

ENROLMENT GUIDE

Graduate Diploma of Applied Social Science and
Graduate Counselling Program: combined *Graduate
Diploma of Applied Social Science & Master of Arts
(Counselling)*



ALPHACRUCIS
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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 Dr Katherine Hurrell by emailing: katherine.hurrell@ac.edu.au

Course Structure 1: GDASS

The course structure is based on two semesters (each of 13 weeks duration), 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 13 weeks duration), 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.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Elective Subjects

Any SSC unit that is not classified as a core unit within the Master of Counselling award is classified as an elective subject.

Before enrolling into an elective subject, ensure you have met the pre-requisite for that unit.

Pre-requisites

A pre-requisite is a unit that must be successfully completed before attempting another unit. For example, in order to attempt SSC514, you must complete SSC412. Students must have completed the pre-requisite to enrol in the subject.

Course Levels

400 or 500 level is indicated in the course code e.g., SSC410 is a 400-level Social Science unit, whereas RES500 is a 500-level Research unit. The units increase in difficulty and build upon content and concepts that have come before.

Timetables

To check if units are available at your campus, Online Live, or Online Recorded, or for timetable information please visit our [Timetable](#).

For more information about this course see the [course handbook](#) located on the AC website.

HOW TO ENROL?

Enrol through your [Student Gateway](#). For further assistance with enrolment or regarding changes in your course, contact the Student Support Team: studentsupport@ac.edu.au



FEE-Help Available

COURSE STRUCTURE 1

Students are to complete 8 subjects, 4 core and 4 electives.

CORE UNITS / 4 UNITS

CODE	SUBJECT TITLE	CREDIT POINTS	PRE-REQ
SSC400	Postgraduate Research and Writing	10	-
THE401	Christian Worldview	10	-
SSC500	Professional Practice	10	-
SSC519	Professional Accountability	10	-

ELECTIVES / 4 UNITS

Ensure that you meet the elective rules noted under Elective Subjects.

CODE	SUBJECT TITLE	CREDIT POINTS	PRE-REQ
SSC410	Psychology of Emotion and Wellbeing	10	-
SSC412	Counselling Practice I	10	-
SSC411	Case Management	10	-
SSC512	Grief and Loss	10	SSC412
SSC514	Counselling Practice II	10	SSC412
SSC510	Human Lifespan Development	10	SSC410
SSC518	Working with Trauma	10	SSC410
SSC511	Principles of Psychology	10	-
SSC517	Applied Counselling Theories	10	SSC410
SSC513	Social Identity In Australia	10	SSC400
SSC538	Working with Relationships	10	SSC410
SSC516	Mental Health	10	SSC410
SSC535	Culturally Diverse Practice	10	-
SSC540	Engaging Families	10	SSC410
SSC536	Australian Aboriginal Studies	10	SSC400
SSC537	Working with Addictions	10	SSC410
SSC534	Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care	10	SSC410
SSC536	Cognitive Behaviour Theories and Therapies	10	SSC412
SSC531	Solution Focused Therapy & Positive Psychology	10	SSC412
SSC539	Working with Children & Young People	10	SSC410
SSC520	Professional Considerations (Ethics)	10	-

COURSE STRUCTURE 2

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

CORE UNITS / 4 UNITS

CODE	SUBJECT TITLE	CREDIT POINTS	PRE-REQ
SSC400	<i>Postgraduate Research and Writing</i>	10	-
THE401	Christian Worldview	10	-
SSC500	Professional Practice	10	-
SSC519	Professional Accountability	10	-

COUNSELLING SPECIALISATION / 10 UNITS

CODE	SUBJECT TITLE	CREDIT POINTS	PRE-REQ
SSC410	Psychology of Emotion and Wellbeing	10	-
SSC412	Counselling Practice I	10	-
SSC510	Human Lifespan Development	10	SSC410
SSC512	Grief and Loss	10	SSC412
SSC514	Counselling Practice II	10	SSC412
SSC516	Mental Health	10	SSC410
SSC517	Applied Counselling Theories	10	SSC410
SSC518	Working with Trauma	10	SSC410
SSC520	Professional Considerations (Ethics)	10	SSC410
SSC536	Cognitive Behaviour Theories and Therapies	10	SSC412

ELECTIVE / 1 UNIT

CODE	SUBJECT TITLE	CREDIT POINTS	PRE-REQ
SSC531	Solution Focused Therapy & Positive Psychology	10	SSC412
SSC534	Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care	10	SSC410
SSC537	Working with Addictions	10	SSC410
SSC538	Working with Relationships	10	SSC410
SSC539	Working with Children & Young People	10	SSC410
SSC540	Engaging Families	10	SSC410

ELECTIVE / 1 UNIT

CODE	SUBJECT TITLE	CREDIT POINTS	PRE-REQ
SSC500	Independent Guided Research	10	RES401