

**147.715 The Sermon on the Mount:
The Challenge of Discipleship and Kingdom Ethics.
Course Outline**

NQF Level 7
Credit Value: 15

DELIVERY MODE
Christchurch

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An exegetical and theological study of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5–7) and its challenging implications for Christian discipleship in today's world. The central questions of the course will be: What does the Sermon on the Mount mean? What does it disclose about Jesus Christ? How should the Sermon on the Mount affect Christian believers in their beliefs, perspectives, attitudes and behaviour - both personally and in the church and in the wider world?

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course students should be able:

1. critically to describe the placement and significance (both structural and christological) of the SM in the context of Matthew's Gospel as a whole;
2. to demonstrate advanced skills of exegesis of the English text of the SM;
3. to construct an appropriately critical essay on a subject related to the theological (especially Christological) and ethical content of the SM;
4. to offer a clear and appropriately critical understanding of the nature of the Kingdom and discipleship as disclosed by Jesus in the SM, and the challenges these present in a postmodern and pluralist setting.