

**140.515 New Testament: Introduction**  
**Course Outline**

NQF Level: 5  
Credit Value: 15

**DELIVERY MODE**

Auckland, Christchurch, CDL, Manukau

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

An introduction to the historical background to the New Testament including: a study of the main features of the life and ministry of Jesus; a summary of the beginnings and expansion of the church in Acts; a general background to the NT epistles; the main teaching of a selection of the epistles; an introduction to Revelation.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

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

- 1) Delineate the content of the New Testament
- 2) Describe the social and historical setting of the New Testament
- 3) Analyze selected New Testament books in terms of setting, purpose, structure, theological contributions, specific critical issues and interpretation
- 4) Explain key themes in the New Testament
  - a) The Kingdom of God
  - b) The expansion of the church
  - c) The distinctive contribution of Paul to Christian thought and practice