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OVERSEAS STUDENT INFORMATION

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The Reformed Theological College is approved to deliver the courses of the [Australian University of Theology](#) (CRICOS [02650E](#)), which is the official “Higher Education Provider” for overseas students at the Reformed Theological College.

1) COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Australian Government requirements

Reformed Theological College is approved and accredited through the Australian College of Theology, and as such it is registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). When an overseas student is accepted by the RTC, the College issues a 'Confirmation of Enrolment' (CoE) form showing the details of the course and the student. The CoE is sent to the student and used when applying for a visa at the appropriate Australian Embassy. Please visit the Australian Government's webpage for the [Education Services for Overseas Students \(ESOS\) Framework](#) for more information.

Academic requirements

When English is not the overseas student's first language a score from a recognised English test system is required. An IELTS score is the standard requirement. Required minimum scores are set out below.

Course (CRICOS code)	Min. IELTS overall score	Min. IELTS score for each subtest
Bachelor of Theology (CRICOS code: 054676J)	6.5	6.0
Bachelor of Ministry (054670D)	6.5	6.0
Bachelor of Theology / Bachelor of Ministry (086274G)	6.5	6.0
Diploma of Ministry (054659K)	6.5	6.0
Diploma of Theology (054649A)	6.5	6.0
Diploma of Theology / Diploma of Ministry (086267F)	6.5	6.0
Graduate Certificate of Divinity (076017G)	7.0	1
Graduate Diploma of Divinity (054685G)	7.0	1
Master of Divinity (054688E)	7.0	1

¹ Minimum of 7.0 in reading and writing, 6.5 in listening and speaking

Suitable academic qualifications for the proposed course of study are also required. The applicant is asked to send photocopies of all academic results when sending in the application papers.

Course (CRICOS code)	Academic Qualification
Bachelor of Theology (CRICOS code: 054676J)	High School equivalent
Bachelor of Ministry (054670D)	High School equivalent
Bachelor of Theology / Bachelor of Ministry (086274G)	High School equivalent
Diploma of Ministry (054659K)	High School equivalent
Diploma of Theology (054649A)	High School equivalent
Diploma of Theology / Diploma of Ministry (086267F)	High School equivalent
Graduate Certificate of Divinity (076017G)	Bachelor degree or equivalent
Graduate Diploma of Divinity (054685G)	Bachelor degree or equivalent
Master of Divinity (054688E)	Bachelor degree or equivalent

Course Credit

Overseas students may apply for academic credit on the basis of prior credentialed study or uncredentialed learning.

Before you submit an application for course credit, please (1) submit a [pre-application to become an overseas student at the RTC](#) and (2) read the [AUT's Course Credit Procedure for Overseas Students](#).

To apply for course credit, please submit a portfolio that demonstrates learning undertaken to the Registrar:

In the case of credentialed learning, the PLP should contain:

- a) Certified copies of statement(s) of satisfactory completion of a course or units in a course offered by a professional body or enterprise, private educational institution, or by any other provider recognised by a university;
- b) Documentation stating the objectives, learning outcomes and content of the units in the course;
- c) For each unit successfully completed, details of any formal assessment of learning undertaken and, if relevant, grades obtained;
- d) Details of the contact hours of the units in a course.

In the case of uncredentialed learning, you should include:

- a) Details of prior learning experience(s) to support the claim for credit in units of the proposed AUT courses;
- b) A detailed curriculum vitae;
- c) Letters of support from appropriate persons/organisations who can verify these details.

In the case where credit is sought based on Recognized Prior Learning, the application should outline the link between your learning experiences and the learning outcomes of the unit(s) in which you are seeking credit.

You may be required to undertake some form of test or assessment to demonstrate that you have achieved the learning outcomes stated.

The RTC Registrar will then consider your record of prior learning and determine whether an application for course credit may be made to the Australian University of Theology.

Course Attendance and Progress

Overseas students must attend class on campus with no more than 25% of their completed credit points to be carried out in off-campus mode per the AUT's [Unit Enrolment and Results Policy](#). Students must attend at least 80% of classes held during the semester to satisfy the attendance requirements of a given study unit.

Per the AUT's [Course Progress policy](#), students must pass at least 50% of their enrolled units across successive semesters in order to maintain course enrolment. Please review the AUT's [Course Progress Policy](#) and [Overseas Student Extension, Deferment, Suspension and Cancellation Policy](#) for more information.

2) COURSE CONTENT AND DURATION

The RTC presently offers the following awards to overseas students. Please see the “Units Offered” sheet for a list of units that may be taken under the categories listed.

DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY (CRICOS CODE: 054649A)

8 UNITS (OR 96CPS) OVER 1 YEAR F/T

- 2 x units from any of the following: Old Testament Foundations, Old Testament Prophets and Writings, Jesus and the Gospels, The Early New Testament Church
- 1 x unit in Theology, Christianity in History, or Philosophy and Ethics
- 2 x units from Biblical Languages, Biblical Studies, Old Testament, New Testament, Theology, Christianity in History, or Philosophy and Ethics
- 3 x Electives from any field

DIPLOMA OF MINISTRY (CRICOS CODE: 054659K)

8 UNITS (OR 96CPS) OVER 1 YEAR F/T

- 2 x units from any of the following: Old Testament Foundations, Old Testament Prophets and Writings, Jesus and the Gospels, The Early New Testament Church
- 1 x unit in Theology, Christianity in History, or Philosophy and Ethics
- 2 x units from Pastoral and Church-Focussed Ministry or Evangelism and Missiology
- 3 x Electives from any field

DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY/MINISTRY (CRICOS CODE: 086267F)

12 UNITS (OR 144CPS) OVER 1.5 YEARS F/T

- 1 x units in Biblical Studies, Old Testament, or New Testament
- 1 x unit in Theology, Christianity in History, or Philosophy and Ethics
- 1 x unit from Theology, Christianity in History, Philosophy and Ethics, Biblical Studies, Old Testament, New Testament, or Biblical Languages
- 1 x unit in Pastoral and Church-Focussed Ministry or Evangelism and Missiology
- 3 x Electives from any field

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (CRICOS CODE: 054676J)

24 UNITS (OR 288CPS) OVER 3 YEARS F/T

- 2 x core units in Old Testament (Old Testament Foundations, Prophets and Writings)
- 2 x core units in New Testament (Jesus and the Gospels, The Early New Testament Church)
- 2 x units in Christianity in History
- 2 x units in Theology
- 1 x unit from either Theology or Philosophy and Ethics
- 3 x units in Biblical Exegesis (min. one each from Old Testament and New Testament):
- 2 x units in Biblical Languages (Biblical Hebrew A/B, NT Greek A, and/or B)
- 4 x units from Theology, Christianity in History, Philosophy and Ethics, Biblical Studies, Old Testament, New Testament, or Biblical Languages
- 6 x electives from any field

BACHELOR OF MINISTRY (CRICOS CODE: 054670D)

24 UNITS (OR 288CPS) OVER 3 YEARS F/T

- 2 x core units in Old Testament (Old Testament Foundations, Prophets and Writings)
- 2 x core units in New Testament (Jesus and the Gospels, The Early New Testament Church)
- 2 x units in Christianity in History
- 2 x units in Theology
- 1 x unit from either Theology or Philosophy and Ethics
- 3 x units in Biblical Exegesis (min. one each from Old Testament and New Testament):
- 6 x units from Pastoral and Church-Focussed Ministry or Evangelism and Missiology
- 6 x electives from any field

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY/BACHELOR OF MINISTRY (CRICOS CODE: 086274G)

32 UNITS (OR 384CPS) OVER 4 YEARS F/T

- 2 x core units in Old Testament (Old Testament Foundations, Prophets and Writings)
- 2 x core units in New Testament (Jesus and the Gospels, The Early New Testament Church)
- 2 x units in Christianity in History
- 2 x units in Theology
- 1 x unit from either Theology or Philosophy and Ethics
- 3 x units in Biblical Exegesis (min. one each from Old Testament and New Testament):
- 2 x units in Biblical Languages (Biblical Hebrew A/B, NT Greek A, and/or B)

- 4 x units from Theology, Christianity in History, Philosophy and Ethics, Biblical Studies, Old Testament, New Testament, or Biblical Languages
- 6 x units from Pastoral and Church-Focussed Ministry or Evangelism and Missiology
- 8 x electives from any field

GRAD. CERTIFICATE OF DIVINITY (CRICOS CODE: 076017G)

4 UNITS (OR 48CPS) OVER 6 MONTHS F/T

- 4 x units from any field

GRAD. DIPLOMA OF DIVINITY (CRICOS CODE: 054685G)

8 UNITS (OR 96CPS) OVER 1 YEARS F/T

- 2 x core units from Biblical Studies, and/or Old Testament and/or New Testament
 - Introduction to Biblical Theology
 - Old Testament Foundations
 - Old Testament Prophets and Writings
 - Jesus and the Gospels
 - The Early New Testament Church
- 1 x unit from Christianity in History, Theology, or Philosophy & Ethics
- 5 x advanced-level units from any field

MASTER OF DIVINITY (CRICOS CODE: 054688E)

24 UNITS (OR 288CPS) OVER 3 YEARS F/T

- 2 x units in Biblical Languages (Biblical Hebrew A & B or New Testament Greek A & B)
- 2 x core units in Old Testament (Old Testament Foundations, Prophets & Writings)
- 2 x core units in New Testament (Jesus and the Gospels, The Early New Testament Church)
- 2 x units from Christianity in History (Christianity in History to 1550, Christianity in History from 1550 to Modern Times, and/or The Continental Reformation)
- 3 x units in Theology
- 4 x units in Biblical Exegesis (min. 2x units in original language, min. 1x OT and 1x NT)
- 1 x unit from Theology, Christianity in History, or Philosophy & Ethics
- 2 x units from any of the following fields: Biblical Languages, Biblical Studies, New Testament, Old Testament, Christianity in History, Theology, and Philosophy & Ethics
- 6 x electives from any field
- Required: 8 x Advanced “Level 9” units, incl. a research project of at least 7,000 words, a capstone unit, or an advanced independent reading unit.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2025

FIRST SEMESTER

18 February	Commencement of Lectures
4 March	RTC Graduation
31 March	Census Date
7 – 11 April	Intensive (PC004)/Study Week
14 – 18 April	Term 1 Holidays
5 – 9 May	Term 2 Holidays
2 – 6 June	Reading Week
6 (TBC) & 10 – 13 June	Exams

SECOND SEMESTER

16 – 17 July	Preaching Conference
22 July	Commencement of Lectures
29 August	Census Date
1 – 5 Sept	Intensives (PC126/TH104)/Study Week
22 Sep – 3 Oct	Term 3 Holidays
3 – 7 November	Reading Week
7 (TBC) & 10 – 14 Nov	Exams



UNITS OFFERED

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Introduction to Biblical Theology

CHRISTIANITY IN HISTORY

Christianity in History to 1550

Christianity in History from 1550 to Modern Times

The Continental Reformation*

EVANGELISM AND MISSIOLOGY

Theology of Mission

Principles of Evangelism

Living Faiths

Church Planting

Christian Ministry in Islamic Settings

PASTORAL AND CHURCH-FOCUSSED MINISTRY

Christian Worship

Expository Preaching: An Introduction

Expository Preaching Workshop A & B

Pastoral Ministry in Reformed Churches

Pastoral Care

Principles of Leadership and Management

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

Christian Worldview

OLD TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION

Old Testament Foundations

Old Testament Prophets and Writings

OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS

Exilic Prophecy*

The Psalter*

Principles and Practice of Old Testament Exegesis*

NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION

Jesus and the Gospels

The Early New Testament Church

NEW TESTAMENT EXEGESIS

The Fourth Gospel*

Pauline Theology and Romans*

Principles and Practice of New Testament Exegesis*

THEOLOGY

The Knowledge of God*

The Doctrine of God and the Work of Christ*

The Doctrines of Grace and Eschatology*

The Church and its Ministry*

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

New Testament Greek A

New Testament Greek B

Biblical Hebrew A

Biblical Hebrew B

* Unit requires prior completion of pre-requisite unit(s). Please contact the registrar at registrar@rtc.edu.au or on (03) 5244 8600 for more information.

TWO YEAR RTC UNIT CYCLE

2025 / ODD-NUMBERED YEAR

SEMESTER 1

On Campus / Flexible

Unit Name	Mode	Lecturer
Old Testament Foundations	Live	SL
Principles of Evangelism	Live	PS
The Doctrines of Grace and Eschatology	Live	TBC
New Testament Greek A	Live	MW
The Fourth Gospel (English/Greek)	Live	MW
Principles and Practice of OT Exegesis [Heb.]	Live	SL
Expository Preaching Workshop C ^	Live	MC/CB
Christian Worship	Intensive	MC

Online

Unit Name	Mode	Lecturer
Jesus and the Gospels	eCampus	AS
Christianity in History from 1550	eCampus	MF
The Knowledge of God	eCampus	KW

SEMESTER 2

On Campus / Flexible

Unit Name	Mode	Lecturer
Old Testament Prophets and Writings	Live	AK
Christianity in History to 1550	Live	PS
New Testament Greek B	Live	MW
The Psalter	Live	AM
Pauline Theology and Romans	Live	MW
Expository Preaching Workshop D ^	Live	MC
The Church and its Ministry	Intensive	AS
Expository Preaching: An Introduction	Intensive	MC

Online

Unit Name	Mode	Lecturer
The Early New Testament Church	eCampus	AS
Church Planting	eCampus	PS

2026 / EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR

SEMESTER 1

On Campus / Flexible

Unit Name	Mode	Lecturer
Jesus and the Gospels	Live	MW
The Knowledge of God	Live	AS
Christianity in History from 1550	Live	PS
Biblical Hebrew A	Live	SL
Principles and Practice of NT Exegesis [Grk.]	Live	MW
Exilic Prophecy	Live	SL
Expository Preaching Workshop A	Live	MC
Pastoral Care	Live	MC + Team
Introduction to Biblical Theology	Intensive	AS
Theology of Mission	Intensive	PS

Online

Unit Name	Mode	Lecturer
Old Testament Foundations	eCampus	MF (TBC)
The Doctrines of Grace & Eschatology	eCampus	KW

SEMESTER 2

On Campus / Flexible

Unit Name	Mode	Lecturer
The Early New Testament Church	Live	AS
Biblical Hebrew B	Live	SL
The Continental Reformation	Live	PS
Principles of Leadership & Management	Live	MC, JdV
Expository Preaching Workshop B	Live	MC
The Doctrine of God & Work of Christ	Live	AS
Living Faiths	Live	PS
The Epistle to the Hebrews (TBC)	Live	TBC
Pastoral Ministry in Reformed Churches	Intensive	MC, Team

Online

Unit Name	Mode	Lecturer
Old Testament Prophets and Writings	eCampus	SL
Jesus and the Gospels	eCampus	TBC
Christianity in History to 1550	eCampus	MF (TBC)

MW - Martin Williams, SL – Stephen Lewis, MC- Murray Capill, PS - Phillip Scheepers, AS – Andrew Stewart, MF – Michael Flinn, JdV – Jack de Vries, CB – Clinton Berends, AM – Alastair McEwen

On-demand units available: Introduction to Research Methods (eCampus), Christian Ministry in Islamic Settings (eCampus)

^ Expository Preaching Workshop C/D units are unaccredited and intended for students who completed Expository Preaching Workshops A/B

Modes explained

Class: all students attend and participate in weekly lectures on campus during the semester teaching weeks

Live: off-campus students attend weekly lectures via livestream at the scheduled class time in Melbourne

Intensive: three to five weeks of eCampus-based learning online, followed by a week-long intensive at the RTC in person

eCampus: students engage with the weekly learning materials found on the eCampus for the unit



PRE-REQUISITES / CO-REQUISITES

PRE-REQUISITES: Units to complete before you enrol for a preferred unit

CO-REQUISITES: Units to undertake while enrolled or before you enrol for a preferred unit

LANGUAGES

LA004 Biblical Hebrew B

Pre-requisite: LA003 Biblical Hebrew A

LA006 New Testament Greek B

Pre-requisite: LA005 New Testament Greek A

THEOLOGY (TH001, TH002, TH103, TH104)

Co-requisites: 2x units from Old Testament, New Testament, or Biblical Studies

- e.g. **Old Testament Foundations, The Early New Testament Church**
- e.g. **Jesus and the Gospels, Introduction to Biblical Theology**

OLD TESTAMENT SET BOOKS (ENGLISH)

Co-requisite: OT introduction unit that corresponds to the set book in question¹

- e.g. **The Psalter** requires concurrent or prior completion of **Old Testament Prophets and Writings** (survey of 2nd half of the OT)

OLD TESTAMENT SET BOOKS (HEBREW)

Pre-requisites: **Biblical Hebrew A** and **Biblical Hebrew B**

Co-requisites: OT introduction unit that corresponds to the set book in question

- e.g. **The Psalter** requires concurrent or prior completion of **Old Testament Prophets and Writings** (survey of 2nd half of the OT)

NEW TESTAMENT SET BOOKS (ENGLISH)

Co-requisites: NT introduction unit that corresponds to the set book in question²

- e.g. **The Fourth Gospel** requires concurrent or prior completion of **Jesus and the Gospels** (Gospels survey)

¹ Undergraduate students may enrol for a set book unit at level 6 with *either* Old Testament Foundations *or* Old Testament Prophets and Writings as their co-requisite.

² Undergraduate students may enrol for a set book unit at level 6 with *either* Jesus and the Gospels *or* The Early New Testament Church as their co-requisite.

NEW TESTAMENT SET BOOKS (GREEK)

Pre-requisites: New Testament Greek A and New Testament Greek B

Co-requisites: NT introduction unit that corresponds to the set book in question

- e.g. **Pauline Theology and Romans** requires concurrent or prior completion of **The Early New Testament Church** (survey of Acts to Revelation)

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF OT/NT EXEGESIS [GREEK]

Pre-requisites: New Testament Greek A and B for **Principles and Practice of NT Exegesis (Greek)**, or Biblical Hebrew A and B for **Principles and Practice of OT Exegesis (Hebrew)**

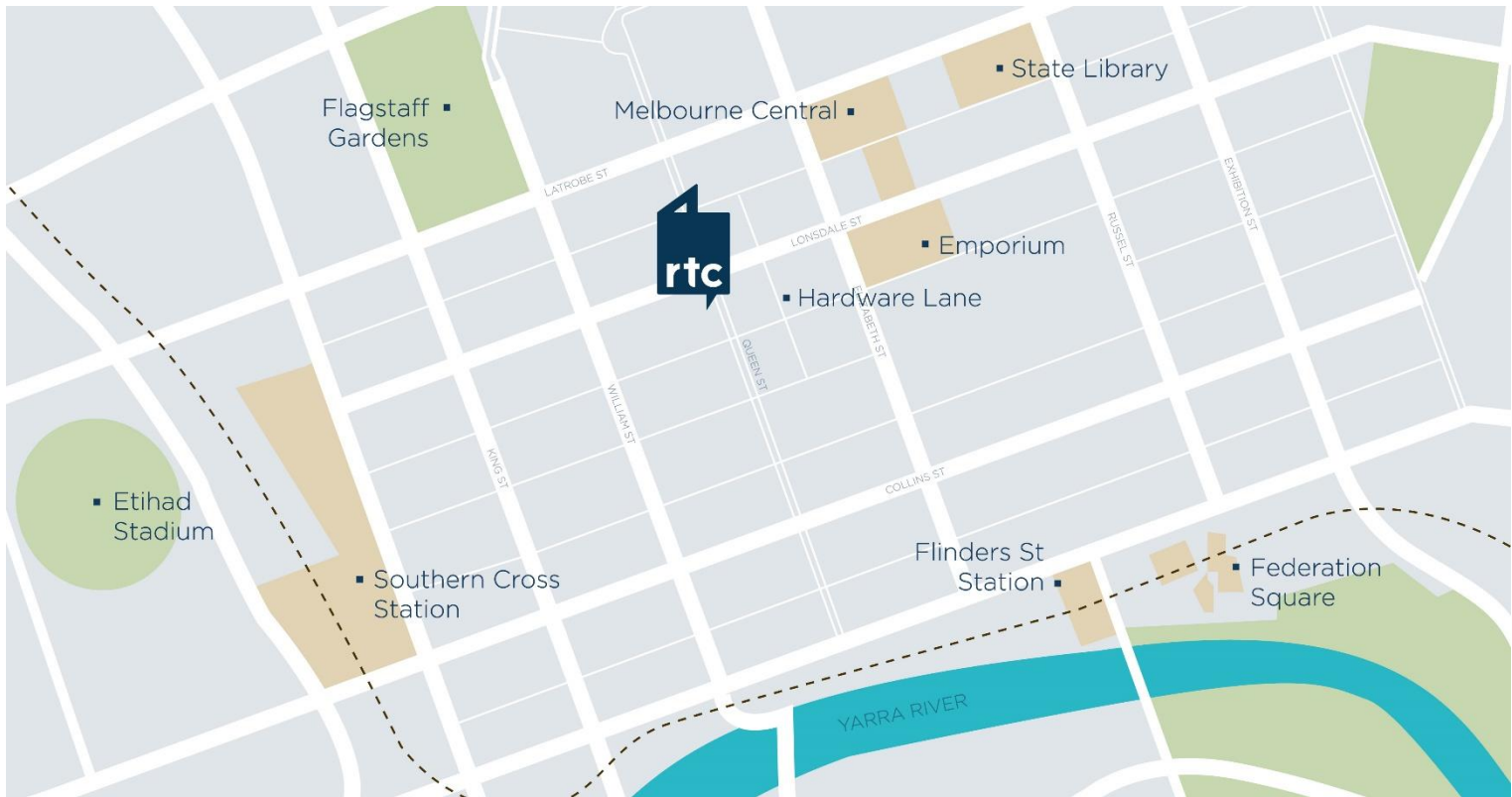
EXPOSITORY PREACHING WORKSHOP A / B

Pre-requisites: Expository Preaching: An Introduction

RTC CAMPUS AND RESOURCES

RTC Campus (Melbourne)

The RTC campus is located at level 3, 221 Queen Street, Melbourne, VICTORIA 3216.



The campus features a reception area, two lecture rooms, a quiet reading room for study, and a common room where students may meet, a common bathroom, and a disabled toilet.



RTC Library (Geelong)

The RTC's main library is located in Geelong, Victoria and currently houses more than 29,000 items. The library is accessible to all students during the open hours which are listed further in the handbook. Students are highly encouraged to make use of the library in person whenever possible and to make use of the library's study spaces.

The main library also holds CDs and DVDs which are available for borrowing; and has a large closed access collection of journals, reference works, and copies of theses and research papers from students and staff (past and present).



Students studying at the Melbourne campus can also request that books from the borrowing collection at the main library are delivered to them in Melbourne subject to availability. Distance students can also place requests for library material to be mailed to them. Both request services are detailed further in the separate library guides.

While the primary reserve collection each semester will be hosted in the RTC Reading Room (Melbourne) a smaller reserve collection of key unit resources will be held in Geelong which will be available for overnight loan (including weekend access when borrowing on Friday with books due for return by 10.00 am on Monday).

RTC Reading Room (Melbourne)



The RTC Reading Room houses a closed access collection of just over 1,000 permanent items (including commentaries, reference works and a selection of key and supplementary material). It also houses a rotating reserve collection of between 200-300 books which change on a semester basis depending on the units offered each semester. Items held at the Reading Room may only be used within the Melbourne campus and may not be borrowed. All borrowing material is available through the main library in Geelong. The RTC Reading Room is designed as a quiet study area and provides students with a number of study spaces with provision for laptop use.

Library Hours:

Main Library (Geelong)

During semester (February to November)
Monday-Friday: 9.00am - 8.00pm

Holiday periods (December and January)
Monday-Thursday: 9.00am - 5.00pm
Friday: 9.00am - 4.00pm

RTC Reading Room (Melbourne)

Open during Melbourne campus business hours
Monday-Friday: 8.00am - 6.00pm

Computers

Students may make use of the computer facilities in the main library and the RTC Reading Room, but must not add new software, or interfere with the hardware or software provided. Personal disks and storage devices, which may have been exposed to viruses, may not be used on these computers. All faculty and staff computers are strictly off limits. The circulation computer and the dedicated library catalogue computer should not be used for any other purpose.

Student Identification Cards and Photocopying/Printing

All Melbourne campus students will be issued with a Student identification card which will also function as library card, and provide photocopying and security access. Student identification cards for Distance students are also available on request. Please note: if you conclude your studies at the RTC before the end of a semester, please return your student card to the Melbourne office receptionist. Photocopying and printing charges for 2017 are listed below:

Photocopying		Black	Colour
Charges	A4	10c	20c
(per page)	A3	20c	50c

RTC Bookshop

The College Bookshop located at the RTC Resource Centre has a limited supply of some prescribed class textbooks; however, most texts will need to be ordered directly by students. Suggested bookshops include Koorong, Reformer's Bookshop, Word, Amazon and Book Depository. If you are unable to purchase from an external source for any reason you are welcome to contact the Librarian for assistance.

3) TUITION FEES, COST OF STUDY, AND LIVING COSTS

Please note that the tuition cost for an Overseas Student is approximately \$15,000 AUD per semester. If you require accommodation at [Barkley Hall](#) in Geelong, you will require a further \$8,000 AUD per semester³ plus transport fares to the Melbourne campus. Please allow for at least \$50,000 AUD in addition per year to cover your other living expenses. The RTC is presently unable to offer scholarships or financial assistance to overseas students.

Unit tuition fees are determined by the Australian University of Theology (AUT) each year and may vary over the duration of an overseas student's course. The fees for 2025 are as follows:

	Unit Fee
Units taken at levels 5-7 (i.e. NT001-512, TH001-712)	\$3,288.00
Units taken at levels 8-9 (i.e. TH103-812, CH206-912)	\$3,642.00

Please review the [AUT's policy on refunds for course fees](#).

4) DEFERMENT, SUSPENSION, OR CANCELLATION OF STUDY

Deferment or Suspension of Course

You may advise the RTC Registrar if you are unable to continue your planned course of study at the RTC. Applications for deferred should be accompanied by documentation which demonstrates the compassionate or compelling reasons for the deferment of your study.

Your application will then be sent to the Director of Academic Services at the Australian College of Theology and evaluated. If your application is successful, the AUT will inform you of the decision within five working days, along with the effect the deferment or suspension has on your student Visa.

Please read the AUT's full policy on the [Suspension or Cancellation of a Course of Study](#).

Cancellation or Suspension of Course

The Australian College of Theology may inform you about the suspension or cancellation of your enrolment on the following grounds:

- academic misconduct
- general misconduct
- unsatisfactory course progress
- non-payment of fees by the due date
- non-commencement of studies
- failure to resume studies while your course is in progress
- the AUT considers you to be non-bona fide

You will have twenty days to appeal the AUT's decision.

For more information, please read the AUT's full policy on the [Suspension or Cancellation of a Course of Study](#).

³ Please refer to the [Barkley Hall Handbook](#) for more information about admission and accommodation. Applicants may apply at the [Barkley Hall website](#).

5) CONTACT INFORMATION

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