

LIDLAW COLLEGE
Te Wananga Amorangi

557.515 EVANGELISM: INTRODUCTION AND THEOLOGY
Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

Campus: Christchurch
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NQF Level 5, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW

A biblical and theological foundation for evangelism. An introduction to the concepts, motivations, process and issues of evangelism in the contemporary world.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Assessment	Word count	% Final Grade	Due Date
Book Review	1600	40%	16 August
Integrative Essay	2000 (plus 6 x 250 journal entries)	60%	8 November

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week/Date	Topic	Assessment Task
1	<i>What is evangelism?</i>	
2	<i>Mission and evangelism</i>	
3	<i>What is the gospel?</i>	
4	<i>Proclaiming the gospel today</i>	Book Review due
	INTENSIVE WEEK	
5	<i>Divine action and human response</i>	
6	<i>A theology of conversion</i>	
7	<i>The call to discipleship</i>	
8	<i>Towards a theology of church and evangelism</i>	
9	<i>Post-Christian society</i>	
	MID-TERM BREAK	
10	<i>Evangelism in a multi-faith society</i>	
11	<i>Using apologetics in evangelism</i>	
12	<i>Values for respectful evangelism</i>	
Study and Examinations – Integrative Essay due Sunday after study week NO EXAMINATION FOR THIS COURSE		

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES

1. Book Review

Length: 1600 words
Learning outcomes: 1, 2
Percentage weighting: 40%
Due date: 11.55pm, 16 August

Write a book review of EITHER one of the following two books. If you want to suggest another book, you need to get your lecturer's approval before you proceed. Write a review incorporating an introduction to the book; a brief overview of content; the author's main thesis; thoughtful engagement with the material; and how this book has impacted your understanding of evangelism.

Drummond, Lewis A., *Reaching Generation Next: Effective Evangelism in Today's Culture*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2002.

Webber, Robert E. *Ancient-Future Evangelism: Making Your Church A Faith Forming Community*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003.

Criteria for Assessment

1	Accurate and concise summary of the book's contents and main thesis
2	Evidence of thought and reflection about the contents of the book
3	Demonstration of the book's relevance to the student's growing understanding of evangelism
4	Communication and Presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; annotation and bibliography.

2. Integrative Essay

Length: 2000 words (plus 1500 journal)
Learning outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Percentage weighting: 60%
Due date: 11.55pm, 8 November

Write an integrative essay that draws together the issues that have been explored in this course. This essay should not simply be a summary of the material covered in the course, but should discuss how the various aspects of, and issues relating to, evangelism interact with each other. The essay should cover at least the following areas:

- A biblical theology of evangelism, i.e. a description of evangelism and a discussion of the process of evangelism based on biblical evidence,
- A discussion of the role of the Church in evangelism,
- Consideration of how evangelism might need to be tailored to suit different social and cultural contexts.

Also include a summary of how this course has impacted your own understanding and convictions about evangelism.

PLEASE NOTE:

Leading up to the writing of this essay and in order to facilitate “**in the moment**” reflection that leads to thoughtful and consistent engagement with your learning you are required to complete a written journal of five (6) entries, each being 250 words. Each Journal entry should engage with the lectures, with reference to relevant readings.

These entries need to be completed **bi-weekly** (not all at once at the end) and emailed to me at regular intervals throughout the course (adonaldson@laidlaw.ac.nz). This work, along with a range of external sources, will then be used in the writing of your “Integrative Essay”. The journal entries themselves will NOT be graded, but must be **formed into an appendix and attached in full to your completed essay in order to successfully complete this assessment**. Appropriate integration of these reflections into the essay proper will be part of the grading measures.

Please be sure to include in your essay correct referencing to all material that you have referred to in writing this essay.

Criteria for Assessment

1	Journal entries completed “In the moment” and used appropriately in the formation of the essay.
2	Evidence of engagement with the breadth of the subject material
3	Careful integration of the various aspects of evangelism
4	Evidence of meaningful personal reflection about evangelism
5	Communication and Presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; Annotation and bibliography.

LEARNING HOURS

Class time	36 hours
(Pre-)reading for classes	25 hours
Assessment #1	25 hours
Assessment #2	<u>54 hours</u>
	150 learning hours (15 credits)

TEXTBOOKS

Highly recommended books:

While not compulsory, it is recommended that you consider buying your own copies of at least one or two of these books. You will need access to either Drummond or Webber for the first assessment.

Breuggemann, Walter. *Biblical Perspectives on Evangelism: Living in a three storied universe*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1993.

Drummond, Lewis A., *Reaching Generation Next: Effective Evangelism in Today's Culture*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2002.

Watson, David. *I Believe in Evangelism*. Great Britain: Hodder and Stoughton, 1976, revised 1993.

Webber, Robert E. *Ancient Future Evangelism: Making your church a faith-forming community*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003.

Additional required and recommended readings supplied in Moodle.

NOTES

- Attendance in classes must be 80% or greater in order to successfully complete and pass this course

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- Richardson, Rick. *Evangelism Outside the Box: New ways to help people experience the Good News*. Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2000.
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- Tabb, Mark. *Mission to OZ: Reaching Postmoderns without Losing your Way*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2004.
- Thiessen, Elmer John. *The Ethics of Evangelism: A Philosophical defense of Proselytising and Persuasion*. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2011.