candidate for an 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 part-time if enrolled in less than three units (27 credit points) per semester.
- 1.3 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 the candidate is enrolled in an approved joint degree program, unless approval has been granted by the Academic Board.
- 1.4 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 an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 6.5 with no score of less than 6.0 in all bands of the test. A student can be admitted provisionally into the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice when they have an IELTS result of 6.0 with no score less than 6.0 in all bands of the test. They must pass all subjects in the first two semesters to be permitted to continue.
- 1.5 Application for enrolment in the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the program.

2 *Course Structure*

- 2.1 The Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice requires the completion of 144 credit points (16 Bachelor level units). Every program for the award shall include:
 - a) at least 18 credit points within the discipline of Biblical Studies;
 - b) at least 18 credit points within the discipline of Theology;
 - c) at least one major (54 credit points) in the domain of Christian Thought (drawn from Biblical Studies, Theology, and Humanities in the Christian Tradition) or in the discipline of Christian Practice;
- 2.2 A major is made up of 54 credit points with not more than 18 credit points at 100 level or with the approval of the Academic Board, up to 54 credit points at 200 and or 300 and 500 level;
- 2.3 Students may apply to the appropriate body of their Member Institution to include in the major or sub-major a sequence of units from other areas of study.

- 2.4 All course units shall be taken from the SCD Schedule of Units of Study for the Bachelor of Theology award.

3 *Period of Candidature:*

- 3.1 The period of candidature for the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice shall normally be 2 years full-time and 6 years part-time.
- 3.2 In certain circumstances the Student Administration Committee may grant extensions.

4 *Leave of Absence*

- 4.1 The Student Administration Committee 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 degree.
- 4.2 The period of leave shall normally be one semester after which a candidate may apply for a further period of one semester or is required to complete candidature.

5. *Assessment*

- 5.1 The assessment of subject units shall be in the manner approved by the Academic Board in line with the College's established guidelines for assessment packages at undergraduate certificate level.
- 5.2 Students may be required by the Academic Board to present themselves for oral examination.
- 5.3 Academic and non-academic misconduct will be penalised severely in accordance with the regulations of the Sydney College of Divinity.

6. *Credit*

- 6.1 A candidate may seek credit up to a maximum of 90 credit points in the Associate Degree of Christian Thought and Practice.
- 6.2 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.

7 *Saving Clause*

- 7.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Academic Board of the Sydney 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 Sydney College of Divinity.