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GRADUATE,
BACHELOR OF
THEOLOGY**

“Studying theology at ACU gave me the literacy and research skills I needed, and reaffirmed my core values.

I now work for ACU’s Institute for Advancing Community Engagement – organising community work experience opportunities for current students. I love my job and the best part is hearing students reflect on how their time in the community was both academically and professionally enriching.

During my studies I was always impressed by the passion and energy of the lecturers, and the many opportunities to get involved in campus life.

I was also awarded a scholarship for my service to the community in my second year, which was really encouraging. ACU is a great place and I’m proud to have studied there and still be involved in the University’s work.”



why study **THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY** *at acu?*

ACU | **theology and
philosophy**

TACKLING THE BIG QUESTIONS:

Both theology and philosophy ask the big questions of life: Where have we come from? What is the purpose of existence? Together these disciplines provide a rich set of resources for the search for meaning and purpose in life.

RESEARCH SUCCESS:

The faculty has a strong research profile, nationally and internationally, and enjoys collaborative relationships with scholars around the world. Alongside research strengths in theology and biblical studies, there are four research centres focusing on contemporary Catholic thought, early Christianity, moral philosophy (ethics), philosophy of religion and philosophical theology.

TEACHING & LEARNING EXCELLENCE:

Many of our theologians and philosophers have international reputations as scholars and teachers, and all are dedicated to quality teaching and enhancing the learning experience.

CATHOLIC:

As a Catholic university, we are enthusiastic about teaching biblical studies, theology, liturgy, Christian ethics and philosophy, and are committed to fostering a deep appreciation of the Christian tradition.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Theology teaches critical reasoning and the close analysis of texts. Graduates in the discipline can pursue a range of careers in areas such as teaching, work in church agencies and ministries, chaplaincy, social inclusion, pastoral work, and social work. They can also pursue careers in other areas that utilise the skills they have acquired in their degree, such as research, journalism and media, administration, and public relations.

The prerequisite to all Theology and Philosophy courses is completion of Year 12 (or equivalent) with English proficiency. Admission rules apply, visit www.acu.edu.au/courses

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

Campus: Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Strathfield

Duration: 3 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

You can pursue an in-depth program of studies in scripture, theology and philosophy, or choose a broader-based program that includes studies in other disciplines such as liberal arts, business or psychology. You will undertake a critical and detailed examination of Christian thought and practice, gaining insight into the history of Christianity, as well as the breadth of current theological scholarship.

Professional experience

Students undertake a unit of Christian Community Experience, which involves active engagement.

Career options

Graduates in theology can pursue a range of careers in areas such as teaching, work in church agencies and ministries, chaplaincy, social inclusion, pastoral work, and social work. They can also pursue careers in other areas that utilise the skills they have acquired in their degree such as research, journalism and media, administration and public relations.

Further study

A range of further studies is potentially open to graduates such as professional studies in teaching or social work, or higher degrees in theology.

Honours

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (HONOURS)

Campus: Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Strathfield

Duration: 1 yr FT (or equivalent PT)

The Honours course includes coursework and writing a thesis, and allows you to specialise in a particular area and equips you for further study.

Further study

A range of further studies is potentially open to graduates, such as professional studies in teaching or social work, or higher degrees in theology.

Pathways

CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY

Campus: Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Strathfield, Ballarat (PT only)

Duration: 0.5 yr FT (or equivalent PT)

This is a non-award, UniAccess-Australia program. Students have the opportunity to pursue theology at an introductory level. After completing this course, a student may choose to apply for a place in the Bachelor of Theology.

DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

Campus: Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Strathfield, Ballarat (PT only)

Duration: 1 yr FT (or equivalent PT)

In this course students have the opportunity to pursue an introductory program of studies in scripture, theology and philosophy. After completing this course, a student may choose to apply for a place in the Bachelor of Theology.

SAMPLE PROGRAM MAP -BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

(Units vary between campuses and from year to year)

Year 1				
Semester 1	Major 1	Minor 1	Minor 1	Liberal Arts 1
Semester 2	Major 2	University Core 1	Minor 2	Liberal Arts 2
Year 2				
Semester 1	Major 3	Minor 2	Minor 3	Liberal Arts 3
Semester 2	Major 4	Minor 3	Minor 4	Liberal Arts 4
Year 3				
Semester 1	Major 5	Minor 4	Liberal Arts 5	Liberal Arts 6
Semester 2	Major 6	University Core 2	Liberal Arts 7	Liberal Arts 8

For more information please see www.acu.edu.au/349841 or contact Vasilia.Tsiambazis@acu.edu.au

KIMBERLEY DEVER
BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

"I initially chose ACU because I wanted an arts degree that had character and conscience. After falling in love with a biblical archaeology unit I decided to transfer to the straight Bachelor of Theology.

Theology is not just about the Bible, or about converting people. It's about understanding people. Theology at ACU is not necessarily religious, but it has given me a nice balance to my own faith. Through the course I have gained enormously by meeting people from a variety of denominations and walks of life. You don't have to be Catholic, just open.

After a visit to see the careers team I've also realised that there are many career options in theology - hospital chaplaincy is one area which really interests me."

Dual degrees

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY/ BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Campus: Brisbane, Canberra, Strathfield
Duration: 4 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

This unique dual degree will provide you with an education in social work that is informed by the range of values specific to the Christian tradition, and an education in theology that is orientated to the professional values and practice of the social work profession. You will engage in critical reflection on the theological tradition of the Church and its relationship to social work theory and practice.

Eligibility requirements

The requirements for admission to the Bachelor of Social Work are met through the completion of the study of a mainly theological curriculum for two years.

Accreditation

Graduates of the program are eligible for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

Career options

Graduates in theology can pursue a range of careers in areas such as teaching, work in church agencies and ministries, chaplaincy, social inclusion, pastoral work and social work. They can also pursue careers in other areas that utilise the skills they have acquired in their degree such as research, journalism and media, administration and public relations.

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY/ BACHELOR OF GLOBAL STUDIES

Campus: Melbourne or Strathfield and one semester (40cp) abroad. In order to satisfy funding regulations, the overseas internship needs to be undertaken during the third year of study.
Duration: 4 yrs FT (or equivalent PT)

Globalisation affects economies, lifestyles, societies and politics. While it has had a disastrous effect on some economies, and therefore on lives, some effects have been positive as interconnectedness opens up opportunities for greater solidarity between people. The Bachelor of Global Studies is designed to provide high-achieving students with an informed international perspective that will be valued in the global workplace. Students enrolling in double degrees, which include the Bachelor of Global Studies, will have the opportunity to learn about the social, political, cultural, environmental and economic changes that are shaping the world and combine this knowledge with a period of study abroad at one of more than 60 partner institutions around the world. As an alternative to studying abroad, selected students may have the opportunity to do an approved internship which would provide international work experience.

Eligibility requirements

This prestigious double-degree program will be offered to high-achieving students.

Professional experience

Students will have the opportunity to study or work overseas in an area relevant to their studies and interests.

Career options

Graduates in the dual degree can pursue careers in the public sector, both local and international, government services, including diplomatic service, the United Nations system and other international organisations, social entrepreneurship and companies with a global outreach, international relations, journalism, including travel journalism, travel and tourism.

Course structure

Students are required to complete a total of 32 units (320cp) in the dual degree. Students complete four core units (40cp in total), an International study/exchange or internship (40cp) and four approved electives (40cp) as part of the Global Studies program.