

LIDLAW COLLEGE

Te Wananga Amorangi

122.715 Old Testament: Pentateuch Course Outline

NQF Level: 7
Credit Value: 15

DELIVERY MODE

Auckland, Christchurch and CDL

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will engage the student in detailed exegesis of the english [or the Hebrew] text of selected parts of the Pentateuch, as well as studies in the theology of the Pentateuch with particular focus on the book of Deuteronomy. This course is intended to impress upon the student the theological richness of the Pentateuch, its literary artistry and sophistication, and the profound and powerful manner in which it speaks to the human condition (today).

ENTRY LEVEL

This course requires a survey course in Old Testament (120.515 Old Testament Introduction or equivalent), 111.615 Biblical Interpretation (or equivalent) and a level 6 biblical exegesis course as prerequisites or co-requisites.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of the course students will be able to:

1. Present a well-reasoned analysis of the main theological ideas, themes and narrative flow of the Pentateuch.
2. Critically assess significant scholarly proposals concerning the composite structure of the Pentateuch.
3. Use a range of sound interpretive methods in exegeting texts from the Pentateuch, appropriate to level 7.
4. Analyse and discuss a range of topics related to the content, structure and theology of Deuteronomy.
5. Demonstrate skill in moving from the biblical text to contemporary significance.
6. [Hebrew option: demonstrate ability in reading and translating Biblical Hebrew texts from the Pentateuch.]