

LIDLAW COLLEGE

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203.715 Theology: God and Creation Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

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NQF Level 7, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW

The course has four main parts:

- The existence and nature of God
- God as Trinity; the Spirit of God
- God, creation and providence
- Humanity.

Weekly readings from various sources will be provided by the tutor.

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES

1. Review of a book or section of a book

Learning Outcomes: 1, 2
Due Date: Sunday midnight end of semester week 5
Weighting: 15%
Length: 1500 words

An instruction sheet for this assignment will be provided.

2. Essay

Learning Outcomes: 1, 2, 3
Due Dates: Midnight Sunday end of semester week 10
Weighting: 35%
Length: 3000 words

Students will submit a substantial, well-informed and critical theological essay on the following topic:

‘The Doctrine of the Trinity derives first from Christology, but once formulated the Doctrine of the Trinity also shapes Christology and even enforces certain understandings of Jesus Christ. Describe this movement from Christology to Trinity and back again, and critically assess the appropriateness of giving the Doctrine of the Trinity such a central role in Christian Theology.’

3. Exam

Learning Outcomes: 1, 2, 3
Due Date: To be announced on Moodle
Weighting: 50%
Length: 2 hours

The exam will consist of four sections with one question to be answered from each (4 questions in total). Section one will be on the existence and nature of God; section two will be on God as Trinity; the Spirit of God; section three will be on God, creation and providence; section four will be on humanity and sin.

GRADING CRITERIA

1. Review of a book or section of a book

- Reading with understanding (is the content understood and summarised accurately and fairly?)
- Interaction & evaluation (is the argument interacted with in an appropriately evaluative manner?)
- Informed analysis (is interaction with content informed by wider reading and analysis?)
- Implications and value for theology (what value does the work have for the ongoing task of theology?)
- Communication & presentation
 - Clear introduction and conclusions
 - Clear and logical arrangement
 - Style, grammar, spelling
 - Annotation and bibliography

2. Essay

Research

- research / resources appropriate to level

Analysis & judgement

- depth of critical understanding of issues
- theological method effectively and synthetically employed

Structure

- clear introduction/conclusions
- clear and logical arrangement

Communication & presentation

- spelling and grammar
- annotation & bibliography

3. Exam

- Coverage of main points
- Employment of balanced theological method which is adequately synthetic
- Depth of critical understanding / analysis / reflection
- Clarity & development of answer

LEARNING HOURS

Tutorials	24 hours
Set reading and reflection	42 hours
Review	20 hours
Essay	35 hours
Course review and exam preparation	29 hours
Total:	150 hours

Attendance. From Laidlaw *Academic Handbook*: full attendance at lectures, tutorials, seminars and other forms of designated class work is expected. Unsatisfactory attendance (less than 80%) is grounds for failure of a course.

TEXTBOOKS

There are no compulsory textbooks for this course. Weekly readings will be supplied.

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