

ENROLMENT GUIDE

Graduate Diploma of Applied Social Science

and

Graduate Counselling Program:
Combined Graduate Diploma of Applied Social Science &
Master of Arts (Counselling)

2021

GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE

Our one-year course (Course Structure 1, below) is designed to provide students with an existing degree in Social Science or another discipline with the opportunity to continue the development of their knowledge and skills, based on their professional needs within the field of applied social science.

For students completing our Graduate Counselling Program, we offer a 2-year course (Course Structure 2, below). This is for people wanting to become an accredited Counsellor.

To identify which course structure is applicable, you may contact the Program Director Associate Professor, Rebecca Loundar by writing an email to: rebecca.loundar@ac.edu.au.

Course Structure 1: GDASS

The course structure is based on two semesters (each of 12 weeks duration, plus a study week), with four subjects taught in each semester. It comprises:

- 4 compulsory core subjects (40 credit points)
- 4 elective subjects (40 credit points)

To qualify for award of the degree of Graduate Diploma of Applied Social Science a candidate shall complete at least 80 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core subjects.

Course Structure 2: GDASS/MA(Counselling)

The course structure is based on four semesters (each of 12 weeks duration, plus a study week), with four subjects taught in each semester. It comprises:

- 4 core subjects (20 credit points)
- 10 specialisation subjects (120 credit points)
- 1 elective subjects (10 credit points)
- 1 capstone research subject (10 credit points)

To qualify for award of the degree of Graduate Diploma of Applied Social Science / Master of Arts, a candidate shall complete at least 160 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core subjects.

 **FEE-Help Available**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Elective Subjects

Any unit that is not within the award is classified as an elective subject. Before enrolling into an elective subject, ensure that you have met the pre-requisite for that unit.

Course Levels

100, 200 or 300 level is indicated in the course code e.g THE201 is a 200 level theology unit, whereas LEA301 is a 300 level leadership unit. The units increase in difficulty and build upon content and concepts that have come before.

Pre-requisites

A pre-requisite is a unit that must be successfully completed before attempting another unit. For example, in order to attempt THE201, you must complete THE101. Students must have completed the pre-requisite to enrol in the subject.

Timetables

To check if units are available at your campus, online or Zoom Live, or for timetable information please visit <https://www.ac.edu.au/student-services/timetables-and-enrolment/>

Counselling Accreditation

To be eligible to apply for accreditation with PACFA and ACA, Course Structure 2 must be followed.

HOW TO ENROL?

Enrol via the [Student Gateway](#) (you will need to login first)

For further assistance with enrolment or regarding changes in your course, contact the Student Support Team: studentsupport@ac.edu.au

COURSE STRUCTURE 1

Students are to complete 8 subjects, 4 core and 4 electives. Codes in red are subject codes from 2016-2020.

Core / 4 Units

Code	Subject Title	Credit Points (CP)	Pre-Req
SSC400 (RES401)	Postgraduate Research and Writing	10	-
THE401	Christian Worldview	10	-
SSC500 (EXP450)	Professional Practice	10	-
SSC519 (SSC408)	Professional Accountability	10	-

Elective / 4 Units

Code	Subject Title	Credit Points (CP)	Pre-Req
SSC410 (SSC403)	Psychology of Emotion and Wellbeing	10	-
SC412 (SSC405)	Counselling Practice I	10	-
SSC411 (SSC402)	Case Management	10	-
SSC512 (SSC404)	Grief and Loss	10	SSC412
SSC514 (SSC504)	Counselling Practice II	10	SSC412
SSC510 (SSC501)	Human Lifespan Development	10	SSC410
SSC518 (SSC502)	Working with Trauma	10	SSC410
SSC511 (SSC503)	Principles of Psychology	10	-
SSC517 (SSC501 SSC502)	Applied Counselling Theories	10	SSC410
SSC513 (SSC504)	Social Identity In Australia	10	SSC400
SSC538 (SSC506)	Working with Relationships	10	SSC410
SSC516 (SSC508)	Mental Health	10	SSC410
SSC535 (SSE407)	Culturally Diverse Practice	10	-
SSC540 (SSC503)	Engaging Families	10	SSC410

SSC536 (SSE504)	Australian Aboriginal Studies	10	SSC400
SSC537 (SSE505)	Working with Addictions	10	SSC410
SSC534 (SSE506)	Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care	10	SSC410
SSC530 (SSE511)	Cognitive Behavioural Therapy	10	SSC412
SSC531 (SSE514)	Solution Focused Therapy & Positive Psychology	10	SSC412
SSC539 (SSE517)	Working with Children & Young People	10	SSC410
SSC520 (SSC401)	Professional Considerations (Ethics)	10	-

COURSE STRUCTURE 2

This is a combined degree: Graduate Diploma of Applied Social Science and Master of Arts (Counselling)

Core / 4 Units

Code	Subject Title	Credit Points (CP)	Pre-Req
SSC400 (RES401)	Postgraduate Research and Writing	10	-
THE401	Christian Worldview	10	-
SSC500 (EXP450)	Professional Practice	10	-
SSC519 (SSC408)	Professional Accountability	10	-

Counselling Specialisation / 10 units

Code	Subject Title	Credit Points (CP)	Pre-Req
SSC410 (SSC403)	Psychology of Emotion and Wellbeing	10	-
SC412 (SSC405)	Counselling Practice I	10	-
SSC510 (SSC501)	Human Lifespan Development	10	SSC410
SSC512 (SSC404)	Grief and Loss	10	SSC412
SSC514 (SSC504)	Counselling Practice II	10	SSC412
SSC516 (SSC508)	Mental Health	10	SSC410
SSC517 (SSC501 SSC502)	Applied Counselling Theories	10	SSC410
SSC518 (SSC502)	Working with Trauma	10	SSC410
SSC520 (SSC401)	Professional Considerations (Ethics)	10	SSC410
SSC530 (SSE511)	Cognitive Behavioural Therapy	10	SSC412

Elective / 1 subject

Code	Subject Title	Credit Points (CP)	Pre-Req
SSC531 (SSE514)	Solution Focused Therapy & Positive Psychology	10	SSC412
SSC534 (SSE506)	Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care	10	SSC410
SSC537	Working with Addictions	10	SSC410

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SSC538 (SSC506)	Working with Relationships	10	SSC410
SSC539 (SSE517)	Working with Children & Young People	10	SSC410
SSC540 (SSC503)	Engaging Families	10	SSC410

Capstone Research / 1 Unit

Code	Subject Title	Credit Points (CP)	Pre-Req
SSC500 (SSE514)	Independent Guided Research	10	RES401