



Alphacrucis University College

COURSE HANDBOOK

Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

School of Ministry and Theology

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Overview

Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (GCT)	Program Director	Tim Healy
	AQF Level	AQF Level 8 (Postgraduate)
	Qualification	Graduate Certificate
	Subjects	4
	Languages of Instruction	English, Finnish, Korean, Spanish
	CRICOS Code	115072F
	ASCED Code	091703
	Accreditation	Self-accredited (accredited in 2023)
	Course Length	6 months full-time; up to 4 years part-time
Entry Requirements	https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/graduate-certificate-in-theological-studies/	

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The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies are AQF Level 8 nested awards in the Master of Theological Studies. They can be destination courses or exit points, thus allowing flexibility for students who may wish to start with a short postgraduate course before committing to an AQF Level 9 award or for students who need to exit the Master's award earlier than intended, due to unforeseen personal or professional reasons.

Graduates of these programs will demonstrate an ability to apply a body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake advanced professional positions and as a pathway into the Master of Theological Studies.

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Course Structure

Note: Contact the Student Support Team for access to previous course version.

This course structure applies to students enrolled from 2023 onwards

The course structure is based on one semester (of 13 weeks duration), with four subjects taught in the semester. It comprises:

- Core Subjects — 20 credit points
- Electives — 20 credit points

To qualify for award of the degree of Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies a candidate shall complete at least 40 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core subjects noted below.

Content of the course of study		Credit points
Core subjects	ACA401 Faith and Purpose THE405 Introduction to Theology	2 x 10
Elective subjects	20 credit points at 400 level or above* *Electives may be taken in the disciplines of Biblical Studies (BIB), Cross Cultural Ministry (CCM), Ministry (MIN), or Theology (THE)	2 x 10
Other protocols	10 credit points per subject with 1 point being 10 hours of study per week. Total hours per subject is 130 hours.	
Bridging/Nested Courses	The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies is a nested course within the Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies and the Master of Theological Studies.	

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Indicative Course Progression

Based on a full-time study mode

CORE	ELECTIVES
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Year 1	
Semester 1	
	Faith and Purpose
THE405	Introduction to Theology
	Elective
	Elective



Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• advanced and integrated understanding of key issues and practices within the relevant discipline;• knowledge of recent developments and scholarship in the area of the relevant discipline. |
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Graduates will be able to demonstrate ability to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• research a complex problem or issue using appropriate methodologies and theories from the relevant disciplines;• analyse and synthesise ideas and theories from related disciplines;• communicate effectively complex ideas and proposed solutions to peers and general audiences;• identify and critically evaluate new developments of research and scholarship in the selected disciplinary field.• articulate new questions or issues and apply the knowledge and skills developed within the selected disciplinary fields to develop appropriate solutions;• design, implement and evaluate broad conceptual frameworks in the selected disciplinary fields;• work independently, responsibly and with the level of professionalism expected of an expert in the selected disciplinary fields. |
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Work Integrated Learning

Work-Integrated Learning may be undertaken through various Professional Practice and Professional Experience subjects at AC. These subjects seek to create a direct linkage between the learning, skills and values engaged in lectures, and the reflection which occurs when these are applied in real-life settings. These work-based training subjects comprise of instruction, academic assessment and a placement in a workplace for each subject.

To qualify for the award of the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies, a candidate is not required to complete any Professional Practice subjects. Students who chose to complete a professional practice subject are usually required to find their own workplace/ employer/ mentor to be approved by AC. In some cases, a new aspect within a student's current paid employment may be suitable as a work placement.

For further information related to Work-Integrated Learning please see the Professional Practice Handbook on Moodle or contact our [Student Support](#) team.

Other Course Information

For other course information, such as information on Professional Accreditation and available intakes, visit the course web page:

<https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/graduate-certificate-in-theological-studies/>

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Useful Links

AC WEBSITE



<https://www.ac.edu.au/>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR



<https://www.ac.edu.au/key-dates/>

HOW TO ENROL



Please see the [Timetable](#) for available subjects and contact [Student Support Team](#) for tailored academic advice before completing the enrolment form.

AC POLICIES



<https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/>

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Enrolled students will have access to AC's [LMS](#)

FEES



<https://www.ac.edu.au/fees-financing/>

STUDENT FORMS



<https://www.ac.edu.au/forms/>

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES



<https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/graduate-attributes-policy/>

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Student Support

The Student Support team are available if you need assistance. Email the team via: studentsupport@ac.edu.au or book a phone or video call via: [Bookings](#)

Phone: (02) 8893 9005

<https://www.ac.edu.au/student-services/>

For disability support please contact dso@ac.edu.au

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Appendix 1

COURSE PROGRESSION TRACKING TEMPLATE

Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

Student:	
Student ID number:	
Year of commencement:	

Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies requirements:

- Core Subjects — 20 credit points of Core Subjects
- Electives — 20 credit points of Elective Subjects

2 Core subjects Subject Code & Name	Subject Credit Points	Comments

2 Elective subjects Subject Code & Name	Subject Credit Points	Comments