



St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College

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Announcement of Intensive Course Units

The Theological College is pleased to announce the continuation of its successful and highly informative intensive course units during January and July. These five-day intensives commenced in 2004 as part of the establishment of accredited graduate level programs: Graduate Certificate in Arts, Graduate Diploma of Arts and the Master of Arts.

The schedule for **January 2009** will be:

LS541 THE EARTHLY HEAVEN (12-16 JANUARY 2009)

Coordinator: Dr Guy Freeland

This course unit will deepen the student's understanding of the meaning and spiritual significance of icons and architectural spaces, and of their relationship to Orthodox liturgy.

Themes include:

The origins of Christian iconography and the evidence for the preservation of the true image, especially of Christ.

Symbols and signs; the symbolic language of the principal icon types and their relationship to the liturgy and the Church Year.

The nature of the iconoclast controversies.

The concept of the temple in Judaic and pagan Antiquity, and the evolution of the Christian church, with special reference to Byzantine buildings.

The symbolic meanings and liturgical functions of Byzantine architecture and iconographic programs.

TH482 EARLY CHRISTIAN PATRISTIC THEOLOGY (19-23 JANUARY 2009)

Coordinator: Rev. Dr Doru Costache

This course unit engages the thought and methodology of the early Church Fathers and investigates the major trends in the Christian tradition through to the fourth century. It assists students to appreciate the preeminent position of the Patristic tradition for the modern Orthodox Church and its articulation of doctrine and theology.

Themes include:

Timeline and key characteristics of Patristic literature (Greek, Latin and Syriac writers).

Christianity and culture.

Theological developments during the second and third centuries, with references to the Apostolic Fathers, martyrologies, the Apologists, and the defenders of the ecclesial tradition.

Theological developments during the fourth century with references to St Athanasius the Great, the Cappadocians, St Ambrose and St Augustine.

The legacy of the early Fathers.

The course units are conducted on campus at Redfern NSW and are open to men and women, Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike. They may be credited towards a degree (admissions criteria apply) or undertaken by university students as electives towards their own awards (e.g. Bachelor of Arts). Limited places may also be available to auditors. Applications for January 2009 should be lodged by **Friday 12 December 2008**.

For more information about theological education please contact the Registrar by telephone on (02) 9319 6145 / 9698 5066 or via email at registrar@sagotc.edu.au.