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What is the University of Divinity?

About the University of Divinity

- A collegiate university made up of 12 member colleges

- A registered higher education provider in Australia since 1910, conferring awards and conducting research

- Vision is to address the issues of the contemporary world through critical engagement with theological traditions.

- Governed by a University Council

- The Office of the Vice-Chancellor consists of a team who work to support the collegiate system

- The strength of the collegiate system is in the intimate scale of the learning communities

- The collegiate structure fosters theological diversity, giving students access to a far wider range of disciplines and perspectives than any one College could manage alone.

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12 Member Colleges

- Australian Lutheran College

- Catholic Theological College

- Eva Burrows College (Salvation Army)

- Pilgrim College (Uniting Church in Australia)

- St Athanasius College (Coptic Orthodox)

- St Barnabas College (Anglican)

- St Francis College (Anglican)

- Trinity College (Anglican)

- Uniting College (Uniting Church in Australia)

- Whitley College (Baptist)

- Wollaston Theological College (Anglican)

- Yarra Theological Union (Catholic)

Prof James McLaren: Vice-Chancellor

Office of the Vice Chancellor:

Prof Albert Haddad: Dean of Academic Programs

Immanuel Vyas: Academic Compliance Manager

Val Ignateva: Student Services Manager

Prof Liz Boase: Dean, School of Graduate Research

Prof Megan Cassidy-Welch: Dean of Research Strategy

Megan Nelson: Operations & Media Manager

Jason Gu: Financial Controller

Rohan Edmeades: Information Technology Manager

Student Support Services

- UD administrative hub

- Maintain policies and process applications

- Ensure integrity of academic and operational processes

- Ensure the University's IT systems and online resources are accessible and support an inclusive and diverse student body

- Administer and analyse an Annual Student Survey to identify areas of excellence or improvement in the student experience

Student Support Plan

- The University is committed to the provision of reasonable support to all students so they enjoy their journey of learning

- Reasonable adjustments can be made to a learning and teaching practice, as well as the assessment tasks that enable a student with a disclosed disability or mental or health condition to participate in the learning & assessment on the same basis as others

- Contact our registrar if you think you may need a Support Plan

- The UD together with SAC ensures that support is available to students to assist them successfully complete their studies

Student Support Plan to help you complete your assessments when you experience serious interruptions

- Lecturer's extension: up to 2 weeks

- Academic Dean's extension: up to 4 weeks

- First point of contact is your lecturer

- Students may apply for special considerations via a Student Support Plan when their studies are interrupted by unforeseeable circumstances, e.g., illness, hardship, trauma, bereavement, etc

- We also provide special grading consideration

- Additional time to complete assessment tasks

- Changed circumstances for assessments

- Changed type of assessments

- Extensions beyond the 4 weeks

Information for Overseas Students

- The University of Divinity welcomes and provides overseas students with a safe, enjoyable and rewarding place to study.

- The University complies with Australia's law to promote quality education and consumer protection of overseas students.

- Pastoral and academic support is offered to all students.

- A compulsory orientation program for all new overseas students

- Library orientation

- English language skills assistance

- Academic skills assistance

- Course advice and course planning

- Pastoral care

- Reference to other services and emergency contacts

Leave of Absence

- A student undertaking an award of the University, may apply for a maximum of one year (2 semesters) leave of absence from the course they are studying

- An application form to take leave of absence must be submitted prior to the start on the subsequent semester

- The completed form must be submitted to the registrar and approved by the University

Health and Wellbeing

- Taking care of your physical and mental health will help you to achieve academic success, make the most of your learning opportunities and enjoy a positive student experience

- If you are struggling with a personal, physical, emotional or mental health issue, we recommend seeking professional support

- The University provides a list of healthcare resources on its website

- If you would like to speak with someone at SAC, please contact Fr Michael Salib, our college Chaplain

Safety

- The University of Divinity and its colleges are committed to providing a safe and respectful environment that is free from sexual assault and sexual harassment, for all members

- Together we support a proactive approach to preventing incidences of sexual assault or harassment

- If you have been affected by assault or harassment you can report it to the University or to your home college for confidential advice and support

University's Code of Conduct

- The Code of Conduct applies to all members of the University of Divinity

- Acting with honesty and integrity, complying with ethical standards in academic practice

- Respecting the integrity and diversity of theological traditions represented in the Colleges of the University

- Being willing to engage with views different from my own

- Use University resources responsibly

- University of Divinity Code of Conduct

National Student Ombudsman

- The National Student Ombudsman works to resolve student complaints about higher education providers

- They provide free and independent service to all higher education students

- They can look into the actions taken by higher education providers relating to: student safety, discrimination, fairness in relation to disability, complaints processes, etc

- https://www.nso.gov.au/

- 1300 395 775

Academic Integrity

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- "The moral code of academic life and endeavour. It involves using, generating and communicating information in an ethical, honest and responsible manner" *(adapted from Monash University, 2013, quoted in TEQSA Guidance Note on Academic Integrity, 2019).*

- Academic integrity is fundamental to the success and credibility of higher education both for individuals and institutions.

- Students and staff of the University take responsibility for the academic integrity of their own work, including understanding what academic integrity is, and safeguarding against academic misconduct.

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Definitions of Academic Misconduct

For policies and guidelines on the ethical use of Gen AI tools in coursework and research, go to:

University's Academic Integrity Policy

Academic misconduct is any breach of academic integrity by a member of the University which is covered in the UD Policy.

Cheating	Collusion	Copying
Ethical breach	Fabrication	Falsification
Illicit paraphrasing	Plagiarism	Recycling

Guidelines for use of generative AI tools

Appropriate uses of AI

Simplify complex topics for research.

Brainstorm ideas.

Enhance your grammar, language expression or write in plain English (using your own original writing)

Translate text into a variety of languages.

Look for resources and ideas around a topic.

Inappropriate uses of AI

- Creating prompts that ask to write, draw or create whole or parts of assessment material, and copying it into assessment submissions as your own work.

- Solving tasks in examination questions and copying it into assessment submissions as your own work.

- Asking for original ideas to answer essay topics and copying the text verbatim into assessment submissions.

- Asking for a full paraphrasing of part of a peer reviewed published resource and copying it into assessment submissions as your own work.

- Looking up specialised knowledge and claiming the search results as your own work in assessment submissions.

Refer to the University's Academic Integrity Policy

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Acknowledgement of one's own work and use of AI in Assessment Tasks

- All students are required to complete a form to acknowledge and outline the use of AI in preparing or finalising assignments. Students will need to ensure that AI is appropriately cited and included in their reference list

- All students are required to verify that the work is their own, has not been submitted otherwise for credit and acknowledges the work of others

University Style Guide

- The University Style Guide is available on the Library Hub
- The Style Guide is used for referencing and footnoting

What is St Athanasius College?

- Founded in 2001

- Accredited in 2011 as a member college of the University of Divinity

- A Coptic Orthodox theological college

- Units in theology, biblical studies, history, ancient languages, mission, religious education, counselling, liturgy, iconography and Coptic and Syriac Studies

- Units are taught from an Orthodox perspective

- SAC fosters an ecumenical environment that welcomes all those who wish to learn about the richness and beauty of Eastern Christianity

Administrative Staff

- Fr Dr Shenouda Boutros
  - (Principal: frdaniel@sac.edu.au)
- Dr Lisa Agaiby
  - (Academic Dean: lagaiby@sac.edu.au)
- Amy Jackson
  - (Registrar: registrar@sac.edu.au)
- Amy Jackson
  - (Librarian: librarian@sac.edu.au)
- Dr Katherin Papadopoulos
  - (Research Co-Ordinator: kpapadopoulos@sac.edu.au)

The first point of contact for students

Ensure students can access information on coursework, research, student support services, staff contacts, and when required assist in collaborating with other Colleges of the University

Identify and remove barriers to student participation in units and courses, including making reasonable adjustments for students with particular needs

Monitor the progress of students to ensure they are provided with support to progress and complete their studies.

Identify students who are at risk of not successfully completing their units of study and providing them with appropriate support services

What Colleges are responsible for

What Students are responsible for

Abide	by the University's Code of Conduct.
Ensure	their College is aware of their needs
Respond	in a timely manner to communications
Adhere	to intervention strategies provided by their College in response to concerns about their academic progress

Attendance

Required:

Online and face-to-face

Any student who misses 2 or more classes or does not log into ARK within a 2-week period, will be flagged

Advise your lecturer:

If you are not well or unable to participate in class tutorials

UD Educational Systems

Staff and students of the University use a number of systems in their learning, teaching and research:

- **ARK** = the Learning Management System, used to support all units at the University

- **Library Hub** = digital library resources including databases, journals and e-books

- **Paradigm** = the Student Information Management System, providing access to enrolment data and results.

- **Research Repository** = a comprehensive database with records of publications by members of the University

- **Unit Directory** = the Unit Management System allows students and staff to view the diverse range of units available across the University and its Colleges.

- **Vox** = a digital hub for connecting relevant news and events with students, staff and the wider University of Divinity community.

https://divinity.edu.au/study/educational-it-systems/

ARK

- The Learning Management System used to support all units at the University

- ARK is at ark.divinity.edu.au or at the top of the University of Divinity website.

- It is the place where you can access unit information (lectures, course material, and where you submit your assignments)

- "Meta Unit": unit guides, lectures, reading materials, announcements, etc

- "Child Unit:" where you submit your assignments via turnitin

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Welcome to ARK

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Student Documentation

Login Guide

Start here to see the login guide.

ARK

ARK is the University's virtual Learning Environment.

Video Conferencing

An introduction to the University's video conferencing platform - Zoom.

Library Hub

Information regarding accessing digital resources via the Library Hub

Style Guide

The University of Divinity is committed to the use of one basic referencing style for theology courses, which is based on the latest version of the Chicago Manual of Style (17th ed. 2017).

Academic Integrity

Your responsibility as a student of the University is to adhere to academic integrity and the Code of Conduct.

Grading and Assessment

Assessment is a crucial quality measure in

Student Unit Evaluations

In each coursework Unit students have the

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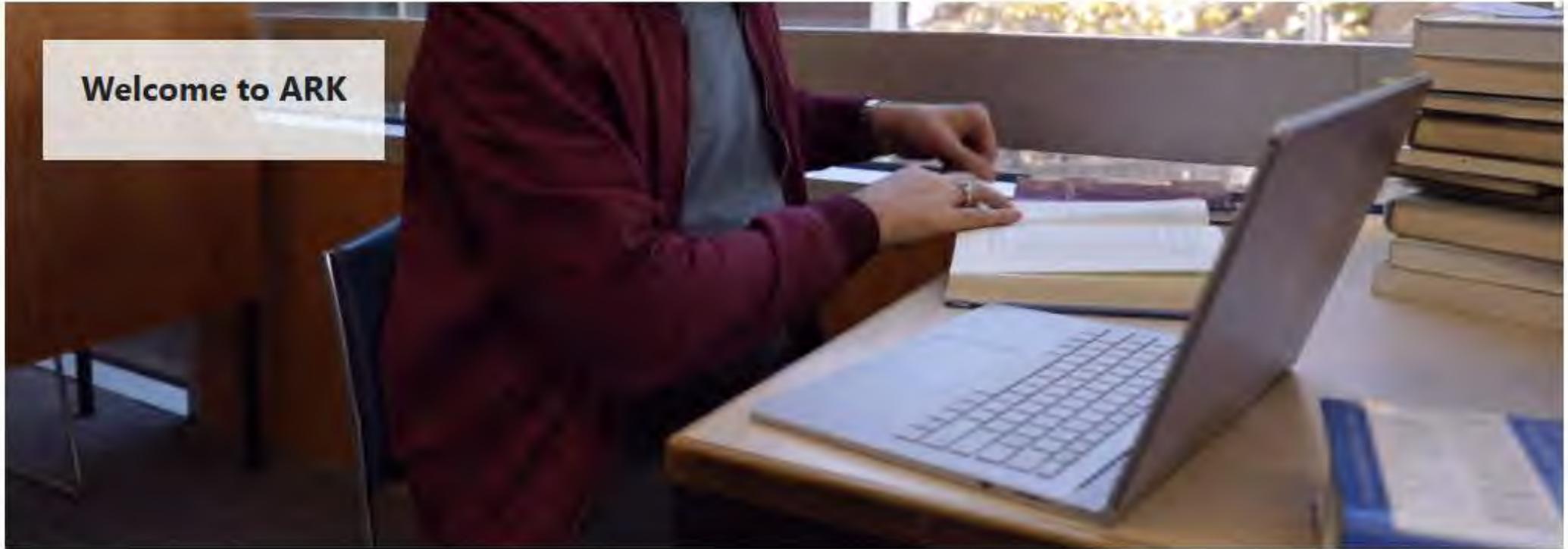
Welcome back, Elizabeth! 👋

Timeline

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Recently accessed units

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CH3500A-20242SAC-Blended The Lives ...
SAC 2024

"The Wound of Love": The Experiential a...
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Hidden Pearls: A Survey of Syriac Christian Literature - Meta Unit

Unit   Participants   Grades   Question bank

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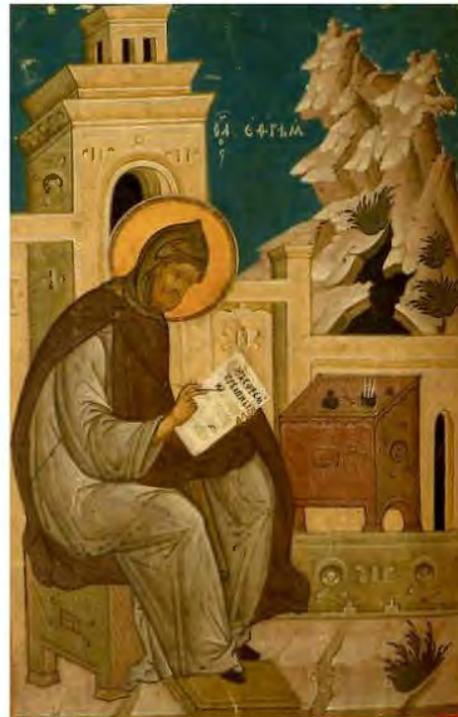
Dear friends,

A very warm welcome to Hidden Pearls: A Survey of Syriac Christian Literature.

My name is Katherin and I will be your guide this semester. I am so excited to go on this learning journey with you.

I have designed this unit to give you a taste of Syriac Christian literature from the first six centuries, beginning with the Syriac Bible. Along the way we will explore apocryphal and mystical literature, poetry, hagiography and history and meet many of the greats: Ephrem the Syrian, Jacob of Sarugh, Narsai, and Isaac of Nineveh. As this is an introductory unit, the focus will be on establishing a solid foundation from which you can explore the literary treasures of Syriac

CH1110A-20252SAC-Online Hidden Pearls: A 5urvey of Syriac Christian Literature

Unit   Participants   Grades   Question bank

CH1110A Hidden Pearls Assessment Tasks

In this Child Unit you will find your unit guide as well as your assessment tasks. This will also be the place where you will upload your assignments.

If you have any issues navigating the site or with uploading your assignments, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

📕 2025 CH1110A Hidden Pearls Unit Guide   576.4 KB PDF document

📘 Assignment 1: Timeline

Please refer to the unit guide for information.

Weight: 15%

Words: 600 (nominal)

Due Date: Week 5 (i.e., Sunday, 30 March 2025, 11.59pm)

📘 Assignment 2: Critical Literary Analysis

Please refer to the unit guide for information.

Weight: 35%

Words: 1400

Due Date: Week 8 (i.e., Sunday, 4 May 2025, 11.59pm)

📘 Assessment 3: Reasearch Essay

Please refer to the unit guide for information.

Weight: 50%

Words: 2000

Due Date: Week 13 (i.e., Sunday, 8 June 2025, 11.59pm)

Sidebar:

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Assignment 1: Timeline

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Announcements

All assessments must be submitted to Turnitin via ARK

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CyberSecurity **Student Docs** Staff Docs Projects

Student Docs / ARK / Turnitin submissions

Turnitin submissions

One of most common methods for submitting assessment work is through Turnitin. When you have completed your task, you can upload it to Turnitin for grading.

Submitting a file to Turnitin via ARK

Step 1: Locate the submission area in the child unit.

If your assignment is to be submitted using Turnitin, you will find an activity with a Turnitin icon in the child unit (the Turnitin icon is a blue page with an arrow in the bottom left corner):

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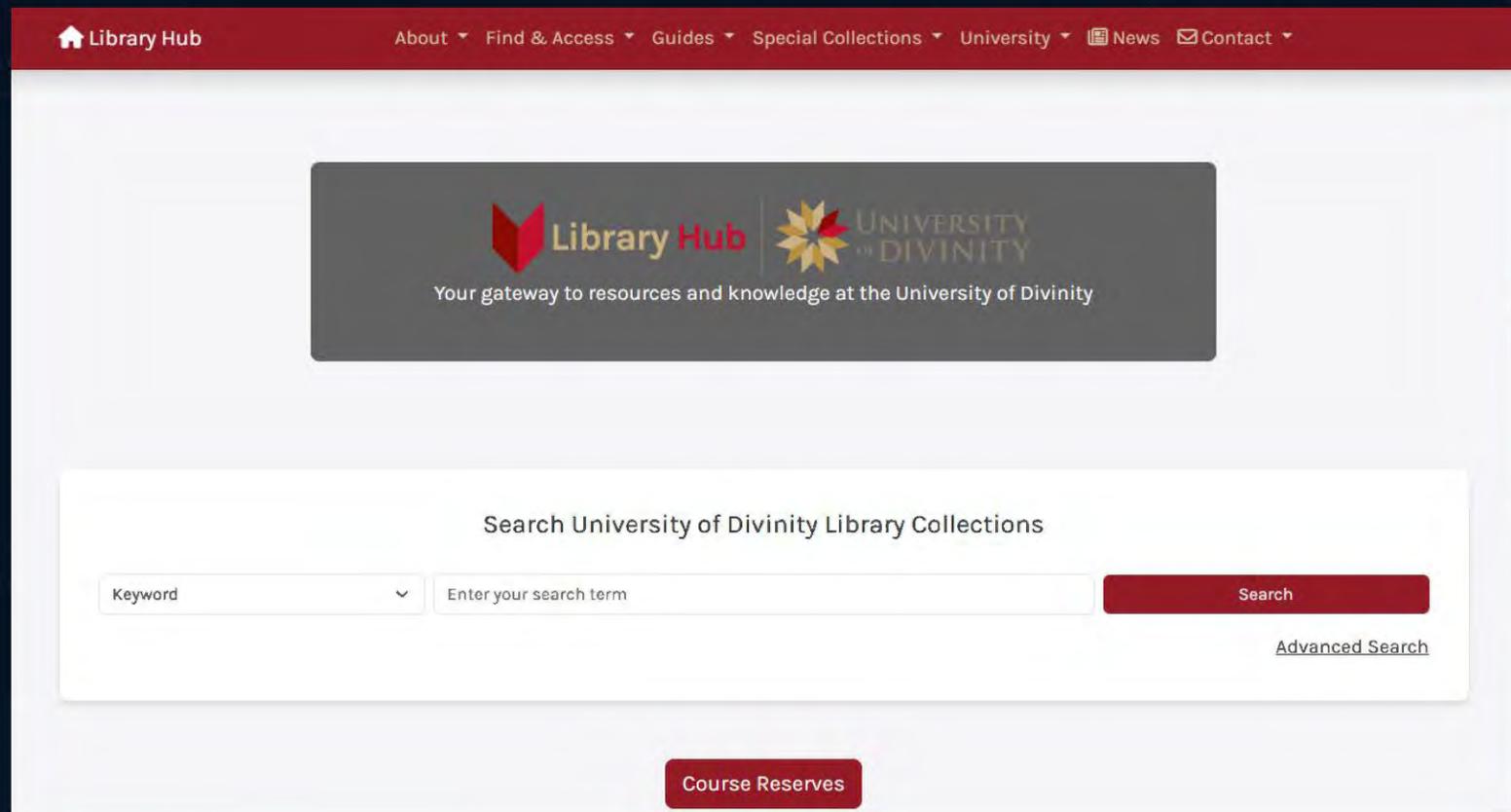**Welcome to ARK**

Support

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University of Divinity Libraries

- The combined library collections of the collegiate UD provides access to an extensive range of resources that support learning and research

- All members of the UD are eligible to access and borrow from *all* UD libraries. Contact individual libraries for access and opening hours

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