



AlphaCrucis University College

COURSE HANDBOOK

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Graduate Research School

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Overview

Doctor of Philosophy	Program Director	Professor Johannes Luetz
	AQF Level	AQF Level 10 (Postgraduate)
	Qualification	Doctoral Degree (Higher Degree Research)
	Subjects	1 (240 credit points, PhD Thesis)
	IELTS	7.0
	Languages of Instruction	English
	CRICOS Code	089244M
	ASCED Code	091703
	Accreditation	Self-accreditation
	Course Length	3 years full-time; up to 10 years part-time
	Entry Requirements	https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/doctor-of-philosophy-phd/

COURSE OVERVIEW

Alphacrucis University College's Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program offers the opportunity for original research in the broad fields of Theology, Business, and Education. The program is designed to equip candidates as independent researchers who make a substantial contribution to advancing knowledge and practice in their chosen discipline.

Building on AC's rapidly growing research profile, our PhD program is supported by exceptional faculty and research mentors, many of whom are recognised as international leaders in their fields. By joining our research community, you will be supported to pursue innovative ideas and contribute to global conversations in scholarship, professional practice, and society.

We invite you to consider undertaking your PhD with us, in a learning environment shaped by academic excellence, collegial support, and Christian values.

Competitive research scholarships are available, awarded on the basis of the strength of the proposed research and/or demonstrated financial need. Each application is assessed carefully on its individual merits.



Course Structure

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

The course consists of a minimum duration of 3 years (full-time equivalent), equivalent to 240 credit points. This comprises:

- an 80,000 word research thesis in the area of specialisation.

To qualify for award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy a candidate shall complete the minimum duration of 3 years (full-time equivalent).

Content of the course of study		Credit points
Core Subjects	RES803 PhD Research Thesis	1 x 240
Rules of Progression	Refer to the candidature policy and procedure.	
Other protocols of the course	To be eligible to graduate, students must complete a minimum duration of 3 years (full-time equivalent).	
Bridging/nested courses	The Master of Philosophy is a nested course of the Doctor of Philosophy.	



Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:

- Critical, innovative and systematic understanding of a substantial and complex body of knowledge that makes an original contribution to a particular area in the field of specialisation such as Systematic Theology, Biblical Studies, History, Ministry, Business, Leadership, Communication, Education, Educational Leadership or Theological Education;
- Advanced and expert knowledge of scholarship and recent developments in the area under consideration;
- Sophisticated understanding of advanced research principles and methods, and substantial knowledge of specific research approaches used within the field of Theology, Business and/or Education.

Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- Autonomously engage in critical reflection, analysis and synthesis of the body of theoretical knowledge related to a particular area within the field of Theology, Business and/or Education;
- Establish, incorporate and apply effective research methodologies to advance existing professional knowledge and/or practice;
- Design a research question that explores an original and complex issue and propose solutions;
- Communicate effectively the complexity of the original research and its findings to peers and the community;
- Provide creative responses to the contemporary challenges and new developments in research and scholarship within the field of Theology, Business and/or Education;
- Apply the knowledge and skills developed within the selected research field to engage with new questions and find innovative and creative solutions;
- Work independently, responsibly and with the level of professionalism expected of an expert in the selected research field;
- Effectively design, implement and communicate a major thesis in the selected research field to contribute original knowledge and expertise to peers and the community;
- Develop an advanced level of integrative reflection which will inform and enhance professional practice.



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/doctor-of-philosophy-phd/>



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



Appendix 1

COURSE PROGRESSION TRACKING TEMPLATE

Doctor of Philosophy

Student:	
Student ID number:	
Year of commencement:	

Doctor of Philosophy requirements:

- 240 credit points of research thesis (RES803)

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