

LIDLAW COLLEGE

Te Wananga Amorangi

125.715 Old Testament: Psalms

Course outline

NQF Level: 7
Credit Value: 15

DELIVERY MODE

Auckland, Christchurch and CDL

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of the growth of the Psalter, its present shape, theological significance and emergence and use as the Bible's book of praise and prayer. The exegesis of selected representative psalms.

PRE-REQUISITES AND CO-REQUISITES

Pre-requisites: 120.515, and 101/102 for Hebrew Option

Co-requisite: 111.615

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course students should be able to:

1. Critically assess differing views on the nature of the Psalter.
2. Analyse and discuss key issues relating to the structure and formation of the Psalter.
3. Analyse the main forms and themes in the book of Psalms.
4. Describe the historical, religious and cultural milieu of Scripture within which the Psalms are set.
5. Critique current methodologies in the study of the Psalms.
6. Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of exegetical procedure, especially as it applies to interpretation and understanding of particular Psalms.
7. Discuss the significance of the book of Psalms for the life of faith.