



Orthodox education for faith and life

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Institute

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Developments in 2020

Since commencement in late 2017, SCMOI has grown more quickly than initially anticipated. Though still relatively modest in number, nonetheless our student body is drawn from four States and the ACT, comprises students in both the Clergy Track and the Faith and Life Track (both male and female), and represents five Orthodox jurisdictions. We thank God for all that He has done for us and for His blessing on our endeavor.

Ongoing growth in student numbers requires that we continue to build our capacity. With the recent addition of **Dr Danijel Kevesevic** (Adelaide), as Lecturer in Old Testament, the SCMOI faculty now numbers eight. All of our faculty offer their time and services freely to the Institute and combine a wealth of scholarship, teaching ability and pastoral experience on par with that of any long-established theological college. We anticipate making a number of additional appointments to the Faculty in the New Year to further enrich our subject offerings and student learning.

While committed to a blended delivery approach built around the interactive distance delivery of courses, the need for a dedicated campus has been a desideratum from the outset. Hence we are excited to announce that we are looking forward in 2020 to developing premises in Dandenong South, Victoria. We are immensely grateful to the **Very Rev. Dr Michael Protopopov** and the Board of **Ruscare Ltd**, for making this opportunity available to us.

The creation of the campus will enable us to establish permanent offices, teaching rooms, improved technology for distance delivery, and a specialised library. This in turn will better equip SCMOI to provide the current degree programmes, and over time to expand award pathways and opportunities for research and other activities that contribute towards

Orthodox scholarship and culture in Australia and the region.

Moving on campus is big step, but much more will require to be done as the work progresses. May we ask for your support by keeping us regularly in prayer and, if possible, by donating to build SCMOI's capacity for serving Christ and His Church throughout Australasia.

Archpriest Peter A.L. Hill

Institute Director

Student achievements

Semester 2, 2019 has finished with SCMOI students obtaining commendable results in the units undertaken. We congratulate all our students and note that in the following Undergraduate units **High Distinctions** were obtained:

MINS1201 Interpreting the New Testament (Fr Peter Hill)

Marija Maric (SA)

Valentin Stoica (SA)

MINS1509 Introduction to Christian Leadership (Reader Erc Fein)

Deacon Stephen David (ACT)

Natalia Hubczenko (SA)

Matthew Shvetsoff (Qld)

Steven Threadgill (Qld)

Tatiana Wood (Qld)

MINS2704 Biblical Greek (Subdeacon Irenaeus Strickler)

Jack Hoyle (Vic)

Tatiana Wood (Qld)

MINS3002 Biblical Hermeneutics (Fr Peter Hill)

Steven Threadgill (Qld)



FAQ

- **What is cross institutional study?**

Cross institutional study enables students enrolled in Australian universities to undertake one or more ACD units for credit towards their university (undergraduate) degree. This provision only relates to degree courses that allow students to take electives from fields outside their disciplinary requirements and requires the approval of both the respective university and ACD. Where available, cross institutional enrolment allows university students to study in the positive Orthodox learning environment provided by SCMOI.

Office Times:

December 2019 – January 2020

The SCMOI Office is open throughout December and January during normal business hours TUESDAYS to THURSDAYS, with the exception of public holidays and Orthodox Christmas (6 – 8 January).

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Help SCMOI build for the future with your donation.

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2020 enrolments now open

Enrol with SCMOI for undergraduate and postgraduate awards (DipMin, AssocMin, BMin, GradCertMin and GradDipMin). Audit options available.

Units offered Semester 1, 2020

MINS1101/8209 Interpreting the Old Testament

Lecturer: Dr Danijel Kevesevic

MINS1304/8209 Introduction to Christian Thought

Lecturer: Very Rev. Nicholas Karipoff

MINS1603 Beyond Sunday

Lecturer: Very Rev. Nemanja Mrdjenovic

MINS3218 The Gospel of John and the Johannine Letters

Lecturer: Very Rev. Dr Peter A.L. Hill

MINS8558 Introduction to Community Research

Lecturer: Reader Eric (Dr Eric) Fein

Timetable at www.scmoi.edu.au

Units are delivered in real time at distance (online) and fully-supported by the ACD learning platform and extensive study resources.

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SCMOI Semester 1 enrolment closes 21 February 2020.

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