

St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College
A Member Institution of the Australian University College of Divinity



Postgraduate Studies in Greek Philosophy

COURSE PROSPECTUS

2026

Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy
(4 units – 36 credit points)

Master of Greek Philosophy
(8 units – 72 credit points)

Introduction

There are many benefits associated with offering postgraduate awards in Greek Philosophy. These are conceived as distinctive and rigorous programs of graduate study that situate Greek philosophical thought within its historical, cultural, and theological contexts, offering both academic depth and contemporary relevance.

The Need for a Greek Philosophy Focus

Greek philosophy remains foundational to the history of ideas in the Western and Eastern traditions. It has shaped disciplines as diverse as theology, ethics, politics, science, and metaphysics. In particular, the writings of Plato, Aristotle, and the later Hellenistic and Byzantine philosophers have exercised enduring influence on Christian theology, especially in the Patristic and medieval Byzantine periods.

Despite this, there is currently no higher education award in Australia dedicated specifically to Greek philosophy as an integrated program of study. Students typically encounter Greek philosophy only in isolated units within broader degrees in philosophy, classics, or theology. A targeted award in this field would provide a structured opportunity to engage with Greek philosophy both in its own right and in dialogue with theology and contemporary issues.

There is increasing demand for such study, driven by:

- The need for advanced training in the history of ideas for students pursuing academic, educational, or theological careers, especially in view of the current University sector cutting back in the humanities.
- Growing recognition of the importance of interdisciplinary perspectives that integrate philosophy, theology, and culture.
- Renewed appreciation for the Hellenic heritage not only of Australia's Greek Orthodox community but Australian society more broadly, together with its contribution to civic and intellectual life.

In the Australian context, programs in philosophy generally emphasise analytic or contemporary philosophy, with limited engagement with the Greek tradition beyond introductory units. The Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy and Master of Greek Philosophy would therefore be unique in both scope and orientation, combining rigorous philosophical study with theological and cultural application.

Course Aims

The Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy and Master of Greek Philosophy aim to:

- fill a clear gap in higher education provision in Australia.
- position St Andrew's (Australian University College of Divinity) as a leader in the study of philosophy in dialogue with theology.
- provide students with advanced knowledge, skills, and pathways for research and teaching.
- affirm and advance the Hellenic intellectual heritage that undergirds much of Western and Christian thought.

Entry Requirements

A three-year bachelor award, or equivalent, from an accredited Australian tertiary institution, or from an overseas university or tertiary institution recognised by the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity.

English Proficiency

Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally require a minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS, or equivalent) score of 7.0 in all bands of the ‘academic format’ of the test.

Course Structure and Pathway

Students begin postgraduate studies in Greek Philosophy by first completing the **Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy** (4 units – 36 credit points) and thereafter embarking upon the **Master of Greek Philosophy** (8 units – 72 credit points).

Therefore, the total educational journey for attainment of the Masters degree is 12 units (108 credit points) encompassing two (2) qualifications.

Special Note for 2026

2026 is the inaugural year for postgraduate studies in Greek Philosophy at St Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Theological College. Only **part-time study** is available this year which, nonetheless, suffices for completion of the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy within the 2026 calendar year.

The College is seeking to build its suite of units towards a full-time offering at the earliest opportunity.

Schedule of Units in 2026

Semester 1 (February 23 to June 12)

- The Philosophy of the Ancient Greek Tradition (Prof. Vrasidas Karalis)
- Plotinus and the Legacy of Neoplatonism (Very Revd Dr Antonios Kaldas)

Semester 2 (July 20 to November 13)

- Analytical Foundations of Ancient Greek Philosophy (Prof. Vrasidas Karalis)
- Specified Elective Unit (tbc)

How to Apply

Application Items

Submit the following necessary items:

1. [APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION FORM \(PDF\)](#). Please complete carefully.
2. An concise autobiographical statement (500 words) which introduces you to the College and also outlines the reason(s) why you wish to undertake studies in Greek philosophy.
3. Proof of Citizenship (e.g. certified copy of birth certificate or current passport).
4. A certified copy of your Driver Licence.
5. A certified copy of your Bachelor degree transcript or ask your university to provide an official digital version of transcript (e.g. via myequals.edu.au/)
6. A digital photograph of passport size and quality, taken not more than 3 months prior, submitted as a jpeg file. These are easily obtainable from Australia Post, Officeworks and some pharmacies.

How to Submit Your Application

1. The application process is normally paper-based whereby applicants submit their materials in person (by appointment – the Registrar can sight original docs; no need for certified copies).
2. Applicants may also send their application materials via express / registered postal mail service (in which case the key identification and academic documents would need to be certified).

The Registrar
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3. Applicants may also lodge their application form and supporting materials via email. In such cases, very good quality pdf scans of documents such as birth certificate, passport, driver license, bachelor transcript, etc., and a very good quality jpeg file for the photograph are essential. In this case too, the key identification and academic documents would need to be certified.

Fr Anastasios Kalogerakis
Registrar, St Andrew's Theological College
registrar@sagotc.edu.au

Unique Student Identifier (USI)

A USI is your individual education identifier for life. It creates an online record of your training attainments in Australia. You may find it via usi.gov.au/students/find-your-usi and email it to the Registrar from a system-generated email that you may request. If you do not already have a USI, you must [apply online](#) and once you have created it you can send the Registrar confirmation by completing the section labelled EMAIL YOUR USI.

Orientation Program

Participation in an online Orientation Program is highly recommended and is scheduled for **mid to late February 2026**. Date and time to be confirmed. Lectures begin the week of Monday 23 February 2026.

Application Closing Date

The closing date is **6 February 2026**.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GREEK PHILOSOPHY

AWARD SUMMARY

- **For students residing outside Australia and studying via distance education.**

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| Abbreviation: | GradCertGkPhil |
| AQF Level: | Level 8 |
| Entry Requirements: | A three-year bachelor award (AQF Level 7) or equivalent in any discipline. |
| Course Duration: | 0.5 year full-time or 2 years (maximum) part-time. |
| Course Structure: | 4 units (36 credit points) |
| Study Modes: | <i>On-Campus Weekly Lectures in Sydney</i> In 2026, only part time study is available. <i>Distance Education (Live Webinars and/or Webinar Recordings)</i> In 2026, only part time study is available. |
| English Proficiency: | Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally require a minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7.0 and no less than 6.5 in all bands of the 'academic format' of the test. |
| 2026 Tuition Fees: | \$1,590.00 per unit (incl. Australian University College of Divinity capitation fee of \$640.00) FEE-HELP is available (eligibility criteria apply). Visit www.studyassist.gov.au . See page 5 for details. |
| How to Apply | Please contact the Registrar for an application interview. |

COURSE RATIONALE, PROFILE & OUTCOMES

The Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy is designed for those holding an AQF Level 7 undergraduate degree in any field who wish to acquire focused, transferable knowledge and skills in the study of Greek philosophical thought as part of their continuing professional development or preparation for further learning. Through a coherent program engaging the key figures, texts, and ideas of the ancient and Byzantine philosophical traditions, the award introduces and cultivates critical and analytical abilities and provides an ideal pathway to further postgraduate study in philosophy, theology, or the humanities.

The Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy focuses on cultivating the capacity to engage critically with the key figures, texts, and ideas of the ancient and Byzantine Greek philosophical tradition, equipping graduates to apply these insights in further study, education, ministry, or other cultural and professional contexts.

Knowledge

Graduates will:

- demonstrate specialised and advance theoretical and technical knowledge of ancient and Byzantine Greek philosophy, including its principal figures, texts, and concepts, and its influence on later philosophical and theological traditions.

Skills

Graduates will demonstrate specialised cognitive and technical skills in Greek philosophy so that they are able independently to:

- critically analyse and interpret primary philosophical texts and arguments;
- evaluate and synthesise complex philosophical ideas across diverse schools and periods;
- formulate, substantiate and communicate well-reasoned responses to philosophical and interdisciplinary questions.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- apply their knowledge and skills with autonomy, well-developed judgement, adaptability, and responsibility in academic, educational, cultural, or related professional contexts.

ARTICULATION TO OTHER AWARDS

Students who satisfactorily complete this award will be eligible to:

- be admitted to the Master of Greek Philosophy.
- articulate with full credit to the Australian University College of Divinity Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy on condition that the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy will be surrendered prior to graduation in the further award.
- articulate to other Australian University College of Divinity Graduate awards, provided that they meet the entry requirements of that award.

EXIT AWARDS

Not applicable.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDATURE

1. An applicant for admission to candidature for a degree of Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy will:
 - (a) have qualified for admission to a three-year AQF Level 7 award from an accredited Australian tertiary institution; or
 - (b) hold, from a university or other tertiary institution, qualifications approved by the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity as equivalent to such an award
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this regulation the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission as a candidate for this degree by carrying out such work and/or sitting for such examinations as the Academic Board may determine.
3. A candidate for a Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy 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.
4. Application for admission into the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy program is made through the Registrar of St Andrew's.
5. Units in the 8100 series and 9200 series may be available to cross-institutional students, non-award students, and auditors after consultation with the Registrar.

COURSE STRUCTURE

1. The Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy requires the completion of 36 credit points (4 units).
2. Compulsory Units: There are no compulsory units.
3. Specified Electives:
 - (a) at least 27 credit points of Specified Electives from Schedule 1; AND
 - (b) one 9 credit point unit, if required, of Specified Electives from Schedule 2.

Schedule 1

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| W8105 | The Philosophy of the Ancient Greek Tradition |
| W8106 | Analytical Foundations of Ancient Greek Philosophy |
| W8107 | The Pre-Socratics and the Sophists |
| W8108 | The Philosophy of Plato |
| W8109 | Aristotle and Philosophical Foundations |
| W8114 | Greek Philosophy: The Hellenistic Schools |
| W9206 | Hermeneutics and Classical Text: Reading Plato and Aristotle Today |
| W9215 | Plotinus and Neo-Platonism |
| W9240 | Greek Philosophy and Early Christian Thought |

Schedule 2

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| H8110 | Early Church History |
| H8132 | Byzantium: Empire of New Rome |
| T8101 | Introducing Theology |
| T8171 | Church Fathers: An Introduction |

4. Each unit has a 9 credit point value unless otherwise stated.
5. Check [unit descriptions](#) for any applicable prerequisites.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

In conversation with the Academic Director and Registrar, students may wish to also consider participating in the following additional extra-curricular opportunities which aim to complement their theological studies, but which may not be accredited for this course:

1. Modern Greek language studies (not available online);
2. Byzantine chanting lessons (not available online);
3. Seminars, workshops and conferences, public lectures, bible study, and designated 'College Events' as available.

Please note that not all extra-curricular opportunities are available at all times. Whilst unaccredited, some of these activities may be offered to current students with discounted, or no, additional fees.

PERIOD OF CANDIDATURE

1. The period of candidature for the degree shall normally be one semester full time and one year part time, with a maximum period of up to two years if required. **In 2026, being the inaugural year of this course, only part time study is available.**
2. In certain circumstances the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity may grant extensions.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. The Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity, at the recommendation of St Andrew's, may grant leave of absence from the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the degree.
2. The period of leave shall normally be one semester after which a candidate may apply for a further period of one semester or else be required to complete their candidature.

CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS STUDY

A candidate may seek credit up to a maximum of 18 credit points in the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy. Credit will be granted in accordance with the Australian University College of Divinity Credit Policy.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy provides students with the opportunity to undertake AQF Level 8 study in the history of ideas and philosophical inquiry. It is suited to those seeking to enrich their professional practice in education, theology, or the humanities, or to prepare for further postgraduate study and research in philosophy and related fields.

DELIVERY OF UNITS

1. Units are offered by weekly lectures on campus in Redfern during each semester. Please consult the [Timetable](#) page on the website.
2. Units are also offered via distance education (online) within the parameters of the two regular semesters.
3. Distance education is available either in real-time (through Zoom video conferencing) or asynchronously (by accessing video/audio recordings within 24hrs after the lecture).
4. Some distance education units normally include a compulsory on-campus residential component and all students studying via distance education must account for the need to travel to the Redfern campus on certain key dates throughout the year unless otherwise stipulated. Please consult the [Distance Education](#) page on the website for more information, and well as the Academic Calendar.

TUITION FEES

Tuition Fees are invoiced each semester as follows:

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| \$1,590 per unit (9 credit points) | Up to 4 units, 36 credit points, per semester. |
| \$6,360 yearly indicative fee (36 credit points) | |
| \$6,360 indicative total course cost (36 credit points) | |

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MASTER OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY

AWARD SUMMARY

- **For students residing outside Australia and studying via distance education.**

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| Abbreviation: | MGkPhil |
| AQF Level: | Level 9 |
| Entry Requirements: | Satisfactory completion of an AQF Level 8 award in Greek Philosophy or equivalent from an institution recognised by the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity. |
| Course Duration: | 1 year full-time or 4 years (maximum) part-time. |
| Course Structure: | 8 units (72 credit points) |
| Study Modes: | <i>On-Campus Weekly Lectures in Sydney</i> In 2026, only part time study is available. <i>Distance Education (Live Webinars and/or Webinar Recordings)</i> In 2026, only part time study is available. |
| English Proficiency: | Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally require a minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7.0 and no less than 6.5 in all bands of the 'academic format' of the test. |
| 2026 Tuition Fees: | \$1,590.00 per unit (incl. Australian University College of Divinity capitation fee of \$640.00) FEE-HELP is available (eligibility criteria apply). Visit www.studyassist.gov.au . See page 5 for details. |
| How to Apply | Please contact the Registrar for an application interview. |

COURSE RATIONALE, PROFILE & OUTCOMES

The Master of Greek Philosophy is designed for those holding an AQF Level 8 Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy—or an equivalent qualification—who wish to consolidate and deepen advanced, transferable knowledge and skills in the study of Greek philosophical thought, whether for continuing professional development or for preparation for doctoral-level research.

Through a coherent and intensive program engaging the seminal figures, texts, and ideas of the ancient Greek and Byzantine philosophical traditions, the award further cultivates high-level critical and analytical abilities and fosters independent scholarly inquiry. It thereby provides an ideal pathway to further postgraduate study in philosophy, theology, or related areas in the humanities at the highest levels.

The Master of Greek Philosophy cultivates advanced capacity for critical engagement with the key figures, texts, and ideas of the ancient and Byzantine Greek philosophical tradition, preparing graduates to integrate these insights in further scholarly research, higher education, ministry, or other cultural and professional spheres.

Knowledge

Graduates will:

- demonstrate comprehensive and advanced theoretical and technical knowledge of ancient and Byzantine Greek philosophy—its principal figures, texts, and concepts—and critically evaluate its influence on subsequent philosophical and theological traditions;
- analyse and appraise the historical transmission, reception, and transformation of Greek philosophical thought from antiquity through the Byzantine era to modern intellectual contexts, displaying a nuanced understanding of key scholarly debates, interpretive methods, and current research frontiers.

Skills

Graduates will demonstrate specialised, high-level cognitive and technical skills in Greek philosophy, enabling them to:

- independently and critically interpret primary philosophical texts and arguments in their historical and linguistic settings;
- evaluate, integrate, and synthesise complex philosophical ideas across diverse schools, periods, and disciplinary interfaces;
- formulate and communicate original, well-reasoned responses to philosophical and interdisciplinary questions in a variety of scholarly and professional formats.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- apply their advanced knowledge and skills autonomously and with well-developed judgement, adaptability, and ethical responsibility in academic, educational, cultural, or related professional contexts;
- design, execute, and present a substantial and sustained research or text-based project in an area of Greek philosophy, demonstrating independent inquiry, critical engagement with primary and secondary sources, and capacity for original contribution to the field.

ARTICULATION TO OTHER AWARDS

Not applicable.

EXIT AWARDS

Students enrolled in the Master of Greek Philosophy may exit with the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy or the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy provided they have met the requirements of the award.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDATURE

1. An applicant for admission to candidature for a degree of Master of Greek Philosophy will:
 - (a) hold an AQF Level 8 award in Greek Philosophy from an accredited Australian tertiary institution; or
 - (b) hold, from a university or other tertiary institution, qualifications approved by the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity as equivalent to such an award.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this regulation the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission as a candidate for this degree by carrying out such work and/or sitting for such examinations as the Academic Board may determine.
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5. Units in the 8100 series and 9200 series may be available to cross-institutional students, non-award students, and auditors after consultation with the Registrar.

COURSE STRUCTURE

1. The Master of Greek Philosophy requires the completion of 72 credit points (8 units).
2. Compulsory Units: One (1) research unit, namely W9293 Minor Independent Guided Study in Greek Philosophy.
3. Specified Electives:
 - (a) at least 36 credit points of Specified Electives from Schedule 1; AND
 - (b) at least 27 credit points from Schedule 2; AND
 - (c) one (9 or 18 credit point) research units (IGS, research essay or project) focused on a topic in Greek philosophy.

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| W8108 | The Philosophy of Plato |
| W8109 | Aristotle and Philosophical Foundations |
| W8114 | Greek Philosophy: The Hellenistic Schools |
| W9246 | Greek Political Philosophy: Justice, Law and the Ideal Polis |
| W9221 | Philosophy and Tragedy: Ethics and Fate in Classical Literature |
| W9215 | Plotinus and Neo-Platonism |
| W9267 | Byzantine Philosophy |

Schedule 2

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| H8110 | Early Church History |
| H8132 | Byzantium: Empire of New Rome |
| H8133 | Byzantium: Resplendence and Twilight |
| H9232 | Byzantine Studies |
| T8101 | Introducing Theology |
| T8171 | Church Fathers: An Introduction |
| T9270 | Byzantine Patristic Theology 4th – 9th Century |
| T9272 | Byzantine Patristic Theology 9th – 15th Century |

AND/OR any Australian University College of Divinity units at AQF Levels 8 or 9.

4. The award must include:
 - (a) at least two 9200-series units.
 - (b) a specialisation in Greek philosophy with 54 credit points, which will include units in the Graduate Certificate entry.
5. Each unit has a 9 credit point value unless otherwise stated.
6. Check [unit descriptions](#) for any applicable prerequisites.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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