

## GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY

### AWARD SUMMARY

**Nomenclature:** GradDipGkPhil

**AQF Level 8** Graduate Diploma

**Entry Requirements** Satisfactorily completed a three-year AQF 7 award (or equivalent) in any discipline from an institution recognised by the Academic Board; OR

hold an Australian University College of Divinity Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy. To receive the award the student is required to complete a further 36 credit points (4 units), and surrender the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy upon graduation.

**Duration:** 1 years full-time or 4 years (maximum) part-time.

**Attendance Type:** Full-time, part-time.

**Delivery Mode:** Online, face-to-face, or multi-modal

**Structure:** 72 credit points (8 units). The course may be taken with or without a Specialisation. A Specialisation in the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy will comprise (36 credit points) in Philosophy units with at least one 9200- series unit.

### English Proficiency:

Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally require a minimum IELTS (or equivalent) score of 7.0 with no score less than 6.5 in all bands of the test.

### Enrolment

Contact the Registrar of the Member Institution with whom you intend to study for enrolment and fee details.

## **Graduate Profile and Rationale**

The Graduate Diploma of 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 Diploma of 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.

## **Course Outcomes**

### **Knowledge**

Graduates will:

- demonstrate an advanced 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.
- Critically appraise the historical transmission, reception, and transformation of Greek philosophical thought from antiquity through the Byzantine era to modern intellectual contexts, demonstrating awareness of key scholarly debates and methodological approaches.

### **Skills**

Graduates will demonstrate advanced 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;
- generate 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.

### **Exit Points**

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

## **Academic regulations for the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy**

### **1 Admission to Candidature**

- 1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy shall:
  - 1.1.1 have satisfactorily completed a three-year AQF 7 award (or equivalent) in any discipline from an institution recognised by the Academic Board; OR
  - 1.1.2 hold an Australian University College of Divinity Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy. To Receive the award the student is required to complete a further 36 credit points (4 units), and surrender the Graduate Certificate in Greek Philosophy upon graduation.
- 1.2 A candidate for the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy shall be designated as full-time or part-time.
- 1.3 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy may be concurrently enrolled in any other undergraduate or postgraduate course within the Australian University College of Divinity or any other tertiary institution unless approval has been granted by the Academic Board.
- 1.4 Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally will be required to demonstrate competency in English by:
  - 1.4.1 achieving an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 7.0 with no score below 6.5 in all bands of the test.
- 1.5 Application for enrolment in the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the course.

### **2 Course Structure**

- 2.1 The Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy requires the completion of 72 credit points (8 units) which shall include:
  - 2.1.1 At least 54 credit points of Specified Electives from Schedule 1; AND
  - 2.1.2 up to 18 credit points, if required, of Specified Electives from Schedule 2.
- 2.2 All course units will be taken from Australian University College of Divinity Schedule of units of study.
- 2.3 The course may be taken with or without a Specialisation. A Specialisation in AUCD Graduate Diplomas comprises 36 credit points in a sub-discipline with at least one 9200-series unit.
- 2.4 Graduates of the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy may take a specialisation in Philosophy.

### **3 Period of Candidature**

- 3.1 The period of candidature for the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy shall normally be 1 year full-time or 4 years (maximum) part-time.
- 3.2 In certain circumstances the Director of Student Services may grant course extensions.

### **4 Leave of Absence**

- 4.1 The Director of Student Services may grant leave of absence from the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the award.
- 4.2 The period of leave shall normally be one semester after which a candidate may apply for a further period of one semester or will be required to complete candidature.

### **5 Assessment**

- 5.1 The assessment of units of study shall be in the manner approved by the Academic Board in line with the University College's established guidelines for assessment packages.
- 5.2 Students may be required by the Academic Board to present themselves for oral examination.
- 5.3 Academic and non-academic misconduct will be penalised in accordance with the Policies and Regulations of the University College.

### **6 Credit**

- 6.1 A candidate may seek credit up to a maximum of 36 credit points in the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy
- 6.2 Credit will be granted in accordance with the AUCD Credit Policy.

## **7 Progress to Further Awards**

7.1 Students who satisfactorily complete the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy will be eligible to:

- 7.1.1 be admitted to the AUCD Master of Greek Philosophy on the condition that the Graduate Diploma of Greek Philosophy will be surrendered prior to graduation in the further award.
- 7.1.2 receive 36 credit points towards the Master of Greek Philosophy.
- 7.1.3 be admitted to other AUCD Graduate awards, provided that they meet the entry requirements of that award.

## **8 Saving Clause**

8.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity may, in any case in which it may deem appropriate, vary, dispense with or suspend any requirement or prescription by these regulations, and report forthwith to the Council of the Australian University College of Divinity

## **SCHEDULE 1**

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  
W8115 - Greek Philosophy: The Hellenistic Schools  
W9206 - Hermeneutics and Classical Text: Reading Plato and Aristotle Today  
W9216 - Plotinus and Neo-Platonism  
W9221 - Philosophy and Tragedy: Ethics and Fate in Classical Literature  
W9239 - Greek Philosophy and Early Christian Thought  
W9246 - Greek Political Philosophy: Justice, Law and the Ideal Polis  
W9293 - Minor Independent Guided Study in Greek Philosophy

## **SCHEDULE 2**

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

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