



Alphacrucis University College

COURSE HANDBOOK

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ARTS

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Overview

Graduate Diploma in Arts	Program Director	Tim Healy
	AQF Level	AQF Level 8 (Postgraduate)
	Qualification	Graduate Diploma
	Subjects	8
	IELTS	7.0
	Languages of Instruction	English, Finnish, Korean, Spanish
	CRICOS Code	084484B
	ASCED Code	091703
	Accreditation	Self-accredited (<i>last reviewed in 2023</i>)
	Course Length	1 year full time; up to 6 years part time
	Entry Requirements	https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/graduate-diploma-arts/

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Graduate Diploma in Arts (GDA) is an eight-subject award and is a nested award in the Master of Arts. It can be a destination course or exit point, thus allowing flexibility for students who may wish to start with a short postgraduate course before committing to a Master of Arts or for students who need to exit the Master of Arts earlier than intended.

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma of Arts demonstrate an ability to apply a body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake advanced professional or ministry positions and as a pathway into the Master of Arts.

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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 Semester 1, 2024 onwards.

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

- 10 credit points — core subjects
- 70 credit points — electives

To qualify for award of the degree of Graduate Diploma in Arts a candidate shall complete at least 80 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	10
Electives	7 subjects taken from an accredited Level 8 and 9 subjects (400, 500 or 600 level) offered by AC.	7 x 10
Other protocols of the course	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	Students may exit early with a Graduate Certificate of Arts. The Graduate Diploma of Arts is a nested course within the Master of Arts.	

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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	
ACA401	Faith and Purpose	Elective Subject	(400 level or above)
Elective Subject	(400 level or above)	Elective Subject	(400 level or above)
Elective Subject	(400 level or above)	Elective Subject	(400 level or above)
Elective Subject	(400 level or above)	Elective Subject	(400 level or above)



Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:
Advanced and integrated understanding of key issues and practices within the disciplines studied.
Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:
Analyse, synthesise and critically engage the theoretical knowledge in the relevant areas of study;
Examine a complex problem or issue using appropriate methodologies and theories from the 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 fields.
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.



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 Diploma of Arts, a candidate is not required to complete any Professional Practice subjects.

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-diploma-arts/>

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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

Graduate Diploma in Arts

Student:	
Student ID number:	
Year of commencement:	

Graduate Diploma in Arts requirements:

- 10 cp core subjects
- 70 cp of elective subjects

10 cp of Core subject Subject Code & Name	Subject Credit Points	Comments

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