

**LIDLAW COLLEGE**  
Te Wananga Amorangi

**548.715 Youth Culture, Popular Culture and Theology**

NQF Level: 7  
Credit Value: 15

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

An examination of youth subcultures, their historical emergence, and their various forms today. Popular culture is closely intertwined with youth subcultures. This course provides a sociological and theological interpretation of popular culture as a location of meaning and significance for young people. Topics include consumption, advertising, music, fashion, film and TV, new media and globalisation.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with an approach to the study of youth subcultures.
2. Critically evaluate the theological implications that contemporary studies of youth culture/s and popular culture has for youth ministry
3. Be able to evaluate and use a range of theories and methods for the study of popular culture
4. Provide a critical assessment of the ways theologians have approached the study of popular culture
5. Engage critically and theologically with a range of popular cultural texts