



St Barnabas
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Prospectus



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Welcome to St Barnabas College



Welcome to St Barnabas College, a great place to learn and grow in your academic life. Studying theology will bring joys and challenges and broaden your perspective on God, faith, and the world. At St Barnabas College you will find a welcoming community of students and staff, whether you

choose to study in-person or online. We are an Anglican College of the University of Divinity, and we are made up of a mix of people from different church backgrounds. Students are welcome from any church or no church, religious or non-religious background. We believe that theology is for everyone.

Our vision is that we are a community of inspired learners, equipped and enabled to serve God and the Church. We want you to be inspired as you learn and we value a principle of 'generous orthodoxy,' which is based in a traditional expression of Christian faith formed by the expansive generosity of the God of love. In an environment of generous orthodoxy students will experience the opportunity for respectful dialogue on deep and significant issues in the contemporary age.

The working life of St Barnabas College is formed by prayer and worship. Morning prayer happens daily in the chapel, and a weekly Eucharist celebration nourishes our spirituality. We look for opportunities to share social activities and to be with each other informally, to make new friends, reconnect with old friends, and to find ways to be together, even if you are studying remotely. Come in when you can and visit the library, meet for coffee in the nearby café, take every moment to enjoy your theology degree. These years will be some of the most formative in your life!

Rev'd Dr Joan Riley
Principal

Definitions

Award - A Certificate, Diploma or Degree awarded after the successful completion of a course of study which comprises a number of units of study. Awards are accredited by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) and delivered to students through Universities/Colleges.

Unit – Also referred to as a Subject that is usually a semester (a half year) long and forms part of the course of study towards an award.

Blended – A mode of study where a recorded lecture must be viewed in advance of the scheduled class. This may also be referred to as a Flipped Classroom.

ARK – The name of the learning management system used by the College and the University of Divinity where students can access notes and additional readings from lecturers, and students can submit assignments and lecturers can provide feedback and grades to students.

Course – In the context of the University, refers to the sum of the units of study required to complete an award. However, this term may also be used to refer to a short course of study, eg a half day or day, that is provided to upskill or inform members of the church/community for which a Certificate of Attendance may be issued.

Census – The cut-off date up to which a student may withdraw from study without financial penalty. Where students withdraw after census, they will normally be required to pay the full enrolment fee for the unit/s they have enrolled in. However, there are special circumstances which may apply as identified in <https://divinity.edu.au/documents/fees-policy/>

Sessional Lecturer – Occasionally referred to as Adjunct Lecturer, Lecturer, Teacher or Tutor, this is the person qualified and appointed by the College and the University to deliver a unit of study as part of an award.

St Barnabas College (SBC) - Vision and Mission

Vision

*St Barnabas College will be a community of inspired leaders **equipped and enabled** to serve God and the Church.*

Mission

St Barnabas College will achieve its vision by:

- 1. Striving for academic excellence*
- 2. Creating opportunities for ministry training, personal growth, and professional development*
- 3. Being a community of learning for the whole people of God.*

About the College

St Barnabas College is the theological college of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide. Historically, the college has been tasked with the formation and training of ordinands (those preparing to be priests and ministers) of the diocese. In the current era the College functions ecumenically with students from various denominations undertaking academic study in Theology. St Barnabas College is a member College of the University of Divinity and is equipped to offer degrees in Ministry and Theology, and Post-Graduate awards.

St Barnabas College is also a registered Clinical and Pastoral Education training centre, training students to provide pastoral and spiritual care in a range of settings such as hospitals and aged care facilities. The CPE program is directed by the Rev'd Peter Williams, and supported by St Barnabas College staff.

Spiritual Life on Campus

No theological college would be complete without a communal spiritual dimension. The college staff meets Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Chapel for Morning Prayer at 9.15am, and on Tuesdays at 8:45 am in the Dean's Chapel of St Peter's Cathedral when a cycle of prayer for the whole community is prayed. Students are encouraged to attend Morning Prayer when they are able.

Eucharist services are also held throughout the year, and students are informed by email when services occur.

Sharing lunch together is another way of fostering connection and building relationships. Bring your lunch to the Common Room and join staff and students as they gather to share together socially. Other social events are also held at the College, to which staff and students are invited.

SBC and the University of Divinity (UD)

Staff at St Barnabas College have the benefit of being part of a small community of educators as well as working through a university that is recognised nationally and internationally.

The University of Divinity delivers education and research in theology, philosophy, and spirituality and for over one hundred years has prepared its graduates for ministry, leadership, and community service.

The UD is consistently ranked by students as the top University in Australia for student satisfaction and learner engagement, reflecting the high quality of its curriculum and the dedication of staff to working with small classes. The UD hub is in Melbourne, and the University operates across Australia and works in partnership with over thirty churches, religious orders and associated organisations in a unique ecumenical enterprise.

Students and staff join the University through one of its College or School partners, each of which is a unique learning community. The Colleges are supported by a wide range of churches and religious orders that together resource the University as a whole.

Studying with St Barnabas College (SBC)

Most SBC students attend classes on site and report finding this a most valuable way of studying. Classes are stimulating places for learning, where the discussion and sharing of ideas is encouraged. However, on-line and mixed modes of delivery are also available.

The College has formed a vibrant learning community of enthusiastic teachers and highly engaged students who benefit greatly from an inclusive and supportive College culture. Some students from remote areas within The Murray and Willochra dioceses log into lectures online as they are occurring on site; others take advantage of the recordings that are produced to catch up with lectures that they miss due to work or other commitments.

The College staff includes a Coordinator of Ministry Discernment and Formation who trains our ordinand students, as well as a Coordinator of Education Programs who liaises with parishes to determine education needs and develop and deliver interesting and accessible courses designed for community education and professional development.

Course Structure

For general information on the various courses available at UD go to: <https://divinity.edu.au/courses>

It is critical that you understand the structure of your award and plan your subject choices to meet the requirements. Those who are seeking ordination have specific subject requirements within the structure. These requirements may vary across Dioceses.

You are strongly advised to meet with the Academic Dean to establish a study plan that takes account of your requirements, your interests and availability of subjects. If you are in Discernment and Ministry Formation within the Diocese of Adelaide, you are required to meet regularly with the Coordinator of Ministry Discernment and Formation and occasionally with the Academic Dean about your study program.

Graduate Attributes

The University of Divinity approved five Graduate Attributes in 2012 and these continue to provide strong guidance. The Attributes shape all the University's courses of study with each course and unit of study aligning its Learning Outcomes with the Graduate Attributes.

These Attributes establish the University's aspirations for all its graduates.

- **Learn**
Graduates are equipped for critical study, especially of Christian texts and traditions
- **Articulate**
Graduates articulate theological insight and reflection
- **Communicate**
Graduates communicate informed views through structured argument
- **Engage**
Graduates engage with diverse views, contexts and traditions
- **Serve**
Graduates are prepared for the service of others

Opportunities to develop these attributes will be provided throughout your studies at UD in line with our commitment to our students.

Unit Outlines

Outlines for each unit are available on ARK for you to access 2 weeks prior to the commencement of each semester.

Unit Outlines are important documents because they identify the formal requirements in the subject and provide the details about the unit, its learning outcomes, assessment items, contact details for staff etc.

Textbooks

Students will need to purchase textbooks from local bookshops or online book sellers. As textbooks listed within the unit outlines have considerable use during the semester, they will need to be purchased. Textbooks can be purchased locally from Koorong. However, they may not be in stock and will need to be ordered in advance. [Booko](#) is a very useful website which provides comparative pricing across a range of online book sellers. Please enquire early to ensure availability.

St Barnabas College Library may hold one or two print copies of unit textbooks if they are not available in eBook format. Texts are placed on Reserve (library use only), or 7-day loan subject to lecturer requests. The library's preference is to purchase electronic copies of textbooks if available. To check eBook availability, students can search the University of Divinity's [Library Hub](#).

Library Services

St Barnabas College (SBC) Library

The Librarian is able to provide assistance and advice on:

- Photocopier and scanning options.
- WIFI availability and details.
- University of Divinity library services
- Print Resources - searching the University of Divinity Library Hub to find print books which are in the St Barnabas College Library.
- Visiting the Search for SBC Library books for more information.
- Your Library Account – what you can borrow and managing your library loans and signing into your library account.
- Electronic Resources are available for the purposes of study and research.
- Using the [Library Hub](#) catalogue.
- Borrowing from other libraries

ARK

The UD's online learning management system is called [ARK](#). This is the platform students use to access and engage with their unit resources, access learning materials such as course readings, interact with their lectures and fellow students online, upload assignments and much more. During Orientation, students will be shown how to use ARK and directed to where they can find the ARK online support pages.

Courses

As a partner college of the University of Divinity, St Barnabas College offers nationally recognized Undergraduate and Post-Graduate courses. Whether pursuing ordination, chaplaincy, or personal enrichment, your study path is designed to support your purpose. Courses are also offered online, in-person or blended.

It is important to note, that some units of study are compulsory for Bachelor of Theology students who are wishing to undertake the Formation and Discernment process. These will be identified to you by the Academic Dean. For those interested in Ordination, please read the section called *Students Considering Ordination* located at the end of this document.

Visit the [Undergraduate Awards](#), or [Postgraduate Awards](#) web pages on our website to view a full list of available degree options.

A comprehensive list of Principal Dates for the academic year is located at:

Timetable

A comprehensive Timetable is available to students and published on the SBC website.

To view the units on offer visit <https://sbc.edu.au/for-students/timetable/> Timetable information also includes the names of Lecturers who have been assigned to each unit of study. Students are encouraged to check the SBC website regularly before the start of semester for any timetable changes.

Classes are scheduled Monday to Thursday between 9.00am and 4.00pm. Occasional online classes may be held in the evenings between 4.30 and 7.00pm.

SBC reserves the right to withdraw a unit of study should enrolments fall below an educationally appropriate level.

Students who have enrolled in a cancelled unit will be contacted directly and offered a suitable alternative.

How much time will study take?

This will vary for each student and depends upon the student's chosen course, their capacity for study, as well as the availability of the relevant units of study. The Academic Dean or Registrar will be able to provide an approximate completion time once students have chosen their course and determined their availability for study.

Fees

Tuition fees are set by the University of Divinity and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://divinity.edu.au/documents/university-of-divinity-tuition-fees-2026/>

Fee Help

The Australian Government provides loans to students who meet certain citizenship/residency requirements. HECS-HELP assists students in Commonwealth Supported Places with meeting their personal contribution to the cost of study. This contribution is referred to as the Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS). HECS. See [Study Assist FEE HELP](#) for details.

Overseas Students

SBC is CRICOS registered and is able to accept students from overseas. Overseas students are required to be self-funding, they must reside in Australia for the duration of the course and will be required to pay their study fees up-front.

Accommodation

SBC is not a residential college and cannot provide any student accommodation on site, or nearby.

Student Support

SBC is equipped to help students at every step, from providing academic assistance to pastoral care. For detailed information on how SBC supports students, visit <https://sbc.edu.au/for-students/student-support/> .

Scholarships

There are currently no scholarships available for students to access at SBC. A limited number of PhD scholarships are available through UD and the School of Graduate Research at <https://divinity.edu.au/university/school-of-graduate-research/>.

Staff and Faculty

Rev'd Canon Dr Joan Riley, Principal of the College.

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Joan is an ordained Anglican Priest in the Diocese of Adelaide and has been Principal of the college from 2022. Joan is a lecturer in the Koine Greek units, as well as the Greek Reading Groups that meet early on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Joan holds a Doctor of Philosophy, Bachelor of Theology (Hons), Diploma of Pastoral Studies and Bachelor of Arts.

[Dr Damian Szepessy, Academic Dean](#)

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Damian lectures in New Testament and oversees the academic programmes. He is one of the Course Coordinators and works with students to create study plans and enrolments. Damian holds a Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Theology, Bachelor of Arts and Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

[Ms Sarah Lawson, Academic Registrar and Administration Manager](#)

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Sarah is the Academic Registrar and Admin Manager at St Barnabas and has been involved in supporting and doing ministry for many years. Sarah holds a Master of Divinity, Graduate Certificate of Divinity and a Bachelor of Visual Art.

The Rt Rev'd Dr Tim Harris, Director of Research and Missional Praxis

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Bishop Tim is one of the assisting bishops in the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide and a Parish Priest. Bishop Tim lectures in the College and as Director of the Centre for Research and Missional Praxis is responsible for the College's research production and culture. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Theology, Bachelor of Theology (Hons), Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Arts (Hons).

Rev'd Jude Benton, Coordinator of Ministry Discernment and Formation Program

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An ordained Anglican Priest, Jude has extensive experience and has chosen to extend her ministry by supporting those who are participating in various stages of our Ministry Discernment and Formation Program. For more information on our Program, visit <https://sbc.edu.au/pathways-to-ministry/>

Ms Katrina Dal Lago, Librarian

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Katrina is the SBC Librarian and supports students, staff and community members with their resource needs. Katrina holds a Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Management, Bachelor of Arts (Communication and Media Management) and a Diploma in University Studies.

Ms Caralyn Lammas, Coordinator of Education Programs

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For the Anglican community, Caralyn coordinates the educational needs and professional development programs identified through the Diocese of Adelaide's Ministry Wellbeing Program. Caralyn holds a Bachelor of Education (Adult Vocational Workplace Learning) and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Sessional Lecturing Staff

The Rev'd Dr Matthew Anstey

Matthew is an ordained Anglican Priest and lectures at St Barnabas College in Old Testament, Hebrew and Homiletics. Matthew holds a Master in Christian Studies, a Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Hebrew linguistics.

Dr Mike Bartholomaeus

Mike is passionate about teaching theology and interested in exploring how doctrines and theological descriptions of our world might inform practices and patterns of faithful discipleship. Mike is the Head of Postgraduate Studies at Tabor, and his academic qualifications include a Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Theology, and a Bachelor of Theology.

Dr Sarah Black

Sarah is the Archivist for the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide and holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Graduate Diploma in Education and a Doctor of Philosophy in History. Sarah lectures in Introduction to Anglican Ecclesiology and Being Anglican.

The Rev'd Dr Joseph Chung

Joseph is an Anglican priest and lectures in Old Testament and Biblical Hebrew. Joseph holds a Doctor of Theology, Master of Sacred Theology, Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Bible and Church Management and a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature.

Rev'd Dr Gethzi Devasagayam

An ordained Anglican Priest, Gethzi holds a Bachelor of Science (Physics), a Bachelor of Divinity, a Master of Theology and a Doctor of Philosophy. Gethzi lectures in Old Testament, Prophetic Literature, Wisdom and Worship Traditions and Pentateuch.

The Rev'd Professor Brian Douglas

Brian previously taught for CSU's School of Theology, and at St Mark's National Theological Centre. Living in Canberra, Brian teaches online. His teaching and research interests are deeply rooted in the Anglican tradition particularly the area of sacramental theology. Brian holds a Doctor of Philosophy, a Master of Theology, a Bachelor of Divinity, and a Bachelor of Arts.

[Rev'd Dr Rodney Fopp](#)

Rodney holds a Master of Theology, a Doctor of Philosophy in Theology and a Doctor of Philosophy in Politics and Social Theory, and lectures in Introduction to Christian Theology, Jesus the Christ, Homiletics and Theological Hermeneutics.

[Dr Jenny Hein](#)

Jenny is an active member of the Salvation Army and Junior Fellow of the Australasian Centre for Wesleyan Research, and holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Arts in Christian Studies and a Doctor of Philosophy. Jenny lectures in Reformation History and Early Church History.

[Rev'd Dr Theo McCall](#)

An ordained Anglican Priest, Theo also works as a Chaplain at St Peters College and teaches the Year 12 Theology program offered by SBC. Theo lectures in the Foundation for Theology, Interpreting the New Testament and the Doctrine of the Trinity. Theo holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Theological Studies and a Doctor of Philosophy

[The Rev'd Dr Lyndon Shakespeare](#)

Lyndon is the parish priest at Burnside and teaches in the areas of leadership formation and practice. He is also a senior associate of the St Barnabas Centre for Missional Research. Lyndon holds a Doctor of Philosophy Lambeth Research Degrees in Theology (formally, The Archbishop's Examination in Theology), a Master of Divinity and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

[Rev'd Dr Michael Trainor](#)

Michael is Parish Priest of the Catholic parish of Lockleys and holds a Master of Biblical Literature and Languages, a Master of Education and a Doctor of Theology. Michael lectures in the New Testament, Gospel and Epistles of John and Gospel of Mark.

Rev'd Peter Williams

A retired Priest and an accredited Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) supervisor, Peter is an educator with extensive pastoral ministry experience in both parish and hospital chaplaincy settings. He is the Director of the College CPE centre and holds a Master of Theology, Diploma of Divinity and Licentiate of Theology, and is a Clinical Pastoral Educator, Level 3.

Rev'd Julie Worrall

An ordained Anglican Priest, Julie previously worked as the Director of Formation and Discernment at SBC before moving into parish ministry interstate. Julie holds a Master of Ministry and lectures in Being Anglican.

Next Steps

If you want to enquire further about any matter, then:

- For enquiries about course content please contact the Academic Dean at admin@sbc.edu.au
- For enquiries about enrolment please contact the Registrar at registrar@sbc.edu.au

Alternatively, there is a contact enquiry form for you to access on the SBC Website at <https://sbc.edu.au/contact-us/> .

Returning Students

The Registrar will send you a re-enrolment form prior to the end of the semester with the units identified in your study plan. If you wish to alter your units of study, or take leave, please contact either the Academic Dean or the Registrar.

New Students

If you wish to apply to study at SBC, you will need to complete an application form obtained from either the Academic Dean or Registrar and supply certified copies of the documents requested on the form. The Registrar will be able to support you through the application process.

Students Considering Ordination

SBC is open to students from all denominations and backgrounds. However, if you hope to apply for Anglican ordination, you should be a member of an Anglican parish and be baptised in the Anglican faith. It is also strongly encouraged that you complete the full Bachelor of Theology or Bachelor of Ministry degree.

Students already accepted for ordination training will be assisted to comply with the requirements laid down by the Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide. College staff will ascertain the specifics of these requirements to ensure that students have opportunity to meet them and will make regular reports to the Archbishop of Adelaide.

NB: Successful completion of studies does not guarantee acceptance for ordination.



Eucharist Service in the St Barnabas College Chapel