



AlphaCrucis University College

COURSE HANDBOOK

DIPLOMA OF MUSIC

School of Ministry and Theology

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Overview

Diploma of Music	Program Director	Daniel Thornton
	AQF Level	AQF Level 5
	Qualification	Diploma (Higher Education)
	Subjects	8
	IELTS	5.5
	Languages of Instruction	English, Korean
	CRICOS Code	108387A (English) 108343B (Korean)
	ASCED Code	100101
	Accreditation	Until 2028 (TEQSA)
	Course Length	1 year full time; up to 4 years part time
	Entry Requirements	https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/he-diploma-music/

COURSE OVERVIEW

AC is committed to providing academic pathways for students, and the purpose of this AQF Level 5 higher education coursework program is to provide an introductory body of knowledge in the discipline area of music. This course is designed to produce graduates who can apply integrated technical and theoretical concepts in a broad range of contexts from a Christian worldview, as well as embody integrity, professional knowledge and social skills, making a positive contribution to society. Students interested in music performance will be given the opportunity to apply technical and theoretical knowledge and skills in practical performances, either in a live concert or recorded format.

The Diploma of Music introduce students at a foundation level to the sources and content in the discipline area of music and provide training which emphasises vocational application. Graduates will have writing and research skills and be able to demonstrate an ability to apply a body of knowledge in a range of professional and entertainment contexts. The course draws on AC's established expertise in the discipline areas of music.

Graduates of the Diploma of Music are uniquely trained in the pursuit of a portfolio career to hold positions of responsibility and leadership in congregational music-making contexts but may also find employment in a range of professional music and entertainment contexts, not-for-profit and mission-focused organisations, community service-orientated positions, and positions that require research skills and critical thinking.

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Course Structure

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

This course structure applies to students who commenced from Semester 1, 2026.

The course structure is based on two semesters (each of 13 weeks duration).

- 50 credit points of core subjects
- 30 credit points of elective subjects

To qualify for award of Diploma of Music a candidate shall accrue an aggregate of at least 80 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core subjects noted below.

Content of the course of study		Credit points
Core Subjects	ACA001 Faith and Purpose EXP001 Professional Practice MUS010 Music Theory, Aural Skills and Technology MUS030 Music Performance WOR001 Introduction to Worship Ministry	5 x 10
Electives	Any three MUS or WOR subjects at AQF Level 5 or above	3 x 10
Major (Specialisation)	There are no specialisations available in this course of study	
Rules of progression	There are no additional rules of progression within this course of study	
Bridging/Nested courses	There are no nested courses within this course of study	

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Recommended Course Progression

Based on a full-time study mode

CORE	ELECTIVES
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First Year			
Semester 1		Semester 2	
Core Subject	ACA001 - Faith and Purpose	Core Subject	EXP001 – Professional Practice
Core Subject	WOR001 – Introduction to Worship Ministry	Core Subject	MUS010 – Music Theory, Aural Skills, and Technology
Core Subject	MUS030 – Music Performance	Elective Subject	WOR002 - Song Writing
Elective Subject	MUS050/055 - Band Techniques/Vocal Techniques	Elective Subject	MUS035 – Music Ensemble



Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:

- General understanding of key issues, recent scholarship and practices within chosen discipline area of music, consistent with a Christian worldview;
- Technical and theoretical understanding of research principles and methods, and knowledge of research approaches used in the discipline area of music.

Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- Apply specialised theoretical knowledge, and creative and technical skills to a range of musical contexts, including composition and performance;
- Articulate questions or issues and apply the knowledge and skills developed within the discipline area of music to develop appropriate solutions;
- Work independently, responsibly and with the level expected in a broad range of professional and entertainment contexts;
- Collaborate in team projects to make a positive contribution toward social issues;
- Undertake reflection and evaluation of the performances of self and others for the purpose of vocational development.



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 Diploma of Music, a candidate will complete at least 1 subject (10 credit points) of Professional Practice. Students 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/he-diploma-music/>

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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/>

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

Diploma of Music

Student:	
Student ID number:	
Year of commencement:	

Diploma of Music requirements:

- 50 credit points of core subjects
- 30 credit points of elective subjects

50 cp of Core subjects Subject Code & Name	Subject Credit Points	Comments

30 cp of Electives Subjects Subject Code & Name	Subject Credit Points	Comments

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