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### About the University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne is a research-intensive University, with a strong connection between global research outcomes and our teaching and learning programs. With a reputation for excellence, the University is consistently ranked as Australia's leading university and one of the top 40 institutions in the world, according to the latest Times Higher Education (THE) rankings.

The University's Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, a leader in biomedicine in Australia, is located at the centre of one of the world's most concentrated biomedical research precincts, close to Medical Research Institutes, tertiary referral hospitals with University Departments of clinical medicine and private sector biomedical businesses. The Faculty is renowned for the breadth and depth of its research, the application of this research to clinical practice and public health, and the development of new and innovative treatments to reduce mortality and improve quality of life.

### About the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS), formed in 1927, is a non-profit organisation training surgeons and maintaining surgical standards in Australia and New Zealand. The College's purpose is to be the unifying force for surgery in Australia and New Zealand.

Based on the proud tradition of an internationally focussed profession and recognised for the high standards it maintains through its educational, training and professional development and support activities, RACS has nurtured surgical excellence and ensured that the community it serves can be confident in the profession's level of skill and competency.

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Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry  
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## Postgraduate Diploma in Surgical Anatomy 2012

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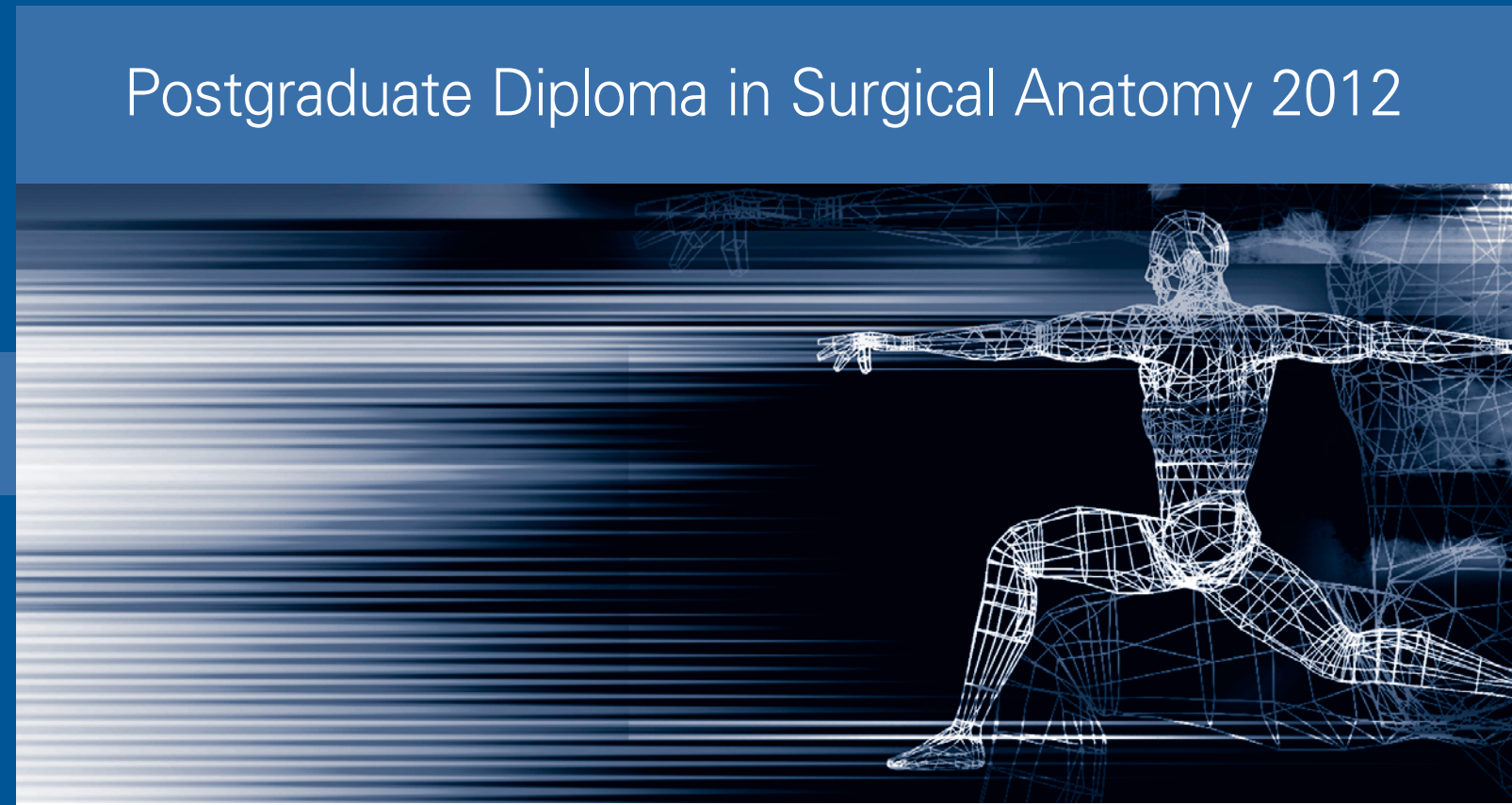
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# Course Information

The Postgraduate Diploma in Surgical Anatomy is a joint qualification with Melbourne Consulting and Custom Programs and the Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology, University of Melbourne and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS).

The course provides the opportunity to perform a supervised dissection of relevant areas (and if desired, associated surgical procedures) on a cadaver. Its program is tailored to each participant, particularly those intending to take RACS examinations involving Anatomy (at both basic and advanced levels). Almost all candidates who have successfully completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Surgical Anatomy have passed the RACS Basic Science Examination at their first attempt.

The course is quality assured by the University of Melbourne and conducted by expert academic staff from the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the University of Melbourne.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Completion of an undergraduate medical degree, such as MBBS or its equivalent qualification.

### English language proficiency

For international participants the English language requirement is an IELTS score of at least 6.5 (with no band less than 6.0) or equivalent in the 24 months preceding application.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the course are:

1. To provide a supervised cadaver dissection
2. To provide training in Anatomy to the standard required for examinations by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

RACS curricular requirements are published on their web site: [www.surgeons.org/edu](http://www.surgeons.org/edu)

## COURSE CONTENT

The course comprises a single subject: Surgical Anatomy. You will gain a thorough knowledge of all aspects of regional and systemic anatomy.

In particular, you will learn the surgical relevance of all structures studied, common variations, and surgical and procedural approaches to each organ or structure.

# Course Overview

## COURSE DELIVERY

Classes are held in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the University of Melbourne's Parkville campus.

Tuition over the 18-week period involves lecture/tutorials and practical sessions (including specimen workshops and cadaver dissection) totaling 160 contact hours. There is also opportunity for additional independent dissection if desired.

You will be supplied with course notes and a set of Anatomedia CD-ROMs (see also HYPERLINK [www.anatomedia.com](http://www.anatomedia.com)) as well as an accompanying book and dissection manual.

## ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed on the quality of your dissection and by an oral examination.

The Albert Coates Memorial Prize will be awarded to the top participant in the course.

## FACILITIES

Course participants have access to specimens in the Harry Brookes Allen Museum of Anatomy and Pathology and Dissecting Room at all times (including evenings and weekends).

## CRITICAL DATES

Applications close: 25 November 2011

Classes commence: Monday 6 February 2012

Classes end: Thursday 31 May 2012

Examinations: Monday 28 May 2012 - Flag Race

Monday 4 June 2012 - Oral Exam

Results released: Wednesday 6 June 2012

*The course is run on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6-10pm, with optional 'catch-up'/revision sessions on Saturday mornings*

## FEES

AUD \$11,000 (for local and international participants).

Applicants may be eligible for a government loan scheme to pay the course fees. The loan scheme is available through the FEE-HELP scheme. For further information please visit

[www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au)

## TESTIMONIALS

*"The Post Graduate Diploma of Surgical Anatomy was very well organised, with excellent materials and accessibility for dissection. The lecturers and tutors were exceptional and very supportive. The course offered the rare opportunity to be taught by experts in both anatomy and in surgery. I'm very glad I decided to apply."*

**Justin O'Brien,**

**2009 Albert Coates Memorial Prize recipient**

*"The Postgraduate Diploma of Surgical Anatomy is delivered by experienced and enthusiastic tutors. Dissection in combination with highly entertaining lectures provide an excellent insight to both gross and clinical anatomy. It definitely aids my appreciation of anatomy intraoperatively. Highly recommended for junior doctors interested in surgery and relevant fields."*

**Chun Hin Angus Lee**

**2010 Albert Coates Memorial Prize recipient**

*"As a surgeon of 30 years, I found the anatomy course enlightening and exhilarating. The staff are enthusiastic, their support incassant; learning is promoted by the camaraderie which develops between students. And anatomy is as important at this stage of my career as it was at the beginning - only more relevant! Thoroughly recommended."*

**Robert Stunden, 2009**

*"As a surgical trainee, I found the anatomy course to be an invaluable adjunct to anatomy textbooks. The opportunity to dissect and use wet specimens for learning was great, and was well complemented by knowledgeable, enthusiastic and dedicated tutors and surgeons. Graduates will be better prepared for their future anatomy exams as well as their careers in surgery."*

**Anthony Ta**

**2011 Albert Coates Memorial Prize recipient**

